

Our shared ambition for the future of social care support in Scotland



This is an Easy Read booklet.

This booklet is about changes we want made to social care support for disabled people.



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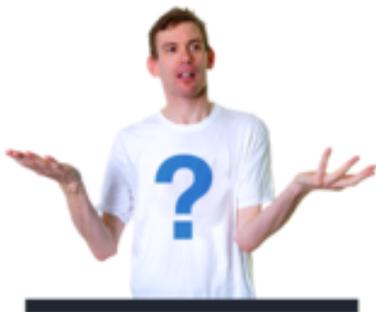
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1. What is this booklet? Who is it for?

This booklet is about social care support in Scotland.

Social care support means help with things like -



getting dressed



making meals



going to work or college



visiting friends and family and doing
other things outside your home.



Some people get the help they need to do things.

The help comes from **social care support**.

But some people do not get enough help or do not get any help.



We want to make sure everyone gets the help they need.

We want to make things better for carers too.



We also want social care support to be paid for in a way which is fair to everyone.



We think these changes will be good for everyone in Scotland because it will mean a fairer society.



We have put our ideas in this booklet.



We hope that politicians and officials and other people will read our booklet and learn about our ideas.

This is a picture of the Scottish Parliament

2. Who wrote this booklet?

We are a group of Scottish organisations.

We are all listed on the cover of this booklet.

We all agree with what it says in this document.



3. What do we want to change?



We want a new system for social care support for everyone in Scotland.



We also think people should get the same level of support wherever they live in Scotland.



We think social care support should be provided at the local level.



We think social care support should be free for all who need it.

4. How will it work?

These are the things that need to happen to make this work.

Everyone has their human rights.



Everyone should be able to enjoy their rights.

Some disabled people, older people and carers don't get to enjoy their rights.



These rights include being part of your families and communities.



Carers should have the support they need.



Disabled people and carers should have a say in what happens in the future.



Social care support should help people lead their own lives.

People want to have a full life.

Social care support should help to make that happen.



Social care support should help people to live where and how they want.

It should help them to be healthy, to have relationships and to join in.



People should be in control of their own lives.

Professionals and services should help people.

They should not try to control people's lives.



Disabled people and carers should have more control and make decisions for themselves.

There needs to be more money and support so that this can happen.

Decisions should be made out in the open with people, and not behind closed doors.

Everyone in Scotland should enjoy their rights.



Getting help is a right. Different people need different kinds of help.

It should not matter where you live or what kind of help you need.

People should not have to pay for this.



We believe that caring should be a good job to have.

Carers deserve to be paid well for what they do.



Their employers should look after them well and give them good training.

Most carers are women.

More men could become carers.



Getting more for our money

A lot of social care support is paid for by our taxes.



We need to make sure we spend this money wisely.

Scotland will soon have control over disability benefits.



These benefits should not be used to pay for social care support.

In Scotland health services and social care support are being joined up.



Social care support must not turn into a health service.

Money should not be wasted on lots of meetings and interviews.

5. Why is this good for Scotland?



It will mean there are more jobs for people and it will make Scotland a richer country.



It will help people to be healthier.

It will help disabled people and carers to be part of their community.



The way social care support is given to people will be fairer.

6. What happens next?



We want everyone to think about this.

We want people to see social care support as a good thing.

We need to think about how social care support and other services can work together.



Everyone needs to talk about the best way to pay for social care support.



We all need to work together to give Scotland the best social care support.

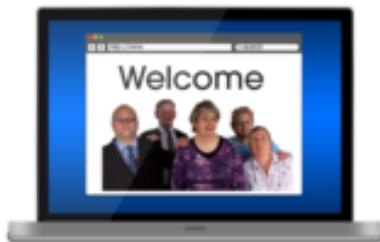
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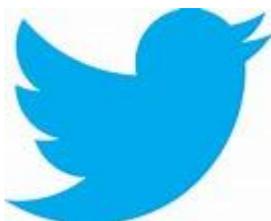
Other organisations helped us to write it.

We would like to thank all the other organisations for working with us.



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