



Department
for Work &
Pensions



Dear all,

This letter is about our work on the
Timms Review so far.



The **Timms Review** is about a benefit
called **Personal Independence
Payment**. This is called **PIP** for short.



We are making sure that PIP is fair for
everyone. And that it works well in
the future.



Disabled people, their organisations
and **experts** are helping us with this
work. **Experts** are people who know a
lot about something.



Our work so far

1. We asked for people to join our steering group



The **steering group** is a group of people who will help to run the Review.



Most of the people in the group will be:

- Disabled people

and



- People from organisations who help disabled people to speak up.



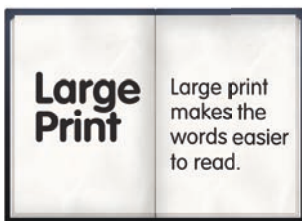
This means that disabled people's voices will help to guide all of our work.

2. We sent out some accessible information about the steering group



Accessible means easy for everyone to use and understand.

We sent out the information in:



- Large print.



- Easy Read.



- **Audio.** **Audio** is recordings of people reading out the words.



- British sign language.



- Welsh.

3. 2 new co-chairs have joined us



The **co-chairs** are people who will lead the Review.



The co-chairs are Sharon Brennan, Dr Clenton Farquharson CBE and Sir Stephen Timms.



Sharon and Clenton both have experience of being disabled. They know what it is like to use disability, health and care services.



Sharon has done lots of work with disabled people and their organisations.



She has looked at what disabled people think and feel about using health and care services.



Clenton has done lots of work speaking up for disabled people.



And he helps organisations to include disabled people in their work.



Sir Stephen Timms works for the Government.



He helps the Government to make decisions about things that affect disabled people.



Through his work, Sir Stephen has learned a lot about the problems disabled people face.

What will happen next



We will choose an organisation to help to plan and run the Review.



More than **340** people filled in our form asking to join the steering group.



We will choose **12** of these people.



The steering group will have a meeting soon to get to know each other.



There will be an **induction** for all the steering group members. This will be in January.



This is a time when members will:

- Learn more about the Review.



- Find out what the group's job is.



- Tell us about the support they need to take part.



Members will start working on the Review after the induction.

Our work so far means that we will start 2026 with:



- A plan for **co-production**.
This means working together with people.



It means learning from their experiences. And finding out what they think about PIP and how it could work.



- A plan for the Review. This means we will know what is happening and when it will happen.



- A steering group that is ready to work on the Review with us.



We will write to you again at the start of 2026 to tell you what is happening.

From



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Sir Stephen Timms
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For more information

You can read more about the Timms Review on our website:

**[www.gov.uk/government/
collections/the-timms-review](https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-timms-review)**

