

DWP Stakeholder Bulletin – June 2013

Welcome to the June 2013 issue of the DWP Stakeholder Bulletin – a newsletter to let you know what is happening in the Department for Work and Pensions.

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DWP and the Spending Review

The Chancellor George Osborne outlined the Government’s Spending Review for 2015/16 on 26 June 2013. Full details of the announcement can be found [here](#).

Personal Independence Payment – national go-live

New claims to Personal Independence Payment (PIP) started for the whole of Britain from 10 June 2013. There will be **no new claims to Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for people aged 16 to 64 from this date**.

People contacting DWP to claim DLA will be advised that PIP has been introduced and that they need to call the PIP New Claims number to make a claim.

It is important to offer the right advice about how to claim and the right numbers to use. [The PIP toolkit](#) for support organisations includes full details of the new claims process.

The DWP reform communications toolkit, providing an overview of all the changes DWP will be delivering over the next few years, is also available on the [DWP website](#).

Benefit Cap – National implementation approach

National implementation of the Benefit Cap starts from 15 July 2013 and all appropriate cases will be capped by the end of September 2013. Following consultation with stakeholders, including the Local Authority Association, local authorities have now been advised how the schedule of capping activity will be managed.

Further information about the Benefit Cap can be found on the [DWP website](#).

Post Work Programme Support

People who have been on the Work Programme for two years and are still claiming benefits will have an in-depth interview with Jobcentre Plus to determine how best to find employment.

All claimants will receive tailored support and those who have multiple barriers will receive a regime of intensive support to help them prepare for work.

Intensive support lasts for six months and claimants will agree to a back-to-work plan. Anyone failing to participate risks losing their benefits.

Further details about post Work Programme Support are available on the [DWP website](#).

Disability Employment Conference – *Working together*

A Disability Employment Conference will be held on 18 July 2013. For the first time, Government and Business will come together to find ways of tackling the disability employment gap. The aim of the conference is to develop lasting partnerships between employers which will support them to become disability confident in their employment practices.

Working with our existing partners we have produced and released a series of short films about the world of disability employment. You can see these films on our [YouTube DisabilityConfident](#) channel.

A further update will be provided in the next Stakeholder Bulletin.

Resources for understanding appeals process changes

Changes to DWP's disputes and appeals process were introduced in April for Personal Independence Payment and Universal Credit, and will be introduced from 28 October 2013 for all other DWP-administered benefits and child maintenance cases.

An [information pack](#) and [frequently asked questions](#) are available to help organisations explain the changes to anyone who will be affected.

If you have any questions after reading these documents, please [email](#) us.

For further details please visit the [DWP website](#).

DWP launches Personal Independence Payment mobility consultation

On 17 June 2013 DWP announced that it plans to hold a [consultation](#) on the mobility component of Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Feedback from disabled people and their organisations flagged up concerns about the 'Moving around' activity and the distances claimants are able to walk without pain or difficulty.

The consultation will run for six weeks, from Monday 24 June until Monday 5 August and will give everyone the opportunity to contribute their views.

This does not affect PIP claims, which will continue to be managed as normal and assessed against the agreed assessment criteria.

Further information about PIP is available at [GOV.UK](#).

Balance of Competence Review: Free Movement of Persons

DWP and the Home Office are seeking evidence from stakeholders on how EU powers on the free movement of persons within the EU advantages or disadvantages the UK. This will cover rights for UK and EU citizens, including social security entitlements for citizens who move to another Member State.

This [Call for Evidence](#) launched on 16 May and will close on 5 August.

This report is part of a cross-Government review of the nature of the UK's relationship with the EU. More information about the review is available [here](#).

DWP consultations

All current live DWP consultations and the latest published consultation responses are available on the [consultation pages](#) of GOV.UK.

[Triennial review of the Health and Safety Executive](#). Closing date 26 July 2013.

[Consultation on the PIP assessment Moving around activity](#). Closing date 5 August 2013.