

# Estimates of the number of DLA Age 16- 64 Fixed Term Awards in each Local Authority

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# Background

## Personal Independence Payment

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is being replaced with a new benefit called Personal Independence Payment (PIP) for people who are aged 16 to 64 on or after 8 April 2013.

PIP is being introduced on a gradual basis:

- New claims were accepted in a limited geographic area in the North West and part of the North East of England from 8 April 2013, and new claims have been taken in all remaining areas of GB from 10 June 2013.
- DLA recipients will start to be invited to claim PIP from October 2013, where they report a change in their care or mobility needs or a fixed term award is due to expire or they reach age 16<sup>1</sup>.
- Most DLA recipients will start to be invited to claim PIP from October 2015.

The implementation timetable is available on the DWP PIP webpage:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/simplifying-the-welfare-system-and-making-sure-work-pays/supporting-pages/introducing-personal-independence-payment>

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<sup>1</sup> Where a fixed term award is due to expire from the end of February 2014.

# Method

The accompanying Excel spreadsheet contains two tables.

Table 1 provides estimates of the number of DLA age 16-64 fixed term award recipients in each Local Authority. This is based on Quarterly Statistical Enquiry data which provides us with the award duration for a random sample of 5% of the DLA caseload.

We have used this sample data to provide central, upper and lower estimates of the total number of DLA age 16-64 fixed term awards.

We have used a 95% confidence interval, which means that we can be 95% confident that the actual number of fixed term awards in each Local Authority falls between the upper and lower estimate.

Table 2 provides an estimate of the proportion of DLA 16-64 fixed term awards which are expected to come to an end during each year of PIP reassessment.

The source of all data is the DLA Quarterly Statistical Enquiry, November 2012.

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