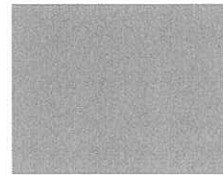


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Consultation

With reference to your consultation document, my comments are directed at
p15 Chapter 2 The new benefit: our proposals
21. Payment will stop if the individual is in hospital or a care home

My daughter lives in a residential care home. She has severe learning difficulties and physical disabilities, virtually unable to walk, unable to use public transport and has to use taxis and be escorted at all times.

The funding by the local authority does not cover transport costs for social activities or visiting family. The home does not have sufficient money to provide transport vehicles, as the residents would need to go to many different places.

Mobility allowance does not result in double funding as the local authority funding does not cover transport for social needs or visiting family and friends.

Reference document "Don't limit mobility" MENCAP

The proposal to stop the Mobility component for people in residential care will result in many severely disabled people being unable to leave their care homes and use local services or shops, socialise or visit their families.

The cuts to the allowance of our most vulnerable members of society would be far greater than on any other. Of the £70 they get for personal and mobility needs they would have a whopping £50 (71%) taken from them.

These people, our frailest of the frail, simply cannot go out to work and replace the lost money which is so essential to their needs.

In effect, those who have the Mobility component stopped will no longer be able to go out from their care homes and into the wider community. They will be confined to the residential home, unable to have social contact. Many will not understand why.

This cannot be right.

I am fully supportive of the document “ Don't limit mobility” produced by MENCAP, Carers UK, Leonard Cheshire Disability, MIND and others.

The proposal to remove the anomaly with respect to hospitals and residential care homes is a nonsense as people in residential care are not patients but residents.

I want the Department for Work and Pensions to scrap the proposal to stop the Mobility component for people in residential care

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