



Department
for Work &
Pensions



About our Shaping Recommendations Workshops

We will be looking at ideas to make the
Personal Independence Benefit better.
It is called **PIP** for short



About this booklet



This booklet tells you useful information about the Timms **Review**. And about the **workshops** we are going to run.



A **workshop** is when a group of people get together to talk and share ideas.



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



The Timms Review is looking at a **health and disability benefit** called Personal Independence Payment. It is called **PIP** for short.



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.

About the Timms Review Steering Group



The Government is doing a lot of work looking at PIP.



They want to make sure PIP is fair.
And that it gives people the best support for their needs.



A **steering group** are leading the Timms Review to look at PIP.



There are 15 people in the steering group.



3 people in the group are **co chairs**.
They lead the steering group.



The people on the steering group
know about health, disability and
benefits.



Most people in the group have
a disability or a health condition.
Or they work for places who help
disabled people to speak up.



The steering group's job is to come up
with ideas about how to make PIP
better.

Why we are doing workshops



The steering group have done a lot of work looking at PIP.



They have put together a list of ideas about how to make PIP better.
The things on the list are called **recommendations**.



The steering group wants to find out what people think about the ideas.



They are having lots of workshops so that people can have their say.

About the workshops

There will be 15 workshops in September and October.



9 workshops will be face to face.



6 workshops will be **online**.
Online means using a computer, phone or tablet to join the meeting.



The workshops will be from 10am to 4pm.



Up to 20 people can take part in each workshop.



Who can come to the workshops



We really want to hear from:

- Disabled people and people with a long term health condition

and



- People who know what it is like to ask for PIP or get PIP.



People from all across the UK can ask to take part.



You can only come to 1 workshop.

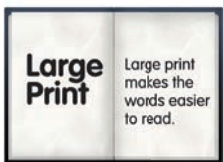
Support to take part



You can have support to take part in a workshop, if you need it.

This might be things like:

Bringing someone with you to support you.



Having information in a way that is best for you.

Things like large print or easy read.



Bringing your support animal.



You can let us know what support you might need.

What we will pay for



We can pay you some money for taking part in a workshop.



We will pay for travel to get to the face to face workshops.



And pay for any support you need to take part.



If we pay you for coming a workshop, it might affect how much **tax** you need to pay.



Tax is money you give to the Government from money you get paid.



If we pay you it might also affect how much you get in benefits, if you get them.



You could ask the Jobcentre to help you find out about tax and benefits.



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We can give you more information to help you do this too.

You can email us at:

timmsreview.shapingrecommendations@dwp.gov.uk



You can still come to a workshop and choose not to be paid.

What to do if you want to come to a workshop



We have a form for you to fill in.
You can find the form on our website:
www.gov.uk/government/publications/timms-review-of-personal-independence-payment-register-your-interest-in-a-shaping-recommendations-workshop



You must send us your form back by
5pm on Friday 21st August.



Email your form to us at:
**timmsreview.shapingrecommendations
@ dwp.gov.uk**



If you cannot fill in the form, let us
know. You can email us.

Choosing people to come to the workshops



On the form you can tell us which workshop you would like to come to.



We will read everyone's forms.



We will choose who will come to the workshops.



We will make sure we choose lots of different people.



We will let you know if we choose you by **Friday 4th September 2026.**

What happens after the workshops



We will write down what everyone says at the workshops.

Then we will share it with the steering group.



Will not write your name next to the things you said. That way no-one will know if you have told us something.



The steering group will look at everything people said.



It will help them decide on their final recommendations.



The steering group will let people know what ideas they use from the workshops and why.