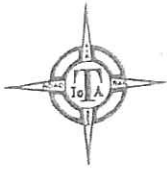


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DA Living Allowance Reform

Dear Sirs

I only found out about this reform consultation document by realising that my Attendance Allowance in no way covered what those people who received the benefits of the MOBILITY Allowance where they only had to use a part of their DHA to obtain new cars with the necessary adaptations for their MOVING Problems.

THIS is an anomaly ^{it is very} ~~is~~ ^{very} apparent that it is ~~only~~ ^{only} in two paragraphs is Attendance Allowance mentioned (Page 21 paragraphs 41 & 42!) & (page 6 Paragraph 7)

I am 91 yrs of age (92 next month) & have cycled all my life & until 2006 was regularly cycling daily for a local triathlon club & enjoying cycle rides with the Middlesex Cycling Club but eventually had difficulty in pedalling, diagnosed with SCIATICA & OSTEOARTHRITIS - tried a TRICYCLE but extra weight & difficulty in getting on or off reluctantly had to cease cycling.

I also had the problem of having roundabouts being folded in to some extent.

DIFFICULTY
BALANCING
WHERE
W/ PAIN IN
& CRYING

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& a hoist & the need to lift a small mobility scooter
in & out, so I could get about with my wife a little
further than I could walk (about 50 or 60 yards with
the aid of a 3 wheeled walker) [Adaptions were by
[redacted] [redacted]]

I also had to have a stairlift!

All at my expense!

Then in February 2008 I had to go into
hospital with an infection & a blood clot ^{in my wife}
had to go into the only vacant place in the County
the [redacted] with Depression &
Alzheimer's

so on returning home I ^{have} travelled
nurse days by car, & before to A & E about 16 miles
each way at my own expense!

The Attendance Allowance ^{just} covers my
home help & a monthly gardener

Oh! how you can justify
a cut off age of 65 for mobility -
I just cannot understand; neither
can I understand the apparent difference
in DLA & Attendance Allowance for INDEPENDENT
like my self who have ^{remained} ~~been~~ active
for longer than 65 yrs!!!

To Sheet 3 also

Phase 3 - Loss

I served in the Rome from November 1934 to May 1946
in Great Britain, France, India and finally on a hospital
ship bringing repatriated P.O.W.'s from Rangoon River
to India en route for Great Britain.

member of Women's Veterans Association

(4 years
with W.V.A.)

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1946 - Ret'd @ 59 yrs
of age
Member of Norfolk County Council for 18 years
Hethor Parish Council for 3 years

IT IS IMPORTANT NOT TO MOVE PEOPLE
WITH ALZHEIMER'S once they are settled into a
particular care home, so it is going to be
daily visits as long as I can safely do so -
I have a driving licence for another 3 years, having
passed a driving test in hand controls -

I cannot see my wife of 69 years down whilst
we can have time together + only hope

I will continue to receive the my help
I get - (other than a small Caring Allowance)
at least the Attendance Allowance and
hopefully more!

With apologies for bad spelling, handwriting
+ grammar

Hopefield