



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:

Single people: A single 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: A couple 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 would pay more for care and support. However, 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:

Single people: A single person will have £4.74 a week less

Couples: A couple will have £3.35 a week less.

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 this option because it is 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 you, or someone you know, be affected by the proposed options?

	Option 1 (Please tick all that apply to you)	Option 2 (Please tick all that apply to you)
I would be affected by this proposed option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I care for someone who would be affected by this proposed option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
My family or friends would be affected by this proposed option	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other - please tell us	<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 organisations.

Q5 How will the proposals affect you or the person you care for? (Please tick one box for each option only)

	Option 1	Option 2
I/they would be able to manage this	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The change would affect me/them a little. This could affect how much I/they have for extras or treats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The change would affect me/them a lot. This could affect how much I/they have for essential things.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/they would worry and need some advice on how to manage my/their budget.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I/they would think about whether I/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"/>

Q6 Please use the space below if you'd like to tell us anything more about these proposals.

About you

The following information you provide about you will be used in our analysis of overall findings. It will not be used to identify you.

Are you? (Please tick all that apply)

- Someone who personally uses Shropshire Council adult social care services
- Someone who cares for, or knows, someone who uses Shropshire Council adult social care services
- Other. Please tell us _____

What is your gender? Male Female Prefer not to say

How old are you? Please write

Are your day-to-day activities limited because of a health problem or disability which has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 months?

Yes No Prefer not to say

If 'Yes', please indicate the type of impairment. (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"/> |
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Which of the following best describes your working status?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Employee in full time or part time work | <input type="checkbox"/> Full time carer for a family member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self employed in full time or part time work | <input type="checkbox"/> Looking after the home or family |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed but looking/available for work | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing unpaid voluntary work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired | <input type="checkbox"/> Doing something else |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-term sick or disabled | <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student (working and non-working) | |

Do you live as a single person or as part of a couple?

- I am single
- I am part of a couple
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic origin?

- White (British, Irish, Polish, Gypsy or Irish Traveller, Other White)
- Mixed (White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, Other Mixed)
- Asian or Asian British (Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Other Asian)
- Black or Black British (Caribbean, African, Other Black)
- Other Ethnic Group (Arab, Other)
- Prefer not to say

What is your postcode? _____

(Your postcode allows us to ensure that we obtain responses from across the county, it will not be used to identify you.)

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

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