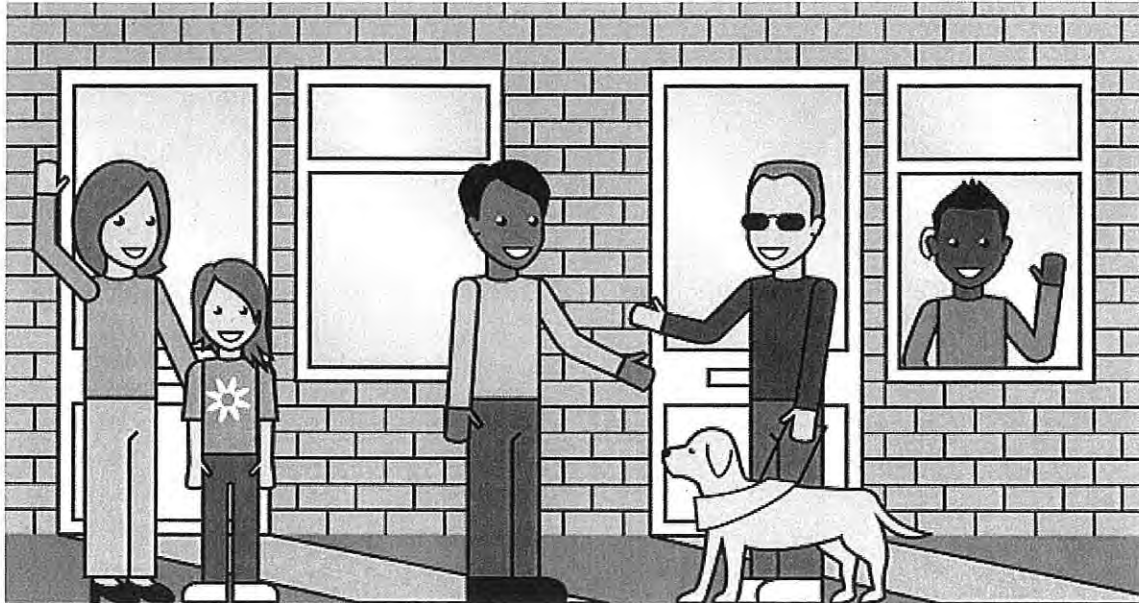


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Consultation about changing Disability Living Allowance to a new benefit

Tell us what you think

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Questions

Question 1

What things stop disabled people joining in with other people and living full, active and independent lives?

The quality service they received in the community.

Question 2

What parts of Disability Living Allowance do you think we should keep?

The disable person need
- all their DLA. to help them live
- a normal life in the community.

Question 3

What extra things do disabled people need to spend money on?

Spending money depend on the person disability, and extra care they need for some one else.

Question 4

The new benefit will have 2 amounts for each of the 2 parts of the benefit. Do you think this will make the benefit easier to understand and also easier for us to run?

Do you think just having the 2 amounts for each part will cause any problems?

I want make it easier to understand, but it would be cheap for you, because more people will be in the lower band.

Question 5

Do you think some health conditions or disabilities should allow people to get an amount of the benefit automatically?

Or do you think that all claims should be based on the needs of the person asking for the benefit?

Both part of the Question is right.
Certain condition will not change, only
get worse, that must exist auto. for
automatically should remain, that will save
cost.

Question 6

How can we make sure that disabled people who most need the new benefit can get it?

What activities or actions are the most important to live an independent life?

Each year there is a paper review of benefit
increased for April. Information can be given
then, and if the person is that position can
ring and discuss the case over the phone.
to see if they are qualified.

Question 7

How can we make sure that the new benefit takes into account the way a person's health condition can change?

That is why it is important to speak to someone over the phone to find out changes.

Question 8

When a person makes a claim to the new benefit, should we take account of any aids or adaptations that they use?

What aids and adaptations should we take into account?

Should we only take aids and adaptations into account if the person already uses them? Or should we take aids and adaptations into account that a person could use and get hold of easily?

Some person can't get about aids, or just to use bath-room. (No to reduce benefit) or can't list aids in question, because they worried up to exiting bed-room. Aids and adaptation should come from a different source, - and not DLA.

Question 9

How could we make the way a person asks for benefit better.
For example

- How could we make the claim form easier to fill in?
- How could we tell people about the new benefit so that they know what the benefit is for and who is likely to get the benefit?

*The above will depend on Social Worker
first request for help. So they should have
all the details (of the welfare person)*

Question 10

Who are the best people to tell us about the needs of the
person asking for benefit?

What information will we need to make it clear what the
person can and cannot do?

*Social worker
Only by assessment in person.*

Question 11

An important part of the new benefit may be talking face to face with an independent person about how well you can do the things you need to do to take part in everyday life.

What good things and bad things may this bring?

Is there any time when it would not be right to say that a person had to meet an independent person face to face, either in the person's own home or somewhere else?

*I agree with the above.
if the person think that they qualified
for benefit, they should have no problem
meeting the above need any where convince
to them*

Question 12

What should we use to decide how often we should look at a claim again and check it?

Should the way we look at a claim again depend on the needs of the person and their health condition or disability?

I think every 2-3 years with a
Social worker,
yes. Health and disability should be the
issue all the time.

Question 13

The new benefit will be easier for people to understand, so we will expect people to tell us when things change in their lives.

How can we get people to tell us about the changes in their lives?

People is quick to report worse, but not
if their condition improve. So that
is why 2-3. review with a Social
worker.

Question 14

What types of help and advice are people who will ask for the new benefit likely to need?

Would it help if we told people to get help and advice and where to get it from?

Yes it would be an idea if people can know where to get advice.

Question 15

How do disabled people pay for their aids and adaptations at the moment?

Should disabled people be allowed to use the new benefit to pay for a one-off cost?

I think for some age group it is needed,
No they should not use the new benefit to pay one off. One off should come from different source.

Question 16

What are the main differences we should think about when we are dealing with claims for children instead of adults?

children change every 6 month

Question 17

How important or useful has **Disability Living Allowance** been in getting people to use other services or to get other benefits?

What can we do to make things better?

At the moment people who get **Disability Living Allowance** automatically get help from other benefits and services, like the Blue Badge scheme and the Warm Front scheme.

What would it mean to disabled people if they did not automatically get help from these other benefits or services?

I don't think that DLA help is getting blue badge or warm front scheme, Because some one may not require benefit to be on warm front, I think age is quite enough.

Question 18

What information about the disabled person could we share with other services or government departments to stop the disabled person having to tell lots of people the same thing?

They say computer, 'But'
Think of having the whole of (UK) users
on one computer, when loses the disc in the
suit case on train, computer down. No one
can continued with work.

Question 19

How would our ideas for the new benefit affect different equality groups? For example, the equality groups looking at disability, age, race, gender, **sexual orientation** and religion and belief.

Sexual orientation

This is about whether a person is

- heterosexual – sexually attracted to people of the other sex.
- lesbian – a woman who is sexually attracted to women.
- gay – a man who is sexually attracted to men.
- bisexual – sexually attracted to men and women.
- asexual – not sexually attracted to men or women

*Benefit should not affect
any of the above.*

Question 20

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our plans?