

DLA CHANGES

Q1 Environment

Access

Transport

Reliant on others for basic needs eg I cannot get over my back door threshold, therefore r require a family member to shop etc

Confidence

Self esteem

Acceptability

Q2 All are necessary

Q3 Transport

Adaptations to home

Personal care

Equipment

Cleaning

Gardening

Q4 No

Any Govt benefit is never easy to understand

Q5 Yes

Deteriorating/ongoing health conditions should automatically qualify

Q6 Ensure info easily available

Need to look at how info is distributed, particularly to housebound

Ability to get out of house

Manage basics eg: personal care, cleaning etc

Socialising

Q7 Review by own GP

Q8 Yes

All aids and adaptations

Q9 Claim form could be simpler because details are verified by doctor/consultant

Could also be automatic recommendation by doctor, hospital or social worker

Communication – leaflets, local press – health centres should advise housebound patients

10 The individual themselves or relative

The current form is very specific and covers everything

11 Not a good idea. An independent person could not possibly judge

12 Should depend on needs/health of individual eg progressive or terminal

13 Regular reviews

14 Beneficial to tell people exactly where to get help and advice

15 Some aids are provided by social work, others are bought

Yes

16 Family circumstances – 2 parents? working/unemployed? Cost of care. More respite

17 Very important

Improve communication. Services should be linked

Major

impact. Some people not aware of what they are entitled to

18 Health records and social circumstances with permission