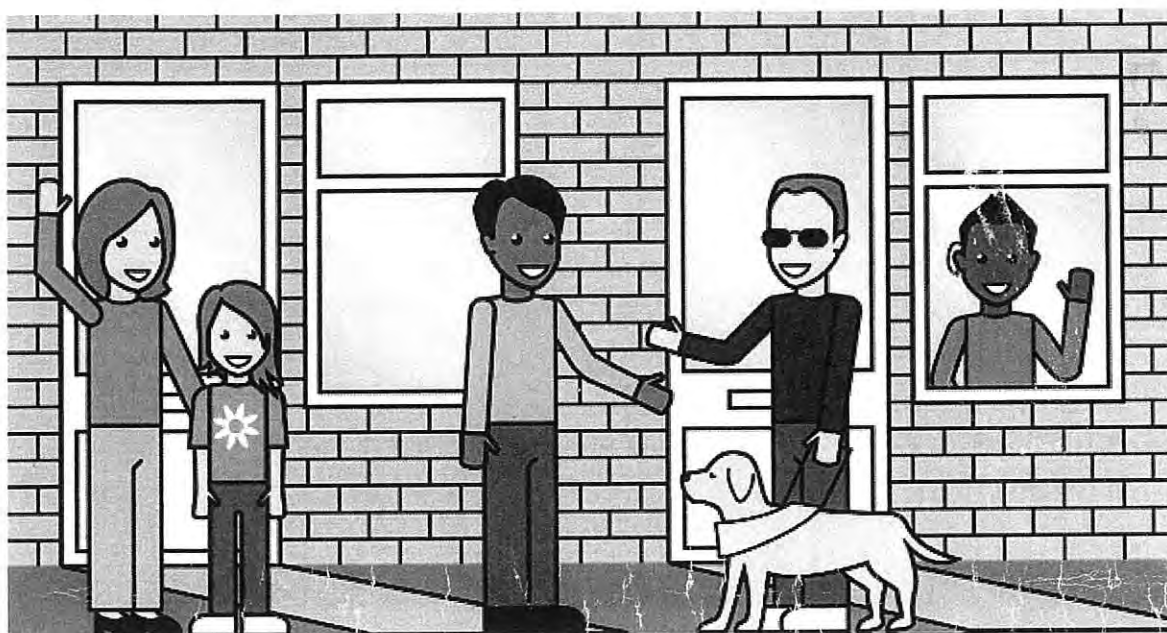


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Consultation about changing Disability Living Allowance to a new benefit

Tell us what you think

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Easy Read

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Department for
Work and Pensions

Children and people aged over 65

The new rules will be for people aged 16 to 64.

We have not decided yet whether claims from children and people over 65 should follow the new rules.

When the new benefit will start

The new benefit will start in 2013.

We will then start to look at people who already get **Disability Living Allowance** to see if they should get the new benefit.

We will get in touch with everyone who will have their claim looked at to let them know what they will need to do.

ARE people in Transition.

Included in the new Benefit.

Because they have children.

social workers moved on to

adult services.

Questions

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (10 PEOPLE) FILLED OUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE AS A GROUP.

Question 1

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

- * Stopping day services (closing centres)
- * Lack of money
- * Staff/support workers (having to be back at certain times) / Restrictions / House rules.
- * Do not feel safe.
- * Lack of accessible / easy information
- * Having the right support. → last buses.
- * Transport (staff that don't drive)
- * Accessible toilets / Changing places

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

* All of it

Question 3

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

"We all need to spend money on food"

* Buying support (extra support)

* Going out / buying services (paying for day centres)

* Equipment / Home made accessible (hoist etc)

* Communication ~~needs~~ aids

* Specific clothes / footwear etc.

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?

* Not easier to understand / It will

* Confuse people / could be explained

better (might not add up to what you get now)

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?

* It should be automatic.

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?

Medication / Get out to meet people
(transport) Having the support that
suits you / having choices + right
transport.

Question 7

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

*Liaising with G.P. as well as us.

*Regular reviews/meetings

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 easy to understand this question. 3 questions in one.

*Aids + adaptations should be taken into account

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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?

* Easy information / make accessible.

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?

* We are!

* US

ASK THE PERSON.

" WE ARE THE EXPERTS ON HOW

WE FEEL "

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?

* Make sure the ^{independent} person spends enough time to get to know you.

* I don't want a stranger doing an assessment.

* They should speak to me first and then speak to people who know me (family / support staff)

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?

* Both health and disability

Some people HAVE long term health

condition or suddenly get

one, ~~but~~ so only changed claim.

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?

Make all information accessible.

Easy to understand.

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 it would help.

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?

Don't know

"Confusing question"

"Don't know"

Question 16

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

* Children & adults have different needs -
(many of our committee did not
know how to respond to this)

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?

* Get other services if you prove
you are in receipt of benefits.
(keep it as it is)

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?

" Depends who it's shared with "

" Ask for permission first "

" Don't mind sharing some information "

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

* "IT should make no difference what equality groups people belong to, if they need benefits then they should get benefits"

Question 20

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

We don't think these questions are particularly accessible.

