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1	No comment	No comment
2	No comment	No comment
3	No comment	No comment
4	No comment	No comment
5	No comment	The care agency I use is INCA and they are very good. Always come when they are supposed to.
6	No comment	No comment
7	It is what these payments are for.	No comment
8	I strongly agree with accessing people for care on income and assets held. Getting shot of over paid councillors and Mayor may reduce public costs.	No comment
9	No comment	No comment
10	As an unpaid carer I don't think we should pay anymore.	No comment
11	No comment	No comment
12	No comment	My wife receives higher level Disability Living Allowance - currently changing to PIP. My opinion would hinge on how much more money would be assessed towards night time care. If it was £5 it wouldn't make much difference - if we are talking £100 then I would strongly disagree - so what figure would be affected by this change? Currently no night time support is required.
13	No comment	No comment
14	No comment	No comment
15	No comment	No comment
16	No comment	No comment
17	I think that all should have to pay not just some I pay and I now a lot that do not and to me this is not on. We get full rate but it is not just to give it back to you. So if you are doing this do is for all not for some not fair to me.	No comment
18	No comment	No comment
19	No comment	No comment
20	I disagree with this proposal as would be concerned how much my elderly mother may have to pay.	No comment
21	No comment	No comment
22	I use the allowance to pay for cleaning and also laundry. This takes up a good bit of the allowance. I also am paying to have grass cut. And garden tidy, window cleaning. I would not want to get rid of any of this service. Because of this I would ask you to reconsider your new policy.	No comment
23	We have already been assessed so the Council knows the amount we get in.If you take any more how do you expect people to live. You should start to get parliament to give councils more for care in the community as they said they would before they were elected. We have all paid our taxes etc for this so what have they done with this money.	No comment
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25	I strongly disagree because the severely disabled person cannot afford this as they have no way of increasing their income + would have to cut back on other things necessary to their existence or stop getting the little bit of extra support and company they get by using the day care services. Also the carer of the severely disabled person would not be able to have a few hours for themselves while the disabled person is at day services and because they are coping usually 24/7 they are unable to get proper jobs or supplement their pensions to be able to pay extra costs so would in the end cut back on the social day care services + this would have detrimental affects on their own health and well being.	No comment
26	FOR SOME FAMILIES, THIS MONEY IS THE ONLY MONEY COMING INTO THE HOUSE, AS THE CARER IS UNABLE TO WORK, DUE TO CARING FULL TIME. IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO CHARGE HIGHER FEES, THEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE DESPERATELY NEEDED RESPITE.	LEAVE IT AS IT IS AS A LOT OF FAMILIES WILL BE WORSE OFF
27	As an unpaid carer I don't think we should pay anymore.	No comment
28	As my sons primary/main carer I very much strongly disagree with the Councils proposal in assessing my son's contribution towards his care. He already contributes a significant amount towards his care which comes from his benefits! He has a minimal amount of money left to pay for all other aspects of his life, he cannot AFFORD THIS - it is totally unfair the councils proposal is again picking on vulnerable people!	THINK AGAIN as the proposal changes are NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ANY WAY!! YOU ARE TARGETING PROBABLY THE MOST VULNERABLE GROUP OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY!!!!
29	The financial implications will cause extreme hardship!	I feel that people with disabilities are being targeted (genuine disabilities)
30	No comment	No comment
31	It will probably cause financial hardship	No comment
32	No comment	No comment
33	I already self finance night time support for myself and my father - and use all my restricted income to pay for our essential needs.	No comment
34	This is an important part of my monthly income & I cannot afford to pay any more towards my care costs.	No comment
35	I already use the income received to pay for care and this will just add more bureaucracy to the system for no benefit.	I know the Council is under pressure from central government cuts but targeting vulnerable people is not the way forward.
36	Disabled people have more money to pay out to live. Those benefits are for that not normal living and, I find it hard as these are taken into account as an income when its not, it's a necessity.	No comment
37	No comment	No comment

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38	means testing is required <u>but</u> when people have been awarded a life benefit for disability support, means quite difficult to live & cannot work because of illness and disability. So no change unless a cure or breakthrough found which in their lifetime not likely to happen. Therefore looking at reason why they have been awarded the support must be reflected on & taken into account and stopped adding extra stress to people.	1. Look at reason why they have the support first. 2. If unable or not able to be improved consider this. 3. Consider how stress people find these assessments that can affect their health. 4. Review the time given the award for. 5. Look at legal position as after so long these things are difficult to change. 6. Effect of this pressured assessment has on people. 7. Ask people for their ideas and help people feel valued. Also make sure everyone is assessed not just easy cases, like people on disability support.
39	I disagree as I have been put on these benefits, and that I am due the council telling me I am entitled to them, as I need these all to have enough income to pay the bills and survive from mouth to mouth.	
40	No comment	No comment
41	The money I receive goes towards petrol to take me to + from hospital + doctors appointments, food etc.... With only one full time wage coming into the household with struggle with day to day living. Mortgage, bills, food and house repairs. If I had to use my PIP for my care I would have to stay in my pyjamas on some days as we wouldn't be able to pay for the care I have. I have a level of independence receiving help from the council. Having care takes the burden from my family. Because my husband works I feel that we lose out on benefits and have to supply our own disabled equipment like stair lifts, rotability equipment.	No comment
42	FOR SOME FAMILIES, THIS MONEY IS THE ONLY MONEY COMING INTO THE HOUSE, AS THE CARER IS UNABLE TO WORK, DUE TO CARING FULL TIME. IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO CHARGE HIGHER FEES, THEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE DESPERATELY NEEDED RESPITE.	INSTEAD OF TRYING TO INCREASE WHAT VULNERABLE PEOPLE MUST PAY, HAS NOBODY THOUGHT OF REDUCING THE AMOUNT OF "EXECUTIVE OFFICERS" THEY ARE ONLY AFTER ALL COUNCILLORS WITH GROSSLY INFLATED WAGES AND A GRAND TITLE TO TRY AND JUSTIFY THE OBSCENE WAGE/PENSION PAID TO THEM. PLENTY OF SCOPE FOR INHOUSE SAVINGS BEFORE TARGETING THE NEEDY!
43	No comment	No comment
44	Cannot really respond yet until we know the definite outcome, & as financial assessments are carried out at regular intervals. It is hoped that if there were to be an increase in money paid towards care. This would be kept to a minimum, especially when concerning the frail & elderly.	No comment
45	No comment	I am worried about losing the care agency I am with. They are so helpful & caring, with my illness (Parkinson's) I get very anxious about change.
46	I agree with the present arrangement. I continue to pay for the care I currently receive.	No comments for proposed changes apart from having to pay for my care through my diligent savings over the years of work.
47	No comment	No comment
48	Exemptions should be made for special circumstances for example, pensioners that are also full time carers. There is simply not enough credit or recognition given to people who unfortunately are placed in such a situation.	Very unfair for people living with disabilities and their carer who are struggling in general

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49	The higher rate Attendance Allowance allows me to arrange all the care needed to keep mum in her own home whilst allowing support during night & day, shopping, washing, hospital trips, doctors appointments etc. If this was stopped or reduced complete care both day & night for all needs would need to be passed to social services or mum would need residential care which she would find extremely upsetting and stressful.	No comment
50	I strongly disagree that DLA or PIP should be classed as earnings. The Government don't so why should you. I realise that this Government is making things very difficult for you but why should you penalise those people who need everything they can get and cannot fight for themselves to help solve your problems.	No comment
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52	By taking £20.00 to £30.00 per week from DLA will leave a lot of people short and thinking do I eat or have the heating on in the winter. I thought DLA was to help with getting out using taxis etc. and getting help with someone to do jobs we can't do i.e. gardening, decorating, help with shopping. It will leave people being safeguarded as well. Council Tax I thought went towards social care, if that goes up we pay more again. The sum mentioned would be ok monthly. I'm sure others will agree.	If disabled social care it will put pressure on families even leading to some people thinking of taking their own lives.
53	It's becoming a means tested benefit scheme in addition to it being medically assessed. A step too far.	No comment
54	It is not fair to use the higher rate if family not social services are providing the night time care. My son does not receive night time care from social services as I (as his mum) look after him.	If someone receives night time care then should be able to take a portion of the night time rate relevant to how much care is provided.
55	No comment	No comment
56	Disability benefits have always been a disregard & should continue to be so. The amount of money I have to find above my normal living costs because of my disabilities is already high enough & benefits barely cover my costs.	No comment
57	No comment	No comment
58	No comment	No comment
59	Financially struggling with amount I'm paying at the moment with any other cost.	No comment

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6	<p>I strongly disagree with the proposal to fully take into account my DLA payments in my personal financial assessment calculation. The care component of my DLA is intended to help my pay for the very high costs that I have for the day-to-day charges for coping with my medical condition. These include all the costs associated with higher than usual laundry costs, cleaning materials, white goods (washing machine and tumble dryer) which need to be frequently replaced due to wear and tear resulting from heavy daily usage and purchase of clothing that perishes by being continually washed, dried and ironed. There is nothing left of my DLA care component of £83.10 that I received every 4 weeks or £20.77 each week once the costs above are deducted. In fact, I have to often borrow money to help meet these very high costs that I face as a direct result of my life-threatening medical condition. If I have to make a contribution towards my care provision from this small amount of money that I receive as part of the care component of DLA, it will put me in extreme hardship. It will leave me financially destitute. So, I ask the Council to please reconsider the proposal to include the care component of DLA in my financial assessment and to not include this sum of money. Thanks</p>	No comment
61	<p>I strongly disagree as I have to rely on the money I receive to pay my bills and live in general.</p>	Please don't put me under any more stress!
62	<p>I need the money for my daily life. If you take more, I might not be able to use the Adult Care Services. The services are teaching me skills I need and making me more independent.</p>	<p>I would have to try and manage without the support if it cost too much and would therefore not improve my independence. It is not even much money to live on to start with, and it is given because I <u>need it</u>.</p>
63	<p>My Attendance Allowance pays for me to pay someone to do my cleaning, shopping - my incontinence products which are very expensive, washing & ironing.</p>	<p>Its like giving to you with one hand then taking it away with the other. I do not have social care to do the above only to make my meals as I am unable to do this.</p>
64	<p>At present the income received only just covers the costs. If this were reduced my husband's care would be affected because we would not be able to pay for it. Right now I get an overdraft every month.</p>	No comment

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65	<p>My name is XXXXXX XXXXXX and I have completed this form on behalf of my mother Mrs XXXX XXXXXXXXXXXX of XX XXXXX XXXX. I and my mother both disagree with your proposal. My mother is 95 years old and remains in her property living on her own. She has severe Rheumatoid Arthritis that causes her mobility to be very poor and getting worse. She currently also has ulcerated get which again effects and restricts her mobility. My mother wants to stay in her own home very much and therefore needs additional help and care. Due to her conditions she is required to attend her doctors surgery, at Great Hollands, each week for treatment on her feet and to have an injection to help control the pain flare ups caused by the Rheumatoid Arthritis. Until a few years ago, my sister, Mrs XXXXX XXXXXX was on hand to help my mother as XXXXX lived in Great Hollands. Sadly, XXXXX was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 and passed way in February 2016. As such my mother doesn't have anyone locally that she can call on if she needs help during the day or night. This also now causes problems with transport in getting her to and from the doctor for treatment of her conditions. Since XXXXX was diagnosed with cancer in 2013 she has had to use local taxis for the journeys needed each week which are costing her around £50.00. I live in Northamptonshire and I am in full time employment. I do try to assist wherever I can and I generally take mother for all her hospital visits across the year but I am limited in the amount of time I can take off. if her care package is reduced she will no doubt have to stop going to the surgery for treatment. She can ill afford these costs now but would definitely not be able to afford the transport if her care package were to be reduced. The consequences being the NHS having to provide home visits to administer her treatment. This of course is an additional resource and cost that the NHS would have to incur. The results being funds being taken from one public support sector and moved across to another. My mother prefers to have her independence as much as possible albeit it is acknowledged that she does need the support that she is currently being given.</p>	No comment
66	No comment	All costs need to be taken into account i.e. rent etc. as well as their income.
67	No comment	No comment
68	No comment	No comment
69	No comment	No comment
70	I have no other income besides my pension and cannot afford the care even with the allowance.	They worry me.

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71	Enclosed details of how I feel about it all.	I'm just very worried that my care will change. I have had care from (Bright Yellow) now Life Carers since 2009. When my health became serious enough to warrant to be cared for mostly in my home environment. Being hospitalised when things became bad to stay at home. I've been a widow since Jan 2001 and therefore I'm on my own. My family were married and lived away and could visit me from time to time. I have a sister who visits me when she can but is retired and often spends time abroad, so I am very much on my own. Life Carer has helped me to live on my own with their support to to on with my life. I have got to know my carers that look after me on a daily basis. My life is unpredictable. Some of the time I'm better than others. But I think I've been helped so much with having care from the ladies that I have got to know so well. I am so worried now that every thing is going to change. Life Carers may not be able to care for me in the future as they may not be one of the agencies that S. Services will choose. It affects me so much to think that I will not be able to carry on caring for me as I know that charges may rule them out of being able to do that and everything will change and I will be expected to have another care company take on my care. And I don't want that. But it feels as if there wont be any choice. Unfortunately I need care to carry on so there wont be any choice. It will change my life completely. Why how I wish I didn't need care and my life would be as it was all that time ago. I know that I will have to have whatever care that you choose for me because it will happen anyway. This is how I feel but I guess it's going to happen anyway and that I'm saying will make no difference but at least I have hopefully put how badly I feel about it all.
72	No comment	I depend on the services given my adult social care. I have limited income so an increase may effect my living/care that I currently receive.
73	I believe these changes would be targeting the most vulnerable and needy. There was a good reason they qualified for higher rate Attendance Allowance in the first place after all.	No comment
74	There are many other expenses I need to cover because of my disability - eg wheelchair provision and maintenance, special footwear, special bed, grab stick, stair lift provision and maintenance and I use my attendance allowance to help pay for these items, which I what I thought it was for.	No comment
75	Monica was not born disabled the medical profession caused Monica's disability. She is contributing to social services every month for care/respite which is only three nights a month	No comment
76	I believe these charges would be targeting the most vulnerable and needy. There was a good reason they qualified qualified for higher rate Attendance Allowance in the first place, after all.	
77	There are many other expenses I need to cover because of my disability - eg wheelchair provision and maintenance, special footwear, special bed, grab stick, stair lift provision and maintenance and I use my attendance allowance to help pay for these items	I currently have care from a company called Life Carers and the quality of care is extremely good. I have previously had care provided from other companies in Bracknell and the standard was very much lower. In fact I made a complaint at the time.