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## Consultation about changing Disability Living Allowance to a new benefit

Tell us what you think

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Easy Read

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Work and Pensions

## Questions

### Question 1

What things stop disabled people joining in with other people and living full, active and independent lives?

Not having someone to support them get anywhere  
I.C. get down to the bus stop  
Money to pay for transport. If my mobility is taken  
away I may lose my <sup>(BK)</sup> <sub>compensation</sub>  
Specially adapted vehicle that my organizer  
supplies me with and my 2 horse boxes

### Question 2

What parts of Disability Living Allowance do you think we should keep?

Mobility and Support (care)

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### Question 3

What extra things do disabled people need to spend money on?

Support workers. Specially adapted vehicles  
Diesel to make it go. Special food.  
Time. I take longer than some people  
say or get to where I need to go.

### Question 4

The new benefit will have 2 amounts for each of the 2 parts of the benefit. Do you think this will make the benefit easier to understand and also easier for us to run?

Do you think just having the 2 amounts for each part will cause any problems?

NO

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## Question 5

Do you think some health conditions or disabilities should allow people to get an amount of the benefit automatically?

Or do you think that all claims should be based on the needs of the person asking for the benefit?

Yes. Me and my two housemates are always going to be profoundly disabled. We will not get better. My house condition - cerebral palsy will not get worse. Our needs won't improve

## Question 6

How can we make sure that disabled people who most need the new benefit can get it?

What activities or actions are the most important to live an independent life?

Good assessments that are clear & specific by qualified workers who understand and have experience of our disabilities. Including all who know us.

Being part of my community - getting out so we are not isolated. Having interesting useful things to do that help me and/or others

## Question 7

How can we make sure that the new benefit takes into account the way a person's health condition can change?

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## Question 8

When a person makes a claim to the new benefit, should we take account of any aids or adaptations that they use?

What aids and adaptations should we take into account?

Should we only take aids and adaptations into account if the person already uses them? Or should we take aids and adaptations into account that a person could use and get hold of easily?

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## Question 9

How could we make the way a person asks for benefit better.  
For example

- How could we make the claim form easier to fill in?
- How could we tell people about the new benefit so that they know what the benefit is for and who is likely to get the benefit?

Make the questions more concise with  
examples. Good examples.

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## Question 10

Who are the best people to tell us about the needs of the person asking for benefit?

What information will we need to make it clear what the person can and cannot do?

All people that I am in contact with  
Advocates for people who don't have  
anyone - if we don't use an advocate  
He said we can make the decisions for us.

Examples, cartoons, film (DVD)

Drs letter or Dr at assessment

## Question 11

An important part of the new benefit may <sup>include</sup> be talking face to face with an independent person about how well you can do the things you need to do to take part in everyday life.

What good things and bad things may this bring?

Lack of understanding

Is there any time when it would not be right to say that a person had to meet an independent person face to face, either in the person's own home or somewhere else?

no

I can't speak words so would need support.

NO

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## Question 12

What should we use to decide how often we should look at a claim again and check it?

Should the way we look at a claim again depend on the needs of the person and their health condition or disability?

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## Question 13

The new benefit will be easier for people to understand, so we will expect people to tell us when things change in their lives.

How can we get people to tell us about the changes in their lives?

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## Question 14

What types of help and advice are people who will ask for the new benefit likely to need?

Would it help if we told people to get help and advice and where to get it from?

Yes

Communication - support.

Explanations.

Yes

## Question 15

How do disabled people pay for their aids and adaptations at the moment?

Should disabled people be allowed to use the new benefit to pay for a one-off cost?

West Sussex CC      Disability Equipment  
Jenre + NHS Wheelchairs

## Question 16

What are the main differences we should think about when we are dealing with claims for children instead of adults?

People often speak for children  
instead of to them.

## Question 17

- ① How important or useful has Disability Living Allowance been in getting people to use other services or to get other benefits?
- ② What can we do to make things better?
- ③ At the moment people who get Disability Living Allowance automatically get help from other benefits and services, like the Blue Badge scheme and the Warm Front scheme.

What would it mean to disabled people if they did not automatically get help from these other benefits or services?

- ① It depends on the support people may have helping them
- ② No take w/ mobility or care away - finding
- ③ I could not afford to go to my Day Services or out and about. I would become isolated

I depressed.  
I cannot walk on my own. I use a wheelchair all the time

## Question 18

What information about the disabled person could we share with other services or government departments to stop the disabled person having to tell lots of people the same thing?

DATA BASE - SPECIAL PERMISSION  
FROM ME TO SHARE INFO  
WITH EACH OTHER

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## Question 19

How would our ideas for the new benefit affect different equality groups? For example, the equality groups looking at disability, age, race, gender, **sexual orientation** and religion and belief.

### Sexual orientation

This is about whether a person is

- heterosexual – sexually attracted to people of the other sex.
- lesbian – a woman who is sexually attracted to women.
- gay – a man who is sexually attracted to men.
- bisexual – sexually attracted to men and women.
- asexual – not sexually attracted to men or women

We all as Discrimination Laws there  
is no way that any one will be treated  
differently.

## Question 20

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our plans?

It is very worrying. We have less than £42  
p week now to go out, buy personal items like  
toiletries, go on holiday, buy clothes  
have a social life. By Christmas + Birthday  
presents + cards now  
Don't have any money for money  
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