

# Second Independent Review of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) assessment: terms of reference

## Background

The Welfare Reform Act 2012 requires the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament an independent report on the operation of assessments; (a) within 2 years beginning with the date on which the first regulations under that section come into force; and (b) within 4 years beginning with that date.

The first independent review of the Personal Independence Payment Assessment was published in December 2014. This document sets out the term of reference for the second independent review. The outcome of this review will be laid before Parliament by April 2017 in accordance with the Act.

## Terms of Reference

This review will provide the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions with an independent report evaluating the progress made on the PIP claims process as a result of the longer term recommendations made in the first independent review of the PIP assessment, in particular looking at:

- the use of IT and speed and effectiveness of the information gathering process during the assessment, looking at data sharing within the Department and across government, including the way we share information gained from the PIP assessment with other organisations to improve health and care services; and
- how effectively further evidence is being used to assist the correct claim decision, exploring the balance between how much and the type of evidence we source and what we ask the claimant to provide;
- build on the recommendations and lessons learnt from the first review using, where relevant, findings from the evaluation and Full PIP Rollout data.