

PETITIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

APPENDIX 1

ITEM NUMBER	DATE RECEIVED	PETITION TITLE AND PETITION STATEMENT	WARDS AFFECTED	TOTAL NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
1 (a)	17 th September 2014	<p><u>Removal of Client Contribution for Older Adults Day Care</u></p> <p>The purpose of this petition is to have to Client Contribution (charge) for the day care services for older adults, imposed by Glasgow City Council without consultation removed.</p> <p>Day centres for older adults provide the only link to the community that older adults receive. Day care often provides many and varied benefits for the client group, not least of which is vital physical and mental stimuli and socialisation. Primarily such services can provide an antidote to social exclusion and associated conditions including depression and diminishing physical capacity. Considering the demographic in this area is steadily increasing, whilst in tandem, beds in hospitals and care homes are at a premium, it would appear counter intuitive to inhibit access to day care, both in terms of finance and in terms of older adults health and wellbeing. In essence, if a person does not feel able to attend day care due to prohibitive charges, then the health risks associated with social exclusion become greater and the finance required to address those issues surely outweighs that which is required to provide day care.</p> <p>Moreover the fashion through which this charge was enacted seems extremely draconian and perhaps even</p>	City wide	25 validated (total 342)

		<p>deceptive given that inference for its inclusion was that it was derived from The Social Care (Self Directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 despite that Act having no relevance whatsoever to council charging policy.</p> <p>We the undersigned therefore politely request that this charge is removed henceforth and older adults can again benefit from free day care.</p>		
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