



Minimum Income Guarantee

Q1 Have you read the background information and draft proposals about the minimum income guarantee (MIG) in Shropshire and how it will impact individuals?

If you haven't, you can find a copy of it at www.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved

Yes

No

We have proposed two options for retaining or reducing the current level of MIG. These are summarised below. (More detail is available via the link above).

Option 1 - Keep the Minimum Income Guarantee at the level it is now in Shropshire and increase the amount people pay towards their care in line with benefits increases.

Option 1 is what the Council have done for the last two years. It means that the Council take a part of the pension increase people receive but that they would still be left with a weekly amount which is higher than other people of working age who pay towards their care. For example:

A single older person getting pension credit would have £7.17 more a week, and the amount they pay towards care would increase by £6.39, leaving them with 76p extra per week.

Couples would get £4.43 additional pension and the amount they pay for care would be £4.01 extra, leaving them with 42p more per week.

People would not see the benefit of pension increases because they will pay more for care and support. Option 1 would allow Shropshire Council around an extra £250,000 each year to help towards providing care and support to those who need it most.

Affected individuals with an income below the MIG will not be charged for their care.

Option 2 - Change the level of the Minimum Income Guarantee to the level set by the Government. This will mean people receiving care will have to pay a little more towards that care.

People affected by the changes would keep less of their money because more will go towards care. For example, a single person will have £4.74 a week less and a couple will have £3.35 a week less.

This option will mean people will have less income than Option 1 but it would mean Shropshire Council will have an extra £467,000 each year to help towards providing care and support to those who need it most.

The Minimum Income Guarantee for people of working age is already set at the Government minimum level. Option 2 would mean people of pensionable age are treated in the same way as people of working age.

Affected individuals with an income below the MIG will not be charged for their care.

Shropshire Council prefers Option 2. The Council likes Option 2 because it is in line with the national level, treats all people the same (whether working age or not), and raises more income to put back into paying for Council services. But we want to see what others think and whether there is another option. Any changes we make will be subject to a review after 3 years.

Q2 Which option do you think is best? (Please tick one box only)

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Option 2 – Change the level of the Minimum Income Guarantee to the level set by the Government. This will mean people receiving care will have to pay a little more towards that care.

Q3 If you have an alternative suggestion please describe it below

Q4 Would your organisation, or the people it supports, be affected by the proposed options? (Please tick all that apply)

	Option 1	Option 2
The people using the services my organisation/group provides will be affected by the proposed options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My organisation will be affected by this proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other - please describe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note – a different questionnaire is available for individuals.

**Q5 How would the options affect the people your organisation/group supports?
(Please tick one box for each option only)**

	Option 1	Option 2
They would be able to manage this.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The change would affect them a little. This could affect how much they have for extras or treats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The change would affect them a lot. This could affect how much they have for essential things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They would need advice on how to manage their budgets.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
They may start to question whether they want to carry on getting help from Adult Social Care.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q6a Have you engaged with any of the people you support on the subject of the Minimum Income Guarantee Consultation?

Yes

No

Q6b If 'yes' please can you describe how you have engaged with people and what you learnt?

Q7 Please use the space below if you'd like to tell us anything more about these proposals.

About your organisation/group

The following information you provide about you will be used in our analysis of overall findings. We will not report the views of individual groups or organisations.

How are you responding to this consultation? (Please tick all that apply)

- As a representative of a group, forum or organisation with a professional interest in Shropshire Council adult social care services.
- As someone who cares for, or knows someone, who uses Shropshire Council adult social care services
- As someone who personally uses Shropshire Council adult social care services
- Other. Please tell us

Which organisation/group do you represent?

Q10 Type of organisation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Care Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Association |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Sector | <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Trader |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charity | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial Providence Society |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registered Social Enterprise | <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Group | <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company Ltd by Guarantee | <input type="checkbox"/> Other..... |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not for Profit | |

Q11a Does your organisation support people with health problems or disabilities?

Yes No

If 'Yes', please tick all that apply

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Physical impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Long-standing illness | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Sensory impairment | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mental health condition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Learning disability/difficulty | <input type="checkbox"/> | Developmental condition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please state below) | <input type="checkbox"/> | Prefer not to say | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Q11b Other than the list above, please describe any other main user groups or people your organisation/group supports.

Q12 Which parts of Shropshire does your organisation/group cover?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All | <input type="checkbox"/> North Shropshire | <input type="checkbox"/> Central Shropshire |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South Shropshire | <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Areas Only | <input type="checkbox"/> Albrighton |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bishop's Castle | <input type="checkbox"/> Bridgnorth | <input type="checkbox"/> Broseley |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Stretton | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleobury Mortimer | <input type="checkbox"/> Craven Arms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ellesmere | <input type="checkbox"/> Highley | <input type="checkbox"/> Ludlow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Market Drayton | <input type="checkbox"/> Much Wenlock | <input type="checkbox"/> Oswestry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pontesbury and Minsterley | <input type="checkbox"/> Shifnal | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrewsbury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wem | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitchurch | <input type="checkbox"/> Telford and Wrekin |
- Other please describe
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Q13 Where is the main base of your organisation/group?

Please provide a postcode

**Thank you very much for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.
Please return it by Wednesday 11th July 2018**

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