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Dear Sir/Madam,

The proposed changes to DLA.  
Can you explain to me how someone like my husband is supposed to deal with a face to face assessment?

And more to do point why he (or I) should have to go through with what, in the past, has been a totally humiliating & degrading experience. The last medical he had we were made to feel like nothing!!

1) Husband had a major stroke nearly 4 years ago - he had several brain operations as a result. 5 weeks in a coma - 6 weeks rehab afterwards. He has left sided haemiparesis (vision loss) very poor mobility as he was paralysed for a while on right side, he also has osteo-arthritis of both knees.

The main effects of the stroke are mental ones. He cannot concentrate; cannot read properly; cannot write properly; does not understand conversations properly. He gets confused with reality / fiction. He thinks he's still in the building trade.

I asked him to put the head back on one of those riddling dog things in cars & he tried to stuff the top of the head into the neck; lately he has been showing signs of confusion and the Doctor is sending him to the memory clinic as a stroke can lead to Vascular Dementia of which he is showing the main signs of.

He cannot find his way back to bed after a wee in the night & he gets lost in the flat during the day.

How is someone meeting him for

half an hour or so suppose to realize the extent of the brain damage he suffered.

We are struggling for money as it is and why we should be put through these humiliating medicals is cruel & unspeakable.

Whatever happens we will not be travelling to a medical: if you want him to 'prove' his condition you will have to come to us.

I am deeply disgusted at all the changes - most of which are paralysing the disabled & making us feel like free loaders. We have worked all our lives: our savings disappeared because we had too much to qualify for any benefits. Now we have no savings we have to 'beg' for what hubby has paid for.

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Frankly what the Con/Libs are  
doing is beyond belief.

deeply upset & worried

Mrs

Mr

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