

Please could I offer the following feedback on the PIP consultation which is taking place until 30 April 2012.

My comments are delivered on behalf of OCD-UK, Registered charity no. 1103210

Daily Living Activities

The assessment does not allow for people who are unable to manage food and eating for psychological reasons. For example they may have an eating disorder or OCD where they have developed particular rituals around food which makes preparation and eating very problematic.

Daily Living/Mobility

Many people with OCD are unable to get out of their house because their rituals prevent them from doing so, or it can take excessively long to get out of the house (eg hours).

Also, many people with OCD are unable to stay out of the house for a reasonable amount of time as they are governed by their rituals and have to return home to complete them.

Mobility

There appears to be an over reliance on people using aids to help them get around. However, many people experience pain but do not necessarily require an aid. Or they might use alternative methods of pain relief such as acupuncture or TENS machines.

General comments

The assessment doesn't appear to accommodate situations whereby people experience intrusive thoughts and ruminations which make concentration very difficult.

Allowing for fluctuating circumstances appears to be a more flexible approach to assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to feedback

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