

# Proposed Wheelchairs (Short-term access) (Scotland) Bill

## Introduction

A proposal for a Bill to ensure the provision of wheelchairs to anyone assessed as needing one on a short-term, as well as on a long-term, basis. The consultation runs from 8 April 2019 to 30 June 2019. All those wishing to respond to the consultation are strongly encouraged to enter their responses electronically through this survey. This makes collation of responses much simpler and quicker. However, the option also exists of sending in a separate response (in hard copy or by other electronic means such as e-mail), and details of how to do so are included in the member's consultation document. Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) require an answer. All responses must include a name and contact details. Names will only be published if you give us permission, and contact details are never published – but we may use them to contact you if there is a query about your response. If you do not include a name and/or contact details, we may have to disregard your response. Please note that you must complete the survey in order for your response to be accepted. If you don't wish to complete the survey in a single session, you can choose "Save and Continue later" at any point. Whilst you have the option to skip particular questions, you must continue to the end of the survey and press "Submit" to have your response fully recorded. Please ensure you have read the consultation document before responding to any of the questions that follow. In particular, you should read the information contained in the document about how your response will be handled. The consultation document is available here: [Consultation document Privacy Notice](#)

I confirm that I have read and understood the Privacy Notice attached to this consultation which explains how my personal data will be used

## About you

Please choose whether you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation. Note: If you choose "individual" and consent to have the response published, it will appear under your own name. If you choose "on behalf of an organisation" and consent to have the response published, it will be published under the organisation's name.

an individual

Which of the following best describes you? (If you are a professional or academic, but not in a subject relevant to the consultation, please choose "Member of the public".)

Member of the public

**Optional: You may wish to explain briefly what expertise or experience you have that is relevant to the subject-matter of the consultation:**

I am disabled and have a fluctuating disability Often I have to stay in as its too painful to walk or I am too exhausted coupled with pain

Please select the category which best describes your organisation

*No Response*

Please choose one of the following:

I am content for this response to be published and attributed to me or my organisation

Please provide your name or the name of your organisation. (Note: the name will not be published if you have asked for the response to be anonymous or "not for publication". Otherwise this is the name that will be published with your response).

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Please provide details of a way in which we can contact you if there are queries regarding your response. Email is preferred but you can also provide a postal address or phone number. We will not publish these details.

## Aim and Approach

Q1. Which of the following best expresses your view of establishing a duty to provide a wheelchair to anyone who has been assessed as having a short-term need for one (defined as less than 6 months)?

Fully supportive

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

I am supportive as the availability of a wheelchair on a short term basis to help to enable people injured or whom have a fluctuating disability the use of a wheelchair .It enables people by giving them the ability - where it would normally not be the case -to get out if the need or wish to.It may help for instance to get food or go to a GP sooner if they can get there themselves or collect medication or other activities.It in general can help with isolation by making people mobile.

Q2. What is your view on setting a target for providing a wheelchair to a person who (a) has been assessed as having a short-term need for one and (b) is otherwise ready to use it?

No target in the legislation

**Please explain the reasons for your response**

because of the nature of some disabilities or injuries it is difficult to put a target on it Peoples bodies heal at different rates and disabilities with fluctuations are not predictable.But I would suggest that there be consequences for people who don't return chairs when not in need .There should be a way of monitoring this??!?

Q3. Which of the following best expresses your view of where the Bill should place the duty to provide short-term access to wheelchairs to people assessed as needing them?

Other (please specify)

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the person is likely to be contact with their GP or surgery nurse It is likely more effective fr them to know and monitor when need is ended

Q4. Which of the following best expresses your view of how further provision about wheelchair access (e.g. assessment criteria and eligibility) should be made?

Ministers should have power to make regulations, give directions, and guidance

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

they need good guidance to ensure proper and effective regulations etc

Q5. Which of the following best expresses your view of requiring Scottish Ministers to report back to the Parliament on the operation of the legislation?

Duty to report every year

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

self explanatory

## Financial Implications

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

	Significant increase in cost	Some increase in cost	Broadly cost-neutral	Some reduction in cost	Significant reduction in cost	Unsure
<b>Government and the public sector (including the NHS, local authorities)</b>		X				
<b>Businesses (including makers and suppliers of wheelchairs)</b>						X
<b>The third sector (including charities and voluntary bodies supporting those with mobility issues)</b>		X				
<b>Individuals (including people with mobility issues and their relatives)</b>					X	

Q6. Taking account of both costs and potential savings, what financial impact would you expect the proposed Bill to have?

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some are self explanatory But for the disabled person it could reduce significantly the cost of transport ,particularly for short distances for necessary visits to GP ,nurse of food shopping etc

## Equalities

Q7. What overall impact is the proposed Bill likely to have on equality, taking account of the following protected characteristics (under the Equality Act 2010): age, disability, gender re-assignment, maternity and pregnancy, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation?

Positive

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

fro previous reasons

Q8. In what ways could any negative impact of the Bill on equality be minimised or avoided?

If proper monitoring of use is not done It would cost in terms of chairs not being available for people who needed them .It could cost in having to buy in extra chairs unecessarily .It could also cost in staff time looking for chairs,or having to do extra administration .It need a good sound system of monitoring

## Sustainability

Q9. Do you consider that the proposed Bill can be delivered sustainably, i.e. without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts?

Yes

**Please explain the reasons for your response.**

if it is thought through well and not hurried .Looking a pros and cons and a good system of monitoring .I do think it could

## General

Q10. Do you have any other comments or suggestions on the proposal?

Had this been available to me in previous years when I was going through extreme episodes of my disability or as happens often for weeks on end .I would have used it on occasion for osme of the reasons i have mentioned.