

Review of NHS Prescription Charges and Exemption Arrangements in Scotland

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CONSULTATION RESPONSE 4.1 REVIEW OF EXEMPTIONS RELATED TO MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Question 1: Whether exemption from all charges should continue to be given on medical grounds alone, and if so, whether the list of conditions should be reviewed?

I definitely think the list of medical conditions should be reviewed

Question 2: Whether, where exemption is given on medical grounds, that exemption should relate only to drugs for the treatment of the medical condition in question, rather than (as at present) covering all drugs whether or not they relate to the condition that gives rise to the exemption?

to cover all drugs

Question 3: Whether it makes more sense to provide exemption based on a list of drugs,

a list of drugs may be more useful

or based on a list of conditions?

4.2 ECONOMIC NEED AFFORDABILITY Pre-payment certificate scheme

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yes

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Flat Fee

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£5 would be an affordable fee for most people as in Wales

Question 2: Whether there should be a monetary cap to the charges that a patient is required to pay over a set period of time, after which prescriptions should be free within this period of time?

that would be an excellent idea

Question 3: Whether there should be a concessionary rate for patients who require frequent prescriptions, and whether the concession should be triggered by the costs incurred over a set period of time?

perhaps a reduction in pre-payment certificate fees would encourage more people to take them and then the charges would already be paid

Question 4: Whether there are other changes in the arrangements for pre-payments or caps that are not listed above and which would maintain charge income in general for NHS Boards?

as above

4.3 ABILITY TO PAY

Question 1: Whether there is a case for extending the current 'full time student' threshold to cover tertiary education?

definitely

Question 2: Whether exemption should be extended to all persons in full time education or training, regardless of their ability to pay?	yes
Question 3: Whether there should be concessionary charge arrangements for full time students or trainees above set age thresholds?	no that would be discriminatory
Question 4: Whether there are other changes in the charging system that could remove the need for special arrangements for full time students or trainees?	

SECTION 5: SUMMARY OF CHANGE POSSIBILITIES AND VIEWS SOUGHT
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