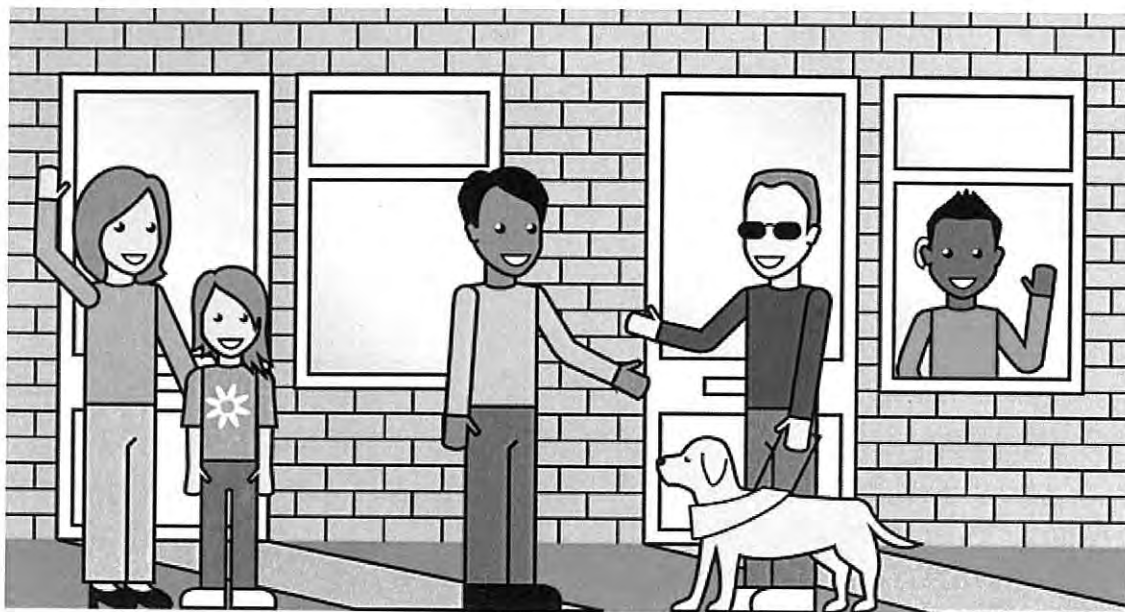


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Consultation about changing Disability Living Allowance to a new benefit

Tell us what you think

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Questions

Question 1

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

MOBILITY - AND PEOPLE UNDERSTANDING OUR NEEDS
AND DON'T LIKE CHANGES IN OUR LIFE

Question 2

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

ALL.

Question 3

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

ACTIVITIES FOR PEOPLE WHO TAKE US OUT
HOUSING

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?

LOTS OF PROBLEMS - WHEN YOU CANT MAKE
DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF OR UNDERSTAND
CHANGES DONT LIKE THINGS TO CHANGE

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?

NEEDS. AND HEALTH

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?

SOMEONE IN THERE CORNER FIGHTING FOR
THERE NEEDS - SOME PEOPLE WILL NEVER LIVE
INDEPENDENT LIFE AND WILL ALWAYS NEED HELP

Question 7

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

THIS WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT WHEN THE PERSON
CANT COMMUNICATE VERY WELL THIS WILL HAVE TO BE
TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL.

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?

NOT ALL DISABLED PEOPLE USE AIDS BUT ARE
DISABLED IN LOTS OF OTHER WAYS
AND ALL THIS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT
WHY THINGS HAVE TO CHANGE I WILL NEVER KNOW
NOT A GOOD IDEA

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?

I DON'T KNOW - ONLY THE PERSON THAT
TAKES CARE OF THE DISABLED PERSON

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?

THE PERSON THAT TAKES CARE THE DISABLED
PERSON - ALSO I THINK STOPPING CARERS ALLOWANCE
AT THE AGE OF 60 YOU STILL HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF
THE DISABLED PERSON REGARDING REACHING 60
FINACIALLY IT DOESN'T GET EASIER ONLY HARDER.

Question 11

An important part of the new benefit may 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?

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?

IN LOTS OF CASES THE PERSON WILL AGREE TO
EVERYTHING TO THE PERSON ASKING THE QUESTIONS AS
DISABLED PERSON DOESN'T UNDERSTAND THE QUESTIONS
AND CAN CAUSE ALL SORTS OF PROBLEMS MUST HAVE SOMEONE
TO HELP TO SPEAK FOR THEM

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?

IF YOU KNOW THE PERSONS ABILITIES WILL NEVER
CHANGED OR IMPROVE THINGS SHOULD STAY THE
SAME AS THIS CAN CAUSE CONFUSION AND CAN
CAUSE THE PERSON TO GET UPSET.

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?

YOU CAN'T INCERTAIN CASES. FOR PEOPLE
WHO ARE DISABLED AND SPECIAL NEEDS.

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?

ONLY IF THEY UNDERSTAND,

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?

No.

Question 16

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

TO LISTEN TO THE PARENT.

Question 17

How important or useful has **Disability Living Allowance** been in getting people to use other services or to get other benefits?

What can we do to make things better?

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?

HOW WOULD THEY LIVE OR GET FROM
A-B - OR TO BE LOOKED AFTER AND GET
THE BEST OUT OF LIFE - MAYBE SOME OF THESE
PEOPLE WHO MAKE ALL THESE CHANGES AND DEDUCT
BENEFITS FROM THE NEEDED - SHOULD STEP INTO THERE
20 SHOES & FAMILY FOR SIX MONTHS OR SO

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?

WHY DO WE KEEP HAVING TO FIGHT FOR THINGS
AS A PARENT - I USED TO SAY TO PARENTS & CARERS
WHEN YOUR CHILDREN ARE YOUNG ITS HARD BUT BELIEVE
ME WHEN THEY GET OLDER ITS EVEN HARDER PEOPLE
MAKE ALLOWANCES WHEN THEY ARE CHILDREN BUT WHEN
THEY ARE ADULTS - THINGS CHANGE ITS A LOT HARDER
FINANSIALLY AND PATIENTS. FROM OUTSIDERS.

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

UNDERSTANDING THERE NEEDS

Question 20

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

THINK WHAT THIS WILL DO TO DISABLED
AND SPECIAL NEEDS