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The Timms Review of PIP

Looking at Personal Independence Payment benefit. This benefit is called PIP for short

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Illustration showing a man in a wheelchair being helped by two women, one of whom is using a walker. Another man is shown sitting at a table with a cup, being assisted by a woman.

Illustration of a hand holding several British banknotes (£5, £10, £20).

PIP

Personal Independence Payment

About this review



A **review** means looking at something to find out more about it.



Sir Stephen Timms works for the Government. He is doing a review about PIP.



PIP is a **health and disability benefit**.



Health and disability benefits are extra money some people can get from the Government.



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



A **health condition** is a problem that affects your body. Things like having a bad back, pain, problems with your heart or breathing.



Or it could be to do with your **mental health**. **Mental health** is things like your thoughts, feelings and how you cope in everyday life.



People can get PIP if they work or if they don't work.



People use the money from PIP to help with things like:

- Everyday things like cooking or shopping

or

- Travelling and getting around.





The Government is doing a lot of work looking at PIP.



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



This could include helping people into work.



This booklet tells you about the Timms review.

It tells you what the review will look at and how it will work.

Why we need to do a review



PIP has been around for 12 years. Lots of things have changed in that time.



The number of disabled people is going up every year.



There are a lot more young disabled people and people with mental health conditions.



We think that more than 4 million people will get help from PIP by 2030.



This will cost the Government a lot of money.



The Government wants to make sure they are spending money in the best way possible.



They have decided it is time to look at PIP again.

In 2014 and 2016, the last Government looked at parts of PIP. Things like:



- How decisions about PIP are made

and

- How people ask for PIP.





The new Government want to look at all of PIP.



They want to make sure PIP supports people to live as **independently** as possible.

Independently means doing some things by yourself and some things with some support.



The review is not looking at stopping spending money on PIP.



PIP will still be a health and disability benefit for people who need it.

Who will do the review



Sir Stephen will work together with lots of different people on the review. This will include:

- Disabled people and their carers.
- Organisations that are run by disabled people or support disabled people.
- People who work in health and **social care**.



Social care is care and support that people might need at home, in their local community or in a care home.

When people aged 18 and older need support, we call it **adult social care**.





- Other **experts**. An **expert** is someone who knows a lot about something.



- **Politicians**. A **politician** is someone who helps to make decisions about running the country.



- Other people who are interested in health and disability benefits.



This way of working is called **co-production**.



It will help to make sure lots of people's views and voices are heard.

What the review team will look at

The review will look at if the money from PIP:



- Helps to support people

and



- Helps people to live independently.

Checking the PIP assessment looks at the right things

People have an assessment when they ask for PIP.



This is a check about how a disability or health condition affects someone's everyday life.



The assessment for PIP looks at different things. We call these things **activities**.



These activities are things like:

- Cooking.



- Washing, getting dressed or going to the toilet.



- **Communicating** with other people. **Communicating** is telling people what you want and how you feel.



- Planning to go somewhere. This might be by taking the bus.



- Standing and getting around.



The assessment checks if you can do these activities by yourself or with some support.



The review team will look at if the assessment looks at the right activities.



Checking if the PIP assessment should look at anything else

The review team will check if there is anything missing in the assessment.



This could be something that shows how someone's disability or health condition affects their daily life.



Making sure the PIP assessment is fair and gives the right support

The review will check if the PIP assessment is fair.



This means if decisions are made in the same way for everyone when they ask for benefits.



Being fair will make sure people get the right support.

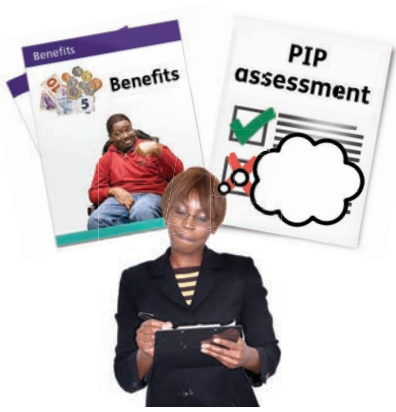


Getting the right benefits or support

Getting PIP can help some people to get other benefits too.



These benefits might help with things like support to work.



The review team will look at how the PIP assessment helps people to get the benefits and support they need.

Important rules the review team will follow

The review team will:



- Make sure that PIP is fair and works well for people now and in the future.



- Make sure that everyone who needs it will still be able to get PIP.



- Make sure that we involve disabled people when we plan and do the review.



- Make sure the review links in with other work the Government is doing.



- Make sure the review helps to make sure the Government spends its money in the best way.



- Think about how any changes will affect people who already get PIP.
We will make sure it is fair for people who get it now and in the future.

What will happen next



Sir Stephen Timms and the steering group will write a report.



He will give the report to the Government.



The report will say how PIP works now. It will also include ideas for changes to make PIP better.



This will help the Government to decide what to do next.