

Department for Work & Pensions

Dear all,



This is our last letter about the **Timms Review**.

The review is about a benefit called **Personal Independence Payment.**

This benefit is called **PIP** for short.



The Timms Review is now finished.
We have written our final report.



The report tells you what we have found out about PIP.

And it tells you our ideas about what could happen next.



You can read the final report on the Government's website:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-timms-review-final-report

Working together



We spoke to lots of different people. And we spoke to lots of places that support people.



The steering group listened to people across the country.



Thousands of people shared their ideas and experiences about PIP.



The things they told us really helped to make a difference to our review.

Our ideas for change



People said that PIP is really important to them.



But how you have to ask for PIP can make people feel bad and not important.



And it makes people feel like they can not do things for themselves.



This helped the steering group to be clear about what PIP should do.



The final report says what our ideas are to make PIP work better for everyone.



PIP should help people to pay for things they need because of their disability or health condition.



It should help them to have more choice over what they want to happen in their life.



It will help people to join in and do things that they want to do.



It will help people to be more **independent**.

Independent means being able to do things by yourself or with some support.



It will make asking for and getting PIP fairer.

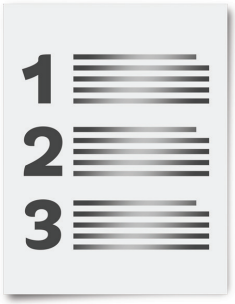


And it will support people more.



Our ideas

We looked at everything people told us about PIP.



We used it to put together a list of ideas.
These ideas are called **recommendations**.



Our ideas are split into 2 parts.



Part 1. These are ideas about changes to how PIP works now.



These are smaller changes that will make PIP work better.



Small changes are things like:

- Make asking for and getting PIP less stressful.



- Make decisions about PIP easier to understand.



Part 2. These are ideas for a new **reformed** benefit.



Reformed means bigger changes to how PIP looks and works.



PIP should still be given as money.



And people will be offered other support.

What happens next



This is the end of the Review.



The Government will look at all of our ideas about PIP.



They will decide what happens next.

Thank you



We would like to say thank you to everyone who told us about their experience of PIP.



We would also like to thank the steering group for all their work on the Timms Review.

From



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