

Second Draft PIP Response – South Gloucestershire LINK Adult Social Care Group

We have some concerns as to the way some questions/examples are left open to interpretation i.e. may lack motivation – this should be definitive, someone either lacks motivation or not and an uneducated judgement could be made. A medical professional should be asking these questions if a judgement like this is to be made.

The individual needs to be asked the questions based on a bad day as well as a good day, not on an average day as the knock on affect of a bad day cannot be predicted.

We noted nothing to suggest the need to socialise - this is an important part of health and wellbeing and feel this should be part of any comprehensive assessment.

Durability of clothing would be important with certain disabilities and the need to replace items more frequently.
Consideration for Mental Health indicators and Neurological conditions should be included in all areas..

We are concerned PIP will be used as a benchmark as to whether someone is classed as disabled and that PIP will not be part of the initial process leading to other services as DLA does.

Whether an individual is contributing to care from direct payments needs to be considered.

Due to certain disabilities durability of clothing may be diminished therefore requiring extra clothes or early replacement of items incurring increase cost.

Lastly, the questions regarding ability to do a task should ask; does achieving this task have a detrimental effect on the rest of your day? Meaning as individual tasks these can all be achieved but if one task is energy sapping the individual may be unable to do the other task that in isolation if asked would be achievable.

Regards

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