



Department  
for Work &  
Pensions



# The Timms Review Workshop in Easy read Notes for people running the workshops using easy read



# Running a workshop



Thank you for running this workshop.



Here are some things you need to know before you start.



You can do the workshop online or in person.



You do not have to use all of the slides if you do not need to.



How long the workshop is depends on how many slides you want to use. It can be between 45 minutes and 2 and a half hours.



You must ask everyone if they agree to come to the workshop.



And if they agree for you to share what they say in the workshop with the Timms Review.

## How to tell us what people said



When you have run the workshop you need to tell us what people said.



And tell us a little bit about the people who came to your workshop.



We have a form you can give to people who come to your workshop. It asks them some questions about themselves.



And we have another form for you to fill in. You can use it to tell us people's answers.



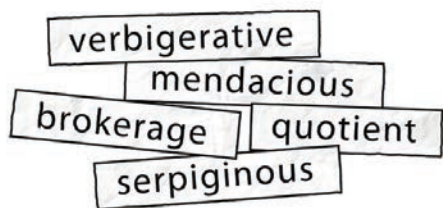
You must send the answers back to us by **5pm on Friday 17th July 2026.**



To get the forms you can email us:  
**[timmsreview.workshopinbox@dwp.gov.uk](mailto:timmsreview.workshopinbox@dwp.gov.uk)**

## About these notes

When you show people the easy read slides they will see some hard words.



You must tell people in the workshop what the hard words mean.



This booklet tells you how to explain these hard words.



There are also some extra notes to help you explain other things in the slides too.



## Slide 2: About this workshop

Here are things you need to explain on slide 2:



**Benefits** means money from the Government for people who need help to pay for things.

This might be because they are unwell, disabled, or do not have a job.



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



Sir Stephen Timms is leading the review. This is why it is called the **Timms Review**.



## Slide 6: What is the Timms Review

Here are things you need to explain on slide 6:



**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.



A long term health condition is a health condition that lasts for 12 months or longer.



**Extra costs** are things people need to help them. Things like a stair lift to help them get upstairs.



Or paying to have the heating on more in their homes.

**Slide 7: What is the Timms Review**

- The Government is doing a review about PIP. The review is called the **Timms Review**.
- They want PIP to be fair and work well for people.
- And they want PIP to help people to live independently.

## Slide 7: What is the Timms Review

Here are things you need to explain on slide 7:



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



## Slide 8: Who is involved in the Timms Review

Here are things you need to explain on slide 8:



It is really important to the Government to include disabled people and people with a health condition in the review.



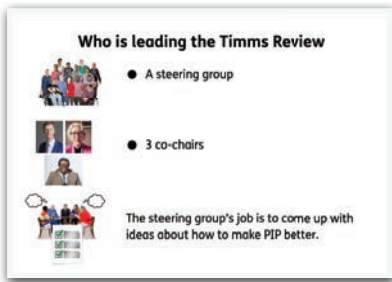
Co-production is a way of working together with people.



It means people who are affected by PIP will help to make decisions about it.



This is the biggest piece of co-production the Government has ever done.



## Slide 10: Who is leading the Timms Review

Here are things you need to explain on slide 10:



There are 15 people in the steering group.

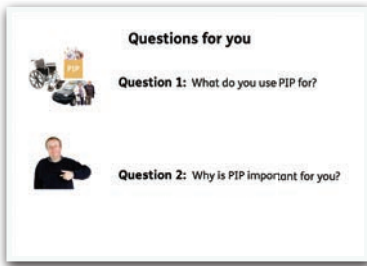


Most of the people in the steering group are disabled or have a long term health condition.

Or they know a lot about health, disability and benefits.



The **co-chairs** are people who are in charge of meetings about the Timms Review.



## Slide 15: Questions for you

You could say these things to help people think about how to answer the questions.



### Question 1: What do you use PIP for?

Think about what you spend the money from PIP on.



Or what other things PIP helps you to get. Things like a Blue Badge.



If you don't get PIP, think about what you would spend the money on.



### Question 2: Why is PIP important to you?

Think about what PIP helps you to do.



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You could give the group examples of extra things people might have to pay for.



You might have to pay for things like a stair lift to help you get upstairs.



Or paying to have the heating on more in your home.



Some people have to pay even more. They might live in a place where it is not easy to get a bus.



They might have to spend more money from PIP on petrol to help them get around.



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You could say these things to help people think about how to answer question 5.



**Question 5: What do you think PIP should help people to do?**



Think about what PIP should be used for in the future.



And how it helps people in their everyday lives.



## Slide 22: How asking for PIP usually works

Here are things you need to explain on slides 22 and 23:



The **DWP** is the **Department of Work and Pensions**.

They are the part of the Government that is in charge of benefits. They are called **DWP** for short.

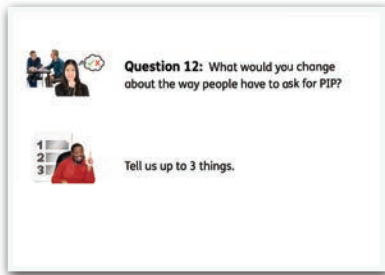
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The **assessment** is a check to see if a person can do everyday things like cooking, washing and telling people what you want or feel.



If the DWP says no to PIP, you might **appeal**. An **appeal** is when you ask the DWP to think again about their decision.



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You could say these things to help people think about how to answer question 12.



### Question 12: what would you change about the way people have to ask for PIP?

You might want to think about things that make it hard for people to ask for PIP.



And what would make it easier for people to ask for it.



Things like help to use computers to fill in forms.



Or having someone to support you in the assessment.

**Question 15:** How much do you agree that the PIP assessment is fair?

I strongly disagree   I disagree   I do not agree or disagree   I agree   I strongly agree

**Question 16:** Why do you think this?

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You could say these things to help people think about how to answer question 15.



**Question 15: How much do you agree that the PIP assessment is fair?**

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**PIP Points**

7	1	4
8	2	5
9	3	6

This means if the PIP assessment looks at the right things.



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

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You could say these things to help people think about how to answer question 17.



## Question 17: What should the PIP assessment look at in the future?



You should think about how we can make the PIP assessment easier and fairer for everyone.



You could think about what questions people should be asked.



And what information people should share about their disability or health condition.

