

DWP About changing Disability Living Allowance

About the questions

On the next few pages there are questions that we would like you to give us your answers to.

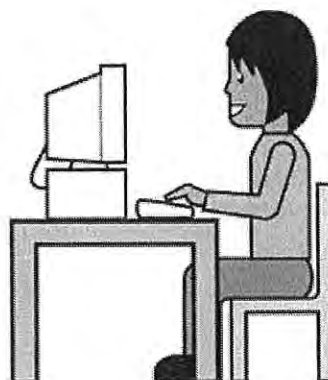
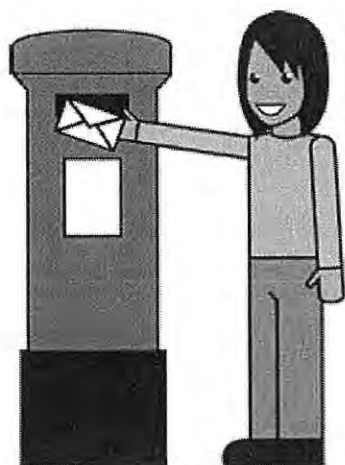
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And finally, thank you

Thank you for taking the time to look at this booklet and taking part in the consultation.

Questions

Question 1

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

PHYSICAL DIFFICULTIES / TIREDNESS (EXHAUSTION) /
DISCRIMINATION BY MAINSTREAM POPULATION /
PAIN & DISCOMFORT LEADING TO MENTAL EXHAUSTION /
TOTAL LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT FACILITIES / LACK OF
ONGOING & CONTINUAL SUPPORT SERVICES / FULL
ACCESSABILITY TO ALL HIGH STREETS ETC / NO or
LITTLE SUITABLE (PROPERLY PAID) EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
(NOT DE A JOB CENTRE JONES)

Question 2

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

ALL

Question 3

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

MEDICINE COSTS / EXTRA CLOTHING / HEATING - FUEL
BILLS AS NOT EVERYONE GETS THE WINTER ALLOWANCES
OR COLD WEATHER PAYMENTS DUE TO BEING A FEW PENNIES
OVER THE CUT OFF POINT / HOME HELP / ADAPTATION - EQUIPMENT
I.E DLA MOBILITY CAR BUT STILL NEED POWERED SCOOTER OR
WHEELCHAIR? THESE COST AS MUCH AS A CAR & DLA DOES NOT ALLOW
BOTH / HELP & ASSISTANCE / SPECIAL DIETS - FOOD COST SIGNIFICANTLY
MORE / ACCESSABILITY TO PHONE & INTERNET AT HOME AT
LITTLE COST & NO BT LINE RENTAL ETC ETC / ACCESS TO
TOWNS ETC THROUGH FULLY ACCESSABLE TRANSPORT - THIS IS
Question 4 CURRENTLY ONLY TAXIS & ARE EXCESSIVELY EXPENSIVE

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?

① NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND ② DONT KNOW ABOUT
THE RUNNING OF IT ③ YES - MORE COMPLICATED

Question 5

- ① Do you think some health conditions or disabilities should allow people to get an amount of the benefit automatically?
- ② Or do you think that all claims should be based on the needs of the person asking for the benefit?

① YES

② YES (SOME) CLAIMS SHOULD BE BASED ON
INDIVIDUAL NEEDS

Question 6

- ① How can we make sure that disabled people who most need the new benefit can get it?
- ② What activities or actions are the most important to live an independent life?

① DOCTORS / SOCIAL WORKERS / PROFESSIONALS /
CARERS

② MOST ON DLA AT PRESENT ARE UNABLE TO
LIVE OR WILL EVER LIVE AN INDEPENDANT
LIFE, THE ONLY & MAIN DIFFICULTY IS
SOCIAL HOUSING OF HIGH STANDARD IN AREAS
WHERE NEEDED INCLUDING RURAL & OF SIGNIFICANT
SIZE AS SMALL BOX'S DONT WORK WITH EQUIPMENT /
AIDS & ADAPTATION'S / STORAGE FOR ALL THIS EQUIP
WHEN NOT IN USE

Question 11

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What good things and bad things may this bring?

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Question 12

- (1) What should we use to decide how often we should look at a claim again and check it?
- (2) Should the way we look at a claim again depend on the needs of the person and their health condition or disability?

(1) P

(2) Yes

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?

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Question 14

- ① What types of help and advice are people who will ask for the new benefit likely to need?
- ② Would it help if we told people to get help and advice and where to get it from?

① AS IS AT PRESENT

② YES

Question 15

- ① How do disabled people pay for their aids and adaptations at the moment?
- ② Should disabled people be allowed to use the new benefit to pay for a one-off cost?

① SOME GET A GRANT BUT MOST HAVE TO FIND THE MONEY FROM THEIR DLA OR ELSEWHERE ETC.

② IT NEEDS BE, YES.

Question 16

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

REMEMBER THEY ARE CHILDREN & ALL DESERVE
A CHILDHOOD AS ANY ABLE BODIED WOULD CARRY
OUT.

Question 17

- ① How important or useful has Disability Living Allowance been in getting people to use other services or to get other benefits?
- ② What can we do to make things better?
- ③ 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?

- ① O.K. ② UNSURE AT PRESENT - A PART FROM AN INCREASE FOR SCOOTERS/ WCHAS (POWERED) ON TOP OF MOBILITY LAR ETC
- ③ IT WOULD CAUSE HUGE DIFFICULTY & CONFUSION
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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?

GENERAL INFO / BUT THIS INFO IS
ALREADY SHARED.

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

SHOULD ALL BE TREATED ON AN EQUAL
PLAYING FIELD.

Question 20

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

KEEP THINGS THE SAME.
EDUCATE IN ALL SCHOOLS TO STOP THE
DISCRIMINATION OF DISABILITY & BEING JUDGED
22 FOR BEING ON BENEFITS.

