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Our Survey about Personal Independence Payment benefit. This is called **PIP** for short

What do you think about our ideas?

The collage features a purple folder labeled 'Benefits' with a 'NEW' tag. It shows a man in a wheelchair being assisted by another man, with a 10-pound note and a 5-pound note nearby. The text 'Personal Independence Payment' is visible. To the right is a survey card titled 'Tell us what you think' with a woman thinking and a question mark in a thought bubble. The question is '1. Do you think the idea is a good one?' with three options: 'Yes' (unchecked), 'No' (checked with a blue checkmark), and 'Not sure' (unchecked). A hand holding a black pen is shown writing the 'No' option.

About this easy read survey



This is an easy read version of a bigger paper called **Modernising Support for Independent Living: Health and Disability Green Paper**.



In this easy read there are fewer questions and we have changed some of the questions. This will make them easier to think about and answer.



If you want to see all of the questions please look at the bigger paper.



You can find it on our website:
www.gov.uk/government/consultations/modernising-support-for-independent-living-the-health-and-disability-green-paper

About our questions



PIP is a benefit that some people with a disability or health condition get.



The money is to help pay for extra things you need to help you because of your disability or health condition.



We want to make sure PIP is fair and gives people the best support for their needs.



We have some ideas about the things in PIP that we want to look at.



We are asking lots of people what they think about PIP.



We will look at what everyone tells us. It will help us to understand how people use PIP.



You will need to read our easy read booklet before you answer our questions.



When you have filled in this form, you can send it back to us at:

**Disability and Health Support
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Level 2
Caxton House
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London
SW1H 9NA**



We need everyone's answers back by **Monday 22nd July 2024.**

How we will use your information and what you tell us



When you answer our questions, you should not to include any **personal information**.



Personal information is things like your name, address or telephone number.



We will use what people tell us to write a report.



We will not put anyone's personal information in the report.



There is more information about how we look after your information on our website:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions/about/personal-information-charter



This information is not in easy read.



Questions about our ideas

When we look at PIP, there are 4 ideas we want to look at a little bit more.



You can read about these ideas in our easy read booklet.

Idea 1: Changing how we do PIP assessments



We might look at changing how we work out who needs PIP.

We might not look at how a person's disability or health condition affects their day to day life.



We might look at what **diagnosis** they have got instead.

A **diagnosis** is when a doctor or other health staff say what disability or health condition you have.



This means people might not need to have an assessment or a **review** anymore.

A **review** is a check to make sure you are getting the right level of support.



You can read more about idea 1 on **pages 5 to 9** of our booklet.



Question 1: What do you think about idea 1? Please tell us here:

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Question 2: What do you think about people getting PIP without having an assessment if they have certain health conditions or a disability? This would only be if they can show proof that they have a diagnosis.



Question 3: What do you think about not needing to have a review anymore? Please tell us here:



Question 4: Do you agree that people should show **proof** of their disability or health condition?

Proof might be things like a letter from your doctor or social worker.



Yes



No



I don't know



Please tell us more about your answer here:



Question 5: Do you agree that idea 1 is the right thing to do?



Yes



No



I don't know

Some people might have a condition that:



- changes over time.



- gets worse at some times or better at some times.



- might get better.



Question 6: How can we best check if someone needs PIP when their condition changes?

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Idea 2: Making changes to the PIP assessment we have now

We have 3 things we are looking at with this idea.



1. Making sure the assessment is fair and looks at the right activities.



2. What extra costs people have because of their disability or health condition.



3. How long people are affected by their disability or health condition



You can read more about idea 2 on **pages 10 to 14** of our booklet.



Question 7: Do you think that if people only need the money to buy something once, they need to keep getting PIP?



Yes



No



I don't know



Question 8: Thinking about people who need someone or something to tell them or remind them of what they need to do.

Do you think needing a reminder shows that a person needs to keep getting PIP?



Yes



No



I don't know



Question 9: Do you think people with different support needs have the same amount of extra costs?



Yes



No



I don't know



Thinking about the activities in the PIP assessment.

Question 10: Do you think the assessment looks at the right things?



Yes

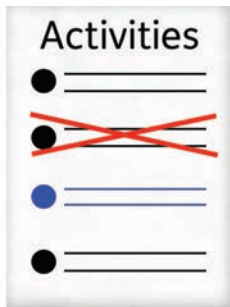


No



I don't know

Tell us more about your answer to **Question 11**: You might include things like:



- if we should change any of the activities
- if we should take out any of the activities
- if we should look at any extra activities

Please tell us here:



To get PIP you have to be affected by your disability or health condition for a certain amount of time. This is:



- for 3 months before you can be paid for PIP

and



- for 9 months or more after you get PIP



Question 12: What do you think about these amounts of time? Are they the right amounts of time? Please tell us here:

Idea 3: Changing how we pay PIP



People get PIP to help pay for the things they need because of their disability or health condition.



At the moment, people can choose what they spend PIP on.



We want to know if PIP is the best way to support people. Or if there are other things that might help.



You can read more about idea 3 on **pages 15 to 18** of our booklet.



Question 13: What do you think the most important things people need to spend their PIP money on and why? Tell us here:



We have looked at other ways we could support people instead of giving PIP.



Question 14: On the next pages tell us what you think about these new ways. This might be good things and bad things.

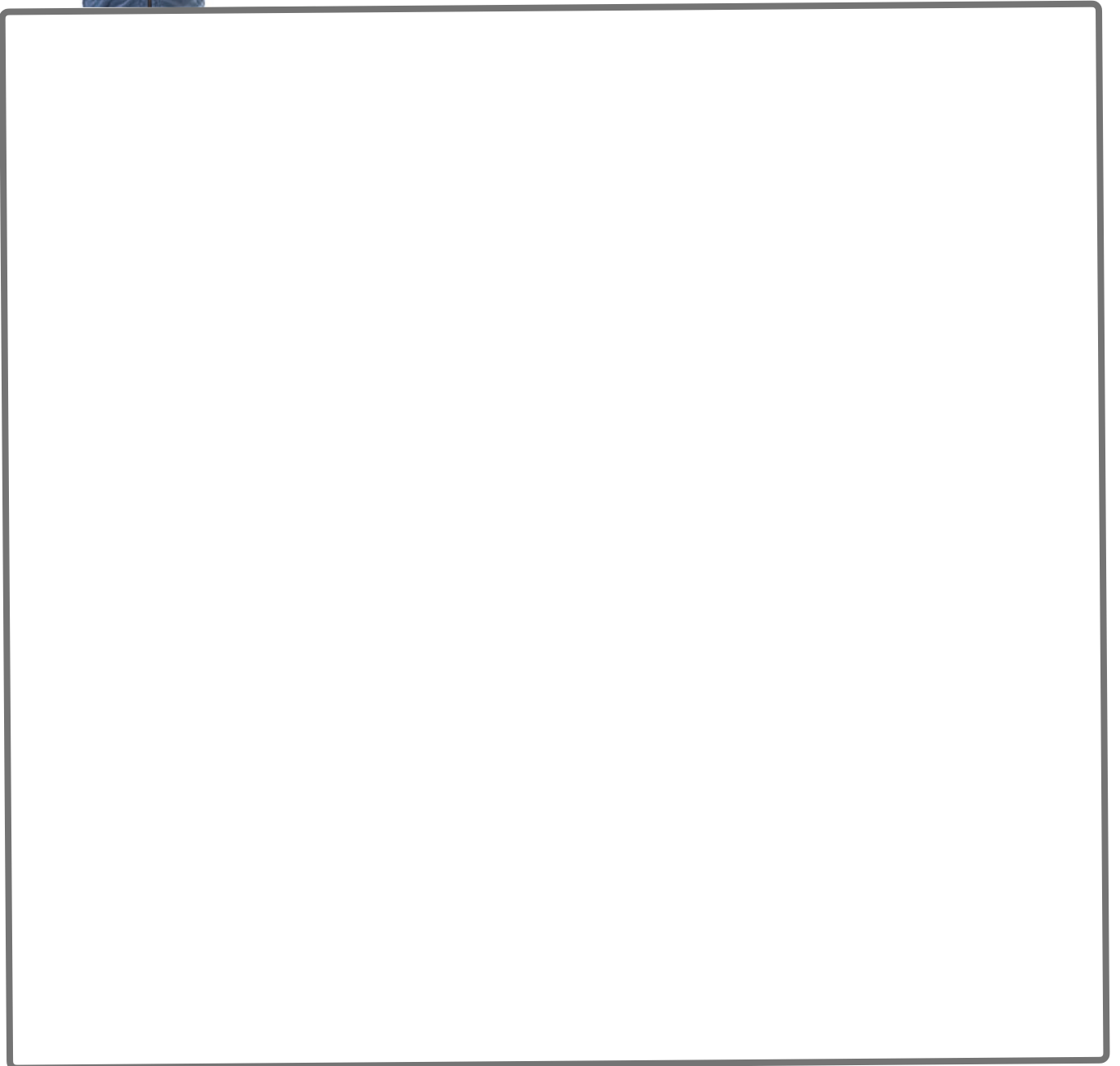


Having a list for people to look through

This would be a list of things like wheelchairs, ramps or shower chairs.



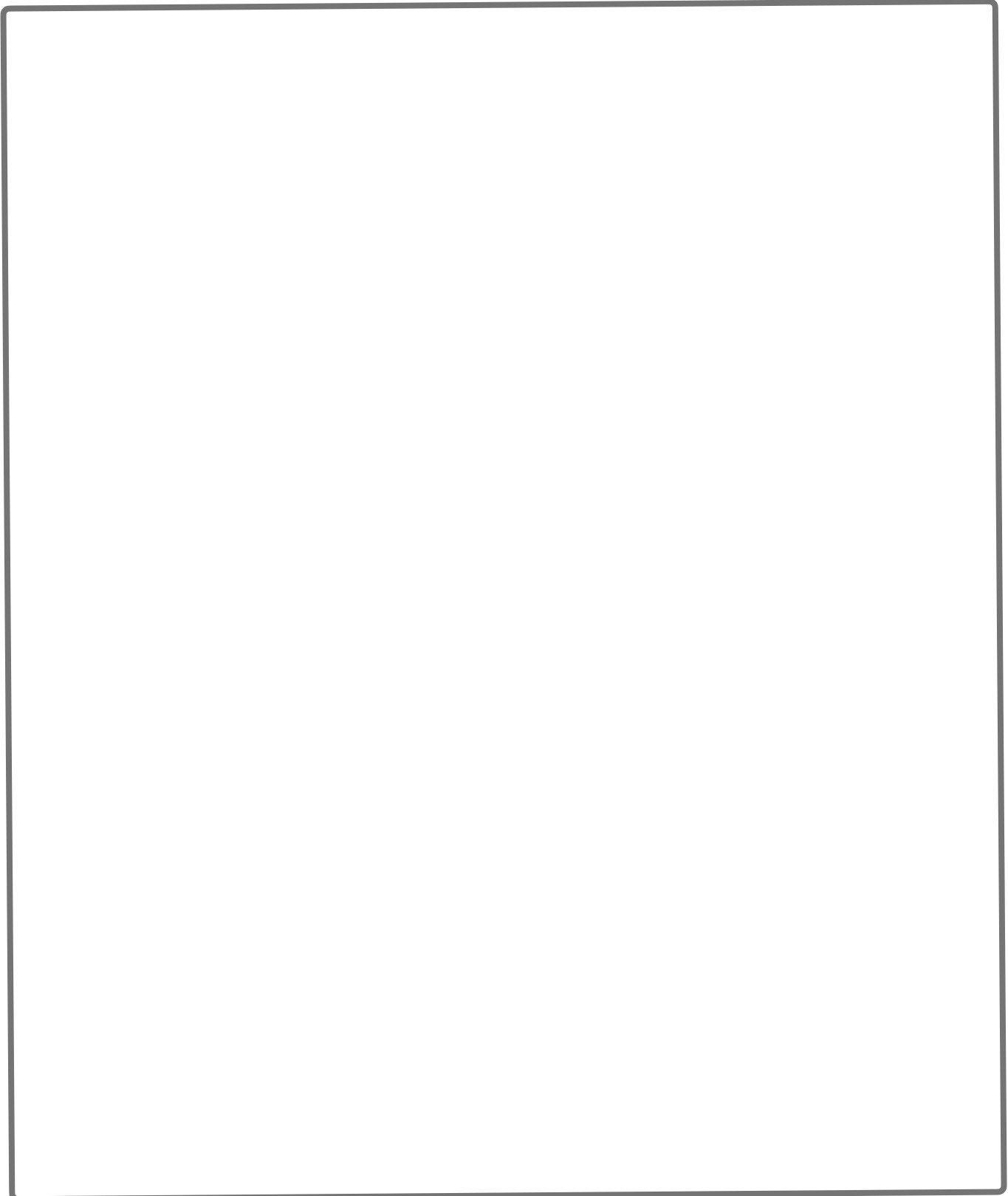
People could then choose what they need from the list.





Offering people a voucher instead of money

People could use the voucher to pay for things like equipment or services.

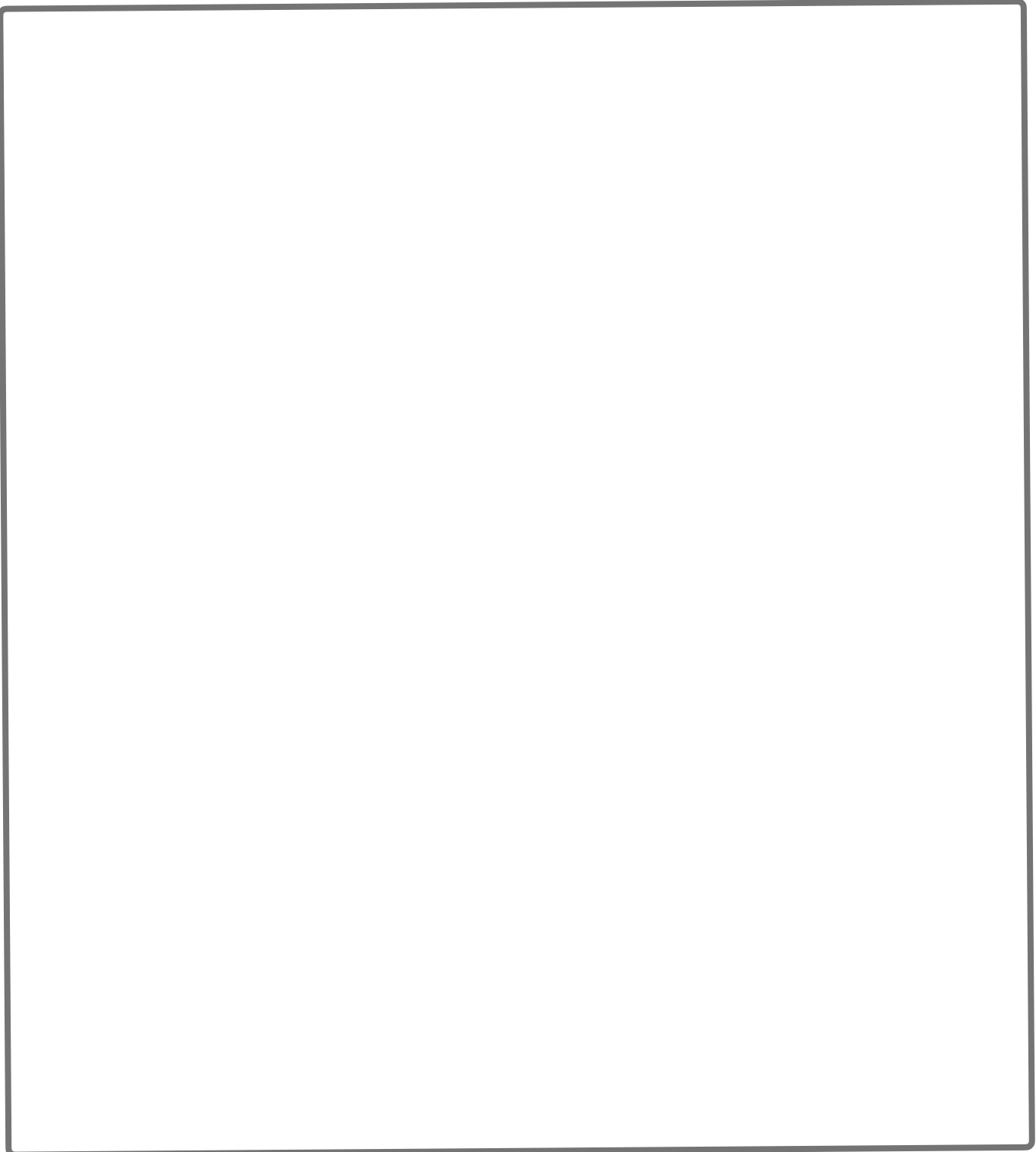




Paying people back

People could buy things they need themselves.

Then we would give them the money back.

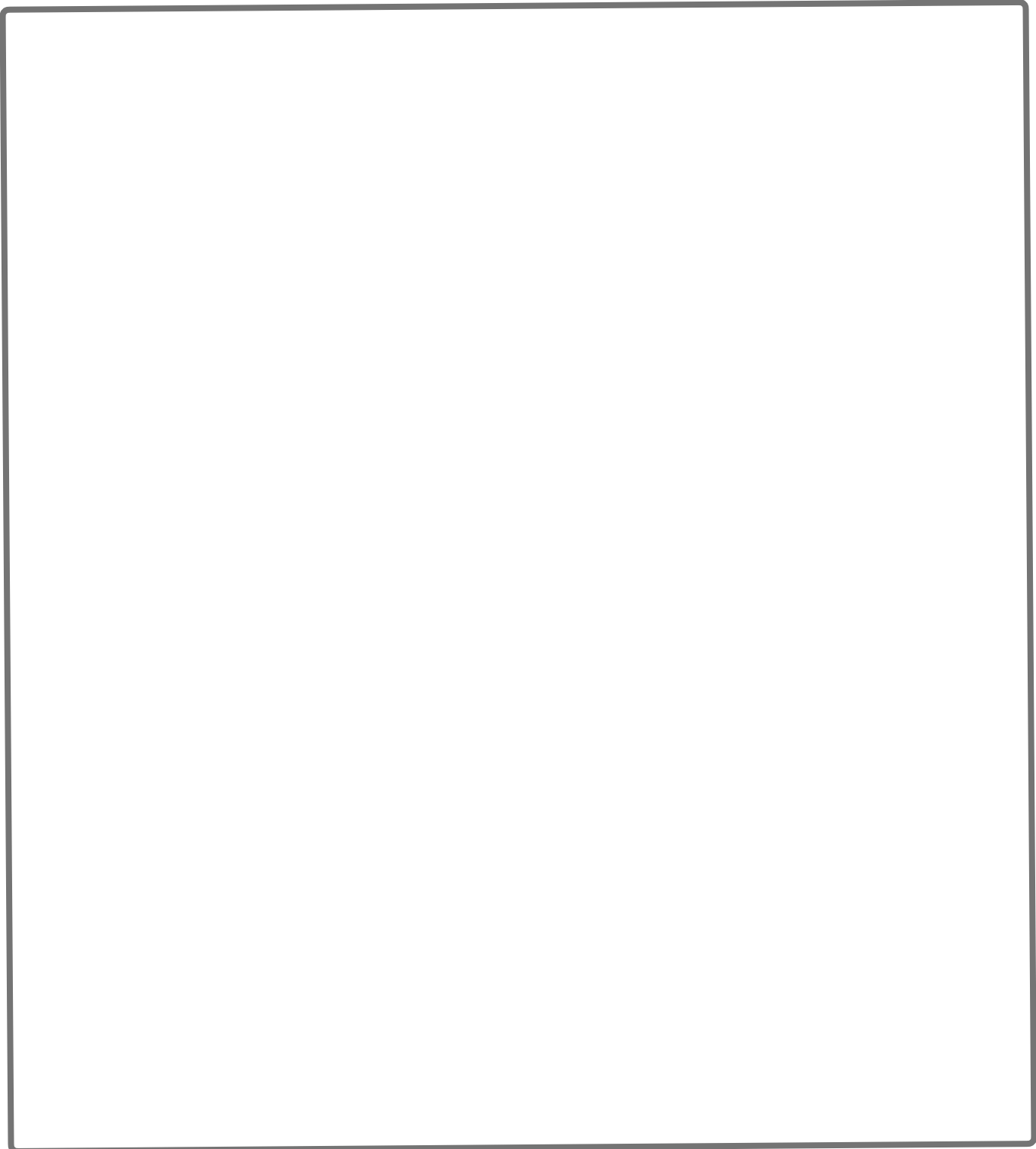




A grant

A grant is money we could give people 1 time to help them buy something.

You don't need to pay the money back.





Question 15: Are there some people who get PIP to pay for help but need more support? This might be from the NHS or local councils.



Yes



No



I don't know



Please tell us more about what support this is:

Idea 4: Working together with other organisations



People with the same disability or health condition might have different needs.



Some people who get PIP need more support with their health or care needs.



Some people might get some of the support they need from the NHS or local council.



We want to think about working together more closely with local councils and the NHS.

This would help us to make best use of our money.



You can read more about idea 4 on **pages 19 to 20** of our booklet.

Question 16: What support can people get from the NHS or local council? This might be things like:



- walking sticks and frames.



- help to do day to day things.



- travel and getting around.

Please tell us here:



Question 17: What more could the NHS or local councils do to support people? Tell us here:

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We are thinking about looking what support people could get from the NHS, local councils and PIP if we all work together.



Question 18: How would this way of working make things better for disabled people and people with a health condition? Please tell us here:



Question 19: Would this way of working mean people have to do less assessments?



Yes



No



I don't know



Question 20: What are the most important support services in your local community? Please tell us:



Question 21: Thinking about people who have a health condition or disability. How much choice should local councils have about what support people need in their area?

Question about you

Question 22: Are you answering these question for yourself or an organisation? **Tick 1 box.**



For myself. I get PIP or I am interested in PIP



For an organisation whose work supports people who ask for PIP



Now send your answers back to us at:
**Disability and Health Support
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Level 2
Caxton House
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Thank you for answering our questions.