

Changes to Disability Living Allowance Government Questionnaire- Personal Independence Payment

**Responses from Speakeasy N.O.W Monthly Meeting held on 19th
March 2012**

1. What do you think of the governments latest ideas about the daily living activities?

- We think that the Daily Living Activities are a good way of finding out what support is needed.
- They have missed off work, leisure, sport and hobbies
- It is confusing. Some people will get the money and people that can do a lot for themselves might not get the money. Think it is unfair and unnecessary. Don't want it to change.
- It is hard to understand how it will work
- It will probably save the government money provided they stick to the system

2. What do you think of the governments ideas about the points allowed for daily living activities and the points you need to get this component?

- We think points are a good way of working it out – although a bit difficult to understand
- We think points are a fair way of assessing people
- Feel offended that everything is based on points. If you don't score the points, what are we expected to live off?
- If people live alone, how can they get pay for their home?
- Need a simple document to explain it
- Assessors need to be consistent in their approach
- Points for daily living should be the same for each activity or scored differently
- It depends on where you live – and whether you get support or not
- The point system will be hard to understand. When they come to assess us, it will be hard if they don't know us at all and how we cope with everyday life

3. What do you think of the governments latest ideas about the mobility activities?

- Mobility should be kept the same as it is now.
- If we are having a good day, what would then happen when we are having a bad day? Would we still get the money?
- Why not leave it as it is?
- Some people have problems with transport when they are out – like panic attacks on trains and buses, or using automatic doors

4. What do you think of the governments ideas about the points allowed for mobility activities and the points you need to get this component?

- Some of the words are a bit difficult to understand
- The mobility assessment points sounds fair
- Don't agree with the rules. We don't think this is a good idea
- What about health and safety moving around and accessibility (ramps and steps and assistance)
- There should be more categories under mobility

5. What do you think of what the regulations say about deciding who can get the payment?

- Change can make people worried about if they will still get money and how they will be assessed.
- It is good that they assess you more than once
- We think the idea of health problems are worse.
- Government are being selfish
- We think they should speak to us people with a disability and a learning disability

- The rules are too difficult to understand and should be made easier
- The four factors are not good and don't think they should score us altogether
- We think the new way is unfair and they aren't thinking properly
- Should come out and speak to us so they know what it is like to live with a learning disability instead of scoring us
- Assessors need to be consistent in their approach
- How will they decide when to re-assess?
- Can individuals request a re-assessment when circumstances change? (eg, health?)

6. What do you think of the government's ideas for dealing with health conditions that are sometimes a little better and sometimes a little worse?

- The rule about conditions that last less than 6 months is not fair
- Not clear as to how it is worked out

7. What do you think of the governments ideas about the meanings of the following words – safely, reliably and in a timely fashion?

- No responses

8. What do you think about the way the regulations show the meanings of words?

- The words are confusing

9. Do you want to say anything else about the draft regulations?

- We are worried about everything being changed
- Carers should be part of the assessment
- It is hard to understand this consultation
- This is all new and it is frightening for us
- It is hard to understand
- It would be a great idea if some had a family member with them when the assessor came, so that they can tell them about your needs and make sure that we feel comfortable.
- The 4 factors are ok but confusingly put.