

## Questions

### Question 1

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

People's attitudes especially  
to people with Learning disabilities

### Question 2

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

I think DLA as worked well  
especially for people with L.D. but  
feel there is a lot of people in receipt  
of this but not for the right reason  
and this sometime's makes it hard  
for people who should be getting it

### Question 3

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

lots of people are unable to manage there finances they need extra for there care component

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### 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?

I think this will cause confusion to some people like the change they have just <sup>made</sup> to fortnightly payments its confusing for a lot of people

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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?

based on there needs

## 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?

By listening to people and understanding there level of disability

Provide more in the community instead of taking them away

## Question 7

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

giving them chance to access places for instance transport is sometimes an issue

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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?

I think the system as been working well, just the fact that Social Services budget as been cut is causing problems

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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?

By making the forms more user friendly and not repeating the same question but in a different format

## 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 themselves if possible or someone who knows them not just a worker who has just met them

## 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 most cases the person should have a parent, carer or family member who knows them well



## 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?

Common Sense

Yes.

## 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?

most people will  
but you will always get  
some who try to work  
the system and this  
is why you are paying  
so much money out

## 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?

most people know  
but it's not always there

## 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?

These things are supplied  
through S Services  
if they can pay (good)



## Question 16

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

In the case of my son there was nothing when he was a child only in later life did he get help and he as been special needs all his life

## 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?

well you might as well take everything of them they need more not less

## 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?

As a parent of a son with Special Needs I am sick of answering the same questions over and over again. Many promises of help etc are being taken away by government changes I think its about time you got in the real world. There will always be sad stories of same and this makes it hard for those who are really suffering. I have been a full time carer for 44 years as well as caring for my Mother and father and I am tired worn out and sick of all the changes

## 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

why does this matter

## Question 20

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

Please get out there and explain changes if you have to make them

