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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



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



We are writing to give an update about the Review.

What this letter explains



This letter gives an update about the Interim Report and what will happen next.

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

Search for **Easy Read PIP**.

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Interim Report



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The Interim Report has now been published.

It explains the work the Review has completed so far.



This includes what people told us in the Call for Evidence.

The Call for Evidence was a way we heard people's thoughts about PIP.



The report is available on GOV.UK in:

- audio and British Sign Language (BSL) video
- easy read and large print PDF
- Welsh.

What the Interim Report says



The steering group has looked at what people told us in the Call for Evidence.



The steering group believes that PIP is important to many people but it is not working.



The steering group wants to make changes so PIP works better now and in the future.



This information and what people tell us will help the Review.



More than 38,000 people and organisations shared their views through the Call for Evidence.

We would like to thank you all.

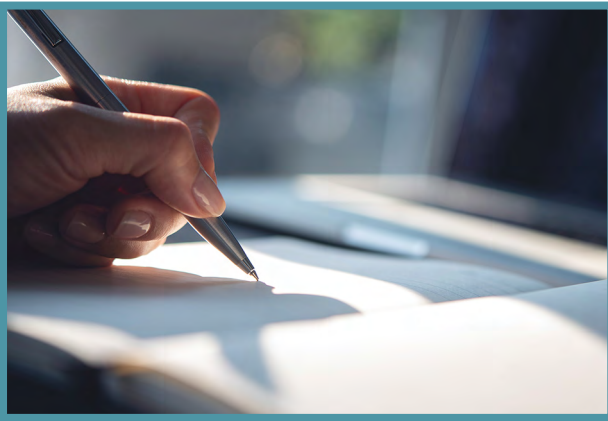


The Interim Report explains:

- how the Review is being co-produced
- what evidence has been collected so far



- the main themes that have been found
- what work still needs to be done.



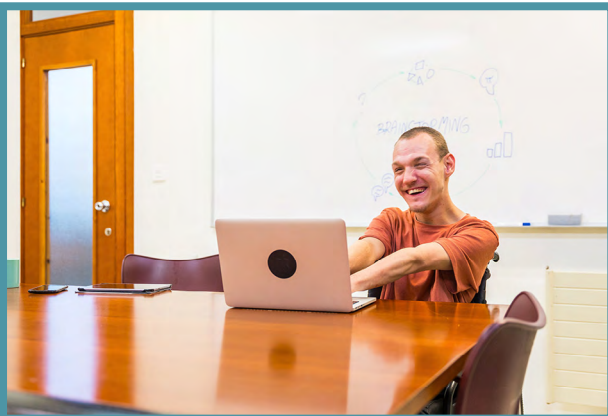
The Review will continue to collect and consider new evidence and hear from people.

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Evidence and engagement



The steering group wanted to hear from many different people.



We said there would be different ways people can take part in the Review



This was so people could choose the the best way for them to take part.

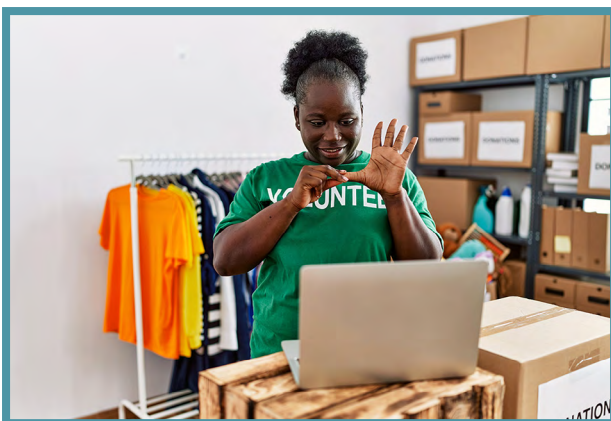
Workshop in a Box



Organisations can use the 'Workshop in a Box' to talk to people about PIP



These workshops help people share their experiences with the Review.



This includes, but is not limited to:

- d/Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations (DDPOs)
- disability or health charities



- community groups
- elected representatives.

Elected representatives are people that other people have chosen to represent them, like Members of Parliament.



The steering group will look at what people told the organisations in these workshops.



**17 July
2026**

The end date for the workshops and collecting evidence is 17 July 2026.

Expert sessions

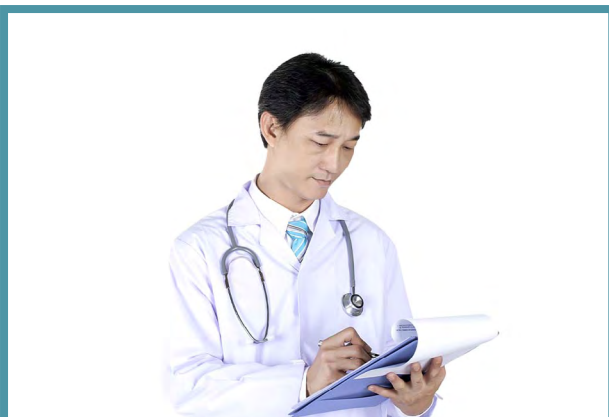


The steering group is meeting with different types of experts across different areas.



These include:

- Disabled People's Organisations
- charities
- people who work for the government



- think tanks
- doctors and other people who have medical training
- legal professionals.

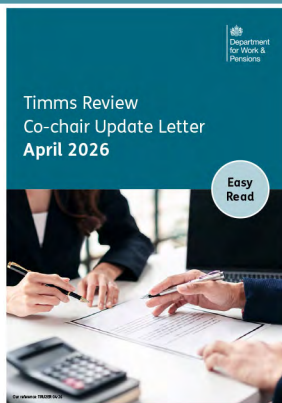


These sessions will help the steering group think about how a future PIP system could work.



The sessions will continue over the summer as we continue to gather information.

Survey



We mentioned in our April update that a survey will take place later this summer.



The survey will ask disabled people and people with health conditions about their experiences.



The survey will use a group of people who have already agreed to take part in research.



This group is managed by the National Centre for Social Research.



**Autumn
2026**

The steering group will look at the survey findings in September 2026.

The survey results will then be published later in Autumn 2026.

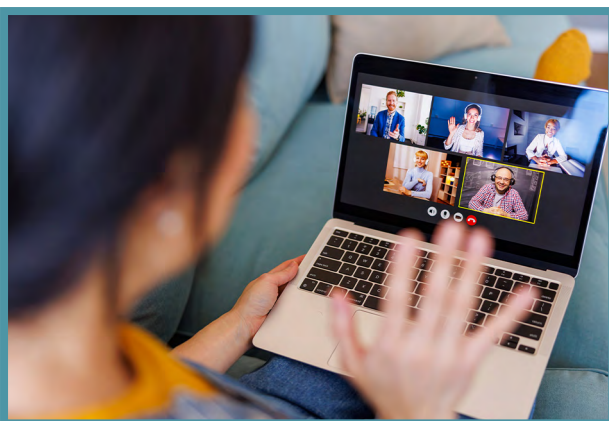
‘Shaping Recommendations Workshops’



We have already said that we will hold other workshops.



The workshops are now called ‘Shaping Recommendations Workshops’.



They will take place later this summer.
They will take place online and in person across the UK.



Disabled people and others will be able to share their views.



These workshops will help test ideas and improve the Review's recommendations.



The workshops are important.
They will help to make sure the recommendations are fair and make a difference in people's lives.

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Looking ahead and closing message



Thank you for taking part in the Review and sharing your views.



Your ideas and experiences are helping the review move forward.



With your help, we can make a fairer PIP system that works better for people.

From the co-chairs of the Timms Review



Yours sincerely,
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Sharon Brennan



Sir Stephen Timms