



Consultation on setting the local eligibility criteria for adult carers in Moray

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This report details the responses received.

Q1. Are you a carer?	
Yes	7
No	3
Have been a carer	0
Work with or support carers	0
Replying on behalf of a group or organisation	0

Q2. Have the right quality of life indicators been identified?	
Yes	7
No	1
Some	1
Not sure	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No mention of spiritual indicators, a very important indicator in quality of life. 	

Q3. Does the local eligibility criteria make clear the impact/risk factors which will be applied to each indicator?	
Yes	8
No	1
Somewhat	1
Not sure	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As an 86-year-old carer in reasonable health caring has a moderate impact but that could change quickly. I wonder if a similar scheme to MIDAS (we are just going through registration for my son) for adults would be beneficial – may not be entirely practical? For example, as a carer I am in receipt of counselling (Quarriers), I have a CPN who I see regularly and also have frequent chats with my GP. There is a risk of the carer downplaying (or overplaying) the impact that caring is having on their life. 	

Q4. Do you agree with setting the eligibility threshold for targeted support to the substantial or critical branding, so that support is focused on carers who face the greatest impact or risk from their caring role?	
Yes	9
No	0
Somewhat	0
Not sure	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There needs to be a point where the local authority can step in to assist the 	



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carer and as everything comes down to finance, the later into the difficulty of providing adult caring support would be seen as the better option with regards to budget but this should not be left too late that it is severely detrimental to the carer or the individual under care. Close and regular monitoring should be in place as a carers situation can go from having no real impact to a critical stage in a very short space of time.

- Absolutely! Obviously impact can change at any point – this has also been taken into consideration which is great.
- However I think information and more general support should be available to those not meeting the threshold. It also allows for relationships to be established and connection made before intense support is required and may even reduce the impact or delay the need for more support.

Q5. Does the provision of a small personal budget give eligible carers choice and control over how their support needs are met?

Yes	5
No	0
Somewhat	4
Not sure	1

- Choice and control are all very well but how “small is a small budget? Items required to make life easier for folk in need generally tends to be more expensive than you’d expect so although any financial help would be welcome, I’m sure it needs to be sufficient to meet their needs.
- When small amounts are involved a carer should not have to get involved in employment administration.
- Any budget, regardless of the size will offer carers the option to focus on themselves – be slightly “selfish” and perhaps be given access to something previously restricted by lack of funds.
- A small budget goes some way to meeting carers support needs but once that small budget is gone, do they go back to square one?
- Unlikely that a small budget will have a significant impact on carers lives. External support may have a greater impact.
- If they are well informed and know what services are available and how to spend the money. Maybe they already have enough to think about, plan and budget in their caring role? Sometimes it may be good to be cared and provided for without having to constantly make decisions?



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Q6. Are there any other comments you wish to make about the local eligibility criteria for the provision of support to adult carers in Moray?

- Can you confirm if carers SDS is received, will there be any impact on any benefits the carer receives and the cared for receives?
- My father recently became an “unpaid carer” for my mother. The help and support from Quarriers has enabled him to continue in this role and maintain his own sense of wellbeing.
- Will it change what I do with Quarriers/can I still go to Quarriers?

Q7. Are there any other questions you have about the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016?

- Does the act cover the fact that someone classed as being “cared for” cannot also be eligible to be a carer for another individual?
- Will administration of the legislation result in large sums being deducted on the way through the system, bearing in mind the level of local government funding.
- How will Council budget cuts affect carers?
- How is IJB funded?
- How much funding is being provided by Government for carers act?