



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions

Dear all,



This letter tells you about work we  
have been doing on the **Timms  
Review**.



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.

# What we have been doing

## 1. We chose 12 people to join our steering group



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



More than 340 people asked to join the group.



Lots of good people asked to be in the group. We chose 12 people to be in the group.



The 12 people know a lot about health, disability and benefits.



Together, they have experience of things like:

- Working for organisations who help disabled people to speak up

and



- Working with other people to make decisions.



Almost all of the people in the group have a disability or a **long term 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.



**Long term** means it lasts for 12 months or more.



We tell you more about the 12 people in the steering group at the end of this letter.

## 2. How we will make co-production work



**Co-production** is a way of working together with people.



We will work together with disabled people, their organisations and experts.

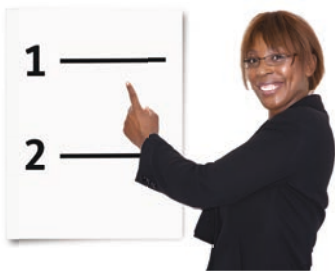


This will help to make sure lots of people have a chance to say what they think. And that we can listen to their ideas.



Co-production is a really important part of the Review. We want to make sure we do it right.





We have chosen 2 organisations to help us.

We have chosen:

**The PSC**

- **The Public Service Consultants.**  
They are called **The PSC** for short.

and



- **West of England Centre for Inclusive Living.**  
They are called **WECIL** for short.



These organisations know a lot about co-production.

They know a lot about disability and including people.



They will help us to make sure that we are doing co-production well.

# What will happen next



The steering group have started work on the Review already.



The group had a video call to get to know each other.



And they have done some training to find out more about the Review.



In the next few weeks, the group will have more meetings.



They will start working on co-production. And start thinking about PIP.



The group will also get ready to start talking to other people about PIP.



They will make sure many people who want to can take part.



Thank you for wanting to know more about our Review.



We will write to you again. We will tell you more about the work we are doing.



From



**Sharon Brennan**  
Co-chair of the Timms Review.



**Dr Clenton Farquharson CBE**  
Co-chair of the Timms Review.



**Sir Stephen Timms**  
Co-chair of the Timms Review.

# About the steering group

## Dr Mark Brookes MBE



Mark works for an organisation that supports people with a learning disability and autistic people.



He has also worked with lots of other organisations like the NHS and the police.



Mark has done a lot of work to:

- Speak out for people with learning disabilities and autistic people

and



- Stand up for people who are treated unfairly.

## Tara Flood



Tara has done lots of work standing up for disabled people's **rights**.



Your **rights** are things you are allowed to do and how you should be treated.



She works for Hammersmith and Fulham local council. She works with local people to make changes to services.

## Mark Fosbrook



Mark took part in the **Paralympic Games**.

The **Paralympic Games** is a big sports competition for disabled people.



Mark now works for West Midlands **Combined Authority**. A **Combined Authority** is when a group of councils come together to run services.



Mark speaks out for disabled people.



He speaks out about things like housing, jobs and health.

## Ben Geiger



Ben is a teacher at King's College in London.



Ben knows a lot about benefits and co-production.



Some of his work is about how it feels to get benefits in different countries.

## Katrina Gilman



Katrina speaks up for disabled people.



She knows what it is like to be a carer.



She helps organisations to support disabled people.



## Jean-André Prager



Jean-André works for different charities and organisations that support disabled people.



He has done a lot of work for the Government. He knows a lot about PIP and disability.

## Dr Lucy Reynolds



Lucy speaks out for disabled people's rights.



She has set up and worked for organisations that support disabled people.



## Dr Felix Shi

Felix is a teacher at Bangor University.



He has done lots of work with disabled people and their organisations in Wales.

## Dr Dharshana Sridhar



Dharshana works for an organisation that supports people who have hurt the bones in their back.



She knows what it is like to be a carer.



Dharshana has worked with the Government before.



She speaks out for disabled people's rights.



## Phil Stevens

Phil works with organisations that support disabled people in Haringey and Islington.



Phil knows a lot about making change and standing up for **D/deaf** and disabled people.



**D/deaf** means a person who has been deaf from birth or a person who finds it hard to hear things.



## Leila Talmadge

Leila has done a lot of work for organisations that support disabled people.



Leila is **neurodivergent**. We say it like this: **new-row-die-ver-jent**.



**Neurodivergent** is when your brain works differently from other people's.



You might think and feel things differently.



And you may **communicate** in a different way.

**Communicate** means being able to tell other people what you want and how you feel.



Leila has done lots of work to help autistic people in Scotland.

## George Fielding BEM



George speaks up for disabled people's rights.

He has worked for lots of different services in the UK.



George knows a lot about working with young people.



And he knows a lot about **social care** and working with people in local areas.



**Social care** is care you can get in your own home. Or in places like a day centre or a care home.



George has done a lot of co-production.