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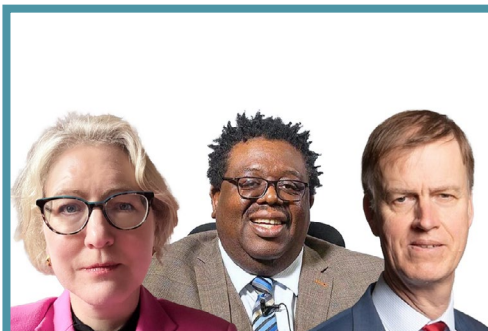
Timms Review Co-chair Update Letter April 2026

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Introduction



Dear all,

We are the co-chairs of the Timms Review:

- Sharon Brennan
- Dr Clenton Farquharson CBE
- Sir Stephen Timms.



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.

For more Easy Read information about PIP, go to www.gov.uk

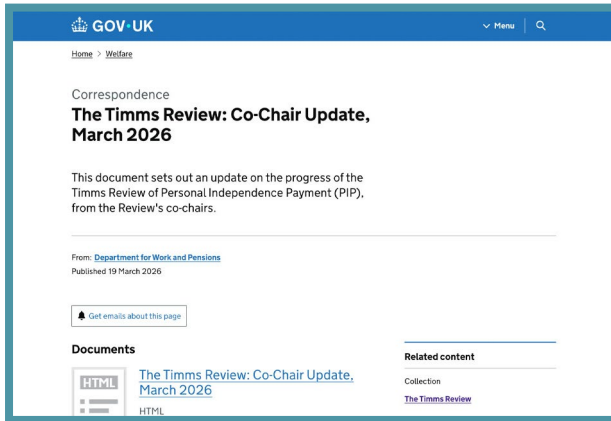
Search for **Easy Read PIP**.



This letter tells you about work that we have been doing on the **Timms Review** and how people can take part.

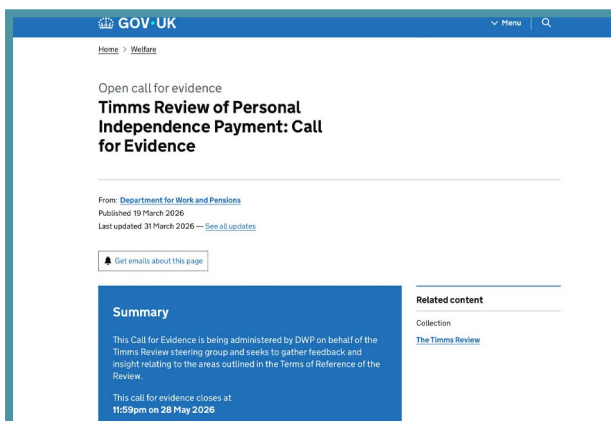
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What we said in our last letter



In our last letter, we told you about what the **steering group** has been doing.

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



We also told you that we are doing a **Call for Evidence**.

A **Call for Evidence** is a form that anyone can fill out to tell us what they think about PIP.



You can respond to the Call for Evidence until 28 May 2026

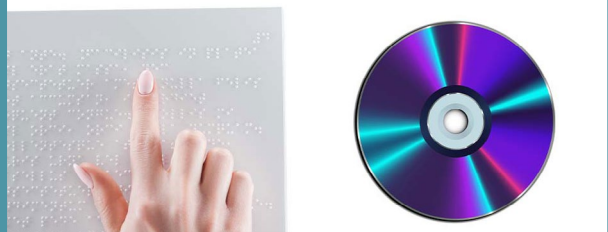


We want to hear from lots of people and organisations about PIP.



You can find the Call for Evidence here: [Timms Review of Personal Independence Payment: Call for Evidence on www.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/timms-review-of-personal-independence-payment-call-for-evidence)

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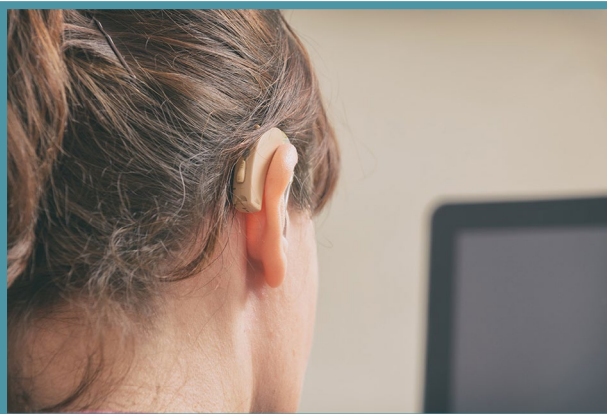
We have also sent out this information in:

- large print
- Easy Read
- audio
- British Sign Language
- Welsh.



IMPORTANT

In our last letter, we explained that the Call for Evidence is only 1 way to hear what people think.



The Review's steering group want to hear lots of people's views.

The groups wants to hear different sorts of **evidence**.

Evidence can be facts and figures, or people's own experiences.



The group will get new evidence in lots of different ways.

This includes ways to hear people's experiences.



It also includes hearing work that organisations have already done on what people think of PIP or what changes could be made to PIP.



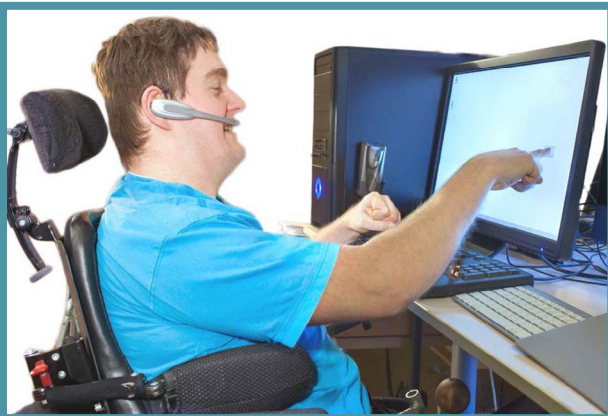
Taking evidence in lots of ways means that people and organisations can tell us their views in a way that works for them.

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How the Review will get evidence and hear people's views



It is important that lots of people get to take part in the Review and share their views.



We are doing 6 different things to get evidence and hear what people think.

1. A Call for Evidence



The first way to take part is the Call for Evidence.

This will help the steering group to understand what the problems with PIP are.

2. Existing data and research



Existing data and research means information that we already have, including numbers.

The steering group will look at this information to help them make decisions.



The steering group will consider existing research from:

- Disability organisations
- Other charities
- Experts
- Government.

3. A new survey



A **survey** means asking lots of people what they think about something.

This will help the steering group to get new information that they do not already have.



An organisation called the **National Centre for Social Research** will help us to do the survey.

They are called **NatCen** for short.

4. Workshop in a box



A **workshop** is where people get together to talk about how to fix problems.



We will help disability charities to run workshops.

This will give people a chance to say what they think about PIP.

5. Hearing from experts



The steering group will talk to **experts**.

Experts are people who know a lot about something.



The group will decide which experts to work with, including disabled people and people who work for disability organisations.

They will hear from experts to better understand different topics.

6. Deliberative events



Deliberative events are when groups of people get together to learn about something.

They listen to facts and talk about it.

Then the groups share ideas on what should be done.



We will hold deliberative events where people can talk about ways to make PIP better and test different ideas.

They can discuss ideas as a group and improve the Review's suggestions.



These events will happen in different places around the UK.



The steering group believes using different methods is important.

It means we hear from more people and get lots of different types of evidence for the Review.



We will tell you more about the ways to take part in our next letter.

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Looking forward



The steering group will keep working during the next few months.



In the summer, the Review will get evidence and hear from different people.

This will help the group think about the problems with PIP and different ways it could work.



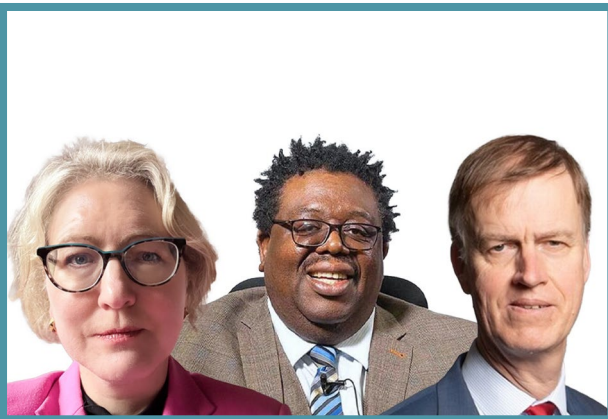
In the autumn, the steering group will test ideas about what to do with PIP.



We will keep on writing these letters so you know how our work is going.

Thank you for your interest in the Timms Review.

We look forward to hearing about your experiences and what you think about PIP.



As co-chairs, we are grateful for people who have given their time and experience.

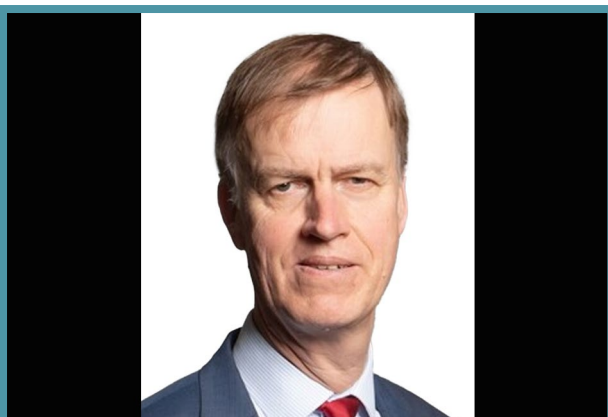
From the co-chairs of the Timms Review



Yours sincerely,
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