Department for Work & Pensions



The Timms Review of PIP benefit: Final report

Booklet 1: Ideas about changing PIP to make it better



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About this Easy Read



Easy Read uses easy words and pictures.



This Easy Read tells you the main things in a big report about the PIP benefit.



This Easy Read is long.
The information in it is important.



You could ask someone to help you read it, if you need to.

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About PIP



The **PIP benefit** is money some people can get from the Government.



The money is to help pay for extra things you need to help you because of a disability or **health condition**.



A **health condition** is a problem that affects your body.

Things like having a bad back, pain or 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.



People can get PIP if they work.
And they can get it if they don't work.



It does not matter how much money people already have.



People use the money from PIP to help with everyday things like cooking.



Or they use it for help with travelling and getting around.



The **Department for Work and Pensions** is the part of the Government in charge of benefits.

They are called the **DWP** for short.



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



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



And they want to make sure it works well in the future.

About the Timms Review



We are a group of people who have been looking at PIP.

We are called the **steering group**.



Most of the people in our group are disabled or have a health condition.



Or they work for places who help disabled people to speak up.



The work we are doing is called the **Timms Review**.



It was really important that we include disabled people and people with a health condition in our work.



It means people who PIP is for helped to make decisions about it.

What we did



We did a lot of work to find out what people think about PIP.



We spoke to people in lots of different ways.



More than 40 thousand people told us what they think.

What we found out



A lot of people said that PIP is really important to them.



But lots of people said there are problems with how PIP works now.



They said asking for PIP is really hard.



Some people said it makes them feel bad and not important.



Some people said the way you ask for PIP can make it unfair.



It only looks at what you cannot do.



Not what you can do.
Or what you want to do in your life.



People are worried their PIP might stop if they do things like sport.

Or helping out at a community group.



They are worried that if they have a job it will affect their PIP.



People said the way you ask for PIP does not work well for everyone.



It does not think about people who have a condition that changes day to day.



People might be able to do things some days.
Things like getting dressed or chopping food.



But they cannot do it on other days.



People said the way you ask for PIP does not think about people with a **hidden disability**.

A **hidden disability** is when someone cannot see your disability just by looking at you.



What PIP should do

These are the important things we think PIP should do.



PIP should help to pay towards extra things people need to help them because of their disability or health condition.



It should help people to make choices and live as **independently** as possible.



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



PIP should help people to take part in day to day life.



It should be easy and fair for people to ask for PIP.



PIP should still be given as money.



And people should be able to get support too, if they want it.



People should get support in their local area.



Any changes to PIP should not take away other support people can get.

Things like the **Motability Scheme**.



This helps people to travel and get around more easily.



It helps people get things like a car.



Or things like an electric wheelchair or a scooter.

Our ideas



We looked at everything people said about PIP.



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



Our ideas are split into 2 parts.



Part 1: Ideas about changes to how PIP works now.



Some of these ideas could be made done more quickly.



Part 2: Ideas for a new **reformed** PIP benefit.



Reformed means there might be big changes to how PIP looks and works.

But it will still be PIP.



These ideas will take longer to make.



We have 2 more Easy Read booklets that tell you about our ideas.



You can find the booklets on this website:

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

Other changes that need to happen



Disabled people often need more help than just PIP.



They may need help from different services too.



Things like:

- Health and care services.



- Housing services.



- Job services.



These services should all work together better.



They should get better at sharing information.



And they should learn from disabled people and places that speak up for disabled people.



This will help disabled people get better support that is right for them.

What happens next



The Government will look at all of our ideas.



They will decide which changes they can make.



And they will decide how and when to make them.



The Government needs to test the ideas.

This is so they can pick the ones that are going to work best.



The Government should work closely with disabled people to make any changes.

Thank you



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

More information



There are 2 more Easy Read booklets about our ideas for changes to PIP on this website:

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



We have more Easy Read information about the Timms Review and the steering group.



You can find it on our website:

www.gov.uk/government/collections/the-timms-review

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