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March 2021 - Joint Statement of Intent – Scottish Government and COSLA

The Scottish Government and COSLA jointly committed to working together to deliver recommendations of the independent review, including:

An end to charging for non-residential services as soon as possible

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February 2024: The original timetable for April 2023 implementation was not met due to the challenging financial pressures within the Scottish Budget.

However the Scottish Government remains committed to supporting people who pay towards their social care support as shown by the recommitment in this year's Programme for Government.

Programme for Government states that the Scottish Government is committed to working with COSLA, to explore and agree an approach with Local Government, to end non-residential social care support charges within the lifetime of this Parliament.

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Jan 2025

The Scottish Government and our partners remain absolutely committed to reviewing non-residential care charges as part of the broader reform of social care. I have heard directly from disabled groups and vulnerable individuals across Scotland about the significant impact that those charges have on their lives, and I have directed my officials to continue working with COSLA and local partners to explore any possible options to achieve that objective, considering the current economic climate