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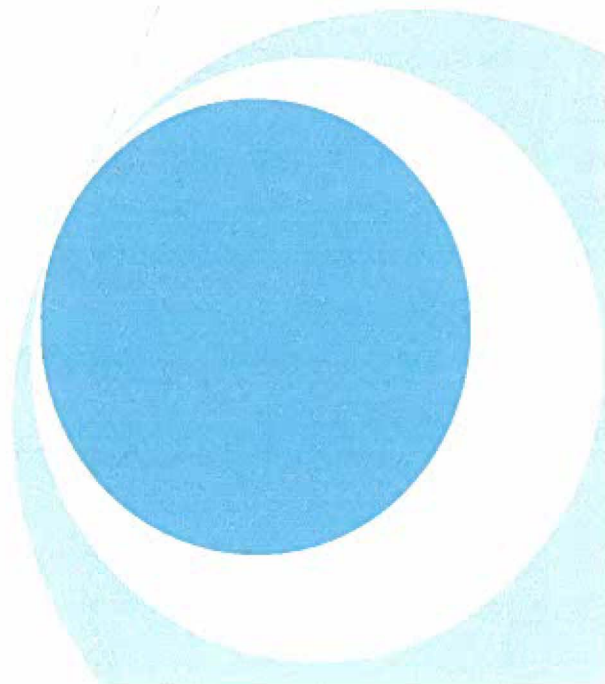
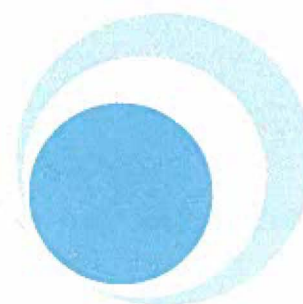
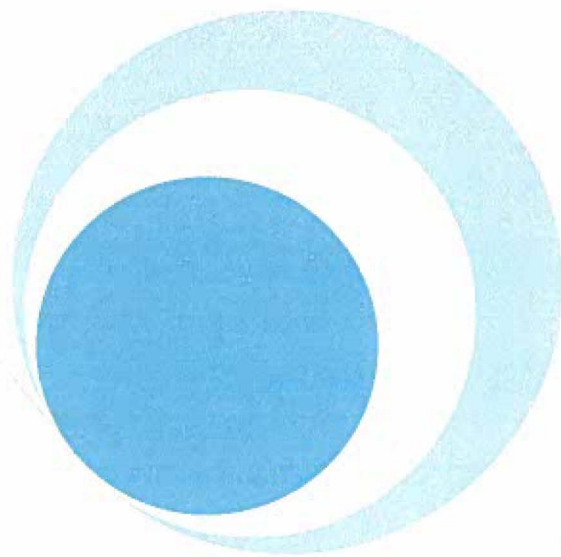
Advocacy Group

Response to consultation questions

T.U.F. 'Treat us Fairly' is a Self Advocacy Group in Tamworth, Staffordshire. During a T.U.F. meeting group members have discussed the consultation questions, their views have been compiled as documented in the following pages.

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Consultation questions

Question 1 - What do you think of the government's latest ideas about the daily living activities?

Worried about how much money we will get.

How will it affect bills /household expenditure?

Impact on daily life

Embarrassment/Invasive

Individuals concerned that they would have to give money back if they are assessed.

Confusing for parents and carers despite the eager need

It is linked with having a job

What I take in Medication

Who do I need to support with bills and money

Can see the logic in the changes

Would this money affect the amount of support that I get?

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

We need to try it and see

Yes ask personal information - Parent /Carer/next of Kin

Question 2- What do you think of the government's ideas about the points allowed for daily living activities and the points you need to get this component

Making decisions about money (very low points)

A good idea

Quite good

If it's in the best interest of everyone then its fair, people could feel threatened if they think they are being spied on. People need thorough explanation about it to make it fair

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

Yes

These meetings are a good idea to talk about it

- Question 3-What do you think of the government's latest ideas about the mobility activities

Good idea

More information needed re moving around - (how is it going to break down re points?)

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

Yes - as above

Question 4- What do you think of the government's ideas about the points allowed for mobility activities and the points you need to get this component?

Worried & anxious about if we will loose out financially.

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

Perhaps the "planning of the journey and the "following" of the plan should be two separate assessments

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

What do the regulations say?

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

What are the regulations - need clearer explanations

Question 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?

More explanation needed re allocated points (very vague).

Assess over a long period of time, to get an accurate picture, people have "good" and "bad" days

Situations change all the time

• Does the government need to make more changes to this?

Yes

There are lots of grey areas

Needs to be made clearer to understand

Seasonal changes can affect people; do they take that into account?

Easier to read, the terms used

Question 7 - What do you think of the government's ideas about the meanings of the following words - safely, reliably, repeatedly and in a timely fashion?

Jargon, difficult to understand.

Safely - happy with the meaning

Reliably - in the term "acceptable" Needs to be explained more clearly. The pictures don't relate to all the headings. Each heading would be better if it had graphics with it - perhaps a sequence.

Repeatedly - Not very clear meaning - people are better at different times of the day.

Timely Fashion - Difficult to understand how it's written, need more information.

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

Should the meanings be in the regulations?

Not many people with learning disabilities have capacity to understand meanings/regulations.

The regulations need to be kept clear and simple

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

Not enough pictures to support the written words/meanings, causes confusion.

Too complicated to understand

Needs more graphics, to accompany each point, perhaps in a sequence

Does the government need to make more changes to this?

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

Information is not clear, too much Jargon and very worrying.

Enjoyed having a chance to listen and speak up

It was democratic having a consultation, hopefully lead to positive changes

Needs to be explained better

Needed time to go through it again

Lots of information to get through

Does the government need to make more changes?

Yes

Make it simpler to understand