

RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

QUESTIONNAIRE



Reshaping Care for Older People: Engagement Questionnaire

Introduction

Population predictions mean that delivering care for older people must change. In future years Scotland's older people will form a greater proportion of the population than ever before. For the majority of us this will not make a huge difference to the lives we lead.

But many of us will need some help. It may be with our health, looking after ourselves at home or staying in touch with others in the community.

Our current system will not be able to sustain the increased numbers of older people requiring support, so we need to find new ways of delivering services in future to as many older people as affordably as we can while continuing to improve quality and standards.

We need to be creative and ambitious in planning the changes we know we have to make now for the future good of us all.

The Scottish Government, NHS Scotland and Scotland's local councils have already started thinking about the delivery of care in the future. We now want people across Scotland to tell us what they think fair care for older people needs to look like.

You can have your say by completing the following questionnaire and providing us with any comments or opinions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Questionnaire

Q1. Who should be responsible for providing care and support?

In your view, who do you think should provide care and support for people when they get older, for example, the help they need to do their shopping, cooking and living in their own home?

The state should provide this sort of care 1

The individual and/or their family should ensure they can support themselves in these tasks 2

It should be a combination of state help and support from self and family 3

Other, please specify: 4

Please add any further comments

Q2. Type of care preferred

If, when you are older, you find it more difficult or are unable to look after yourself and your home what sort of care and support would you prefer?

Support to stay in own home 1

Move in with relatives 2

Move into sheltered housing 3

Move into a residential home 4

Other, please specify: 5

Don't know

6

Please add any further comments

Q3. Planning for future care needs?

People are uncertain about what care and support they can expect to be provided when they are older and what they might have to pay for. Many people have some kind of provision in place for when they are older and may need some kind of care and support.

Can you say which of the following statements best reflects the arrangements you have put in place to take care of your future care needs?

a) I have/contribute to a pension scheme and have savings or assets which I expect to cover any care needs. 1

b) I contribute to a pension scheme but find it difficult to make any further financial provision for my care needs in the future. 2

c) I am unable to make any financial provision for my future care needs. 3

d) I choose not to make any provision for my future care needs but expect the state to take care of my needs. 4

e) I haven't given much thought to the provision of the care and support I might need when I am older. 5

f) Other, please specify 6

Please add any further comments

Q4. Confidence in the care system i.e. what it is providing now?

From your own experience or from the experience of relatives or friends do you think that the current care needs of older people are being adequately met?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

Why do you say that?

Q 5 Are you confident that your own care needs will be met in the future?

Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

Why do you say that?

Q6. Costs – who should be responsible for paying for care?

Currently social care is paid for from a number of sources; those who can pay for themselves do so, the state pays for those who cannot afford to pay, while others may be entitled to various benefits to buy the care and support they need. The system is confusing and people are often unsure what they are entitled to. The level and quality of care may vary from area to area.

How do you think care should be paid for in the future?

- a) People should make arrangements to pay for their own care needs. 1
- b) Care should be paid from general taxation 2
- c) From a mixture of personal contribution and general taxation 3
- d) From a public insurance scheme which people can contribute and which will pay for their care needs. 4
- e) From a private insurance scheme which people can contribute to pay for their care needs. 5
- f) Other, please specify: 6

Please add any further comments

Q7. What changes would you like to see to care and support for older people in the future?

Please put any further comments you have on the future of care for older people in the box below.

Now a few questions about you

Q8. Are you male or female?

*Please tick **ONE** box only*

Male

 1

Female

 2

Q9. What age are you?

*Please tick **ONE** box only*

16-24

 1

25-34

 2

- | | | |
|-------|--------------------------|---|
| 35-44 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |
| 45-54 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 |
| 55-64 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 |
| 65-74 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 |
| 75+ | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7 |

Q10. What is your ethnic group?

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|--|--------------------------|---|
| A White | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| B Mixed or multiple ethnic groups | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| C Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |
| D African, Caribbean or Black | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 |
| E Other ethnic group, please specify: | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 |

Q11. Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months? (Include problems related to ageing).

*Please tick **ONE** box only*

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| Yes, limited a lot | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Yes, limited a little | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | 3 |

Q12. Do you agree that any comments within this response can be made available to the public (in the Scottish Government library and/or website)?

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| Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 |

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. Your contribution will be used to inform the work on Reshaping Care for Older People in Scotland which aims to create a fair and sustainable care system.

Completed questionnaires should be returned to:

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