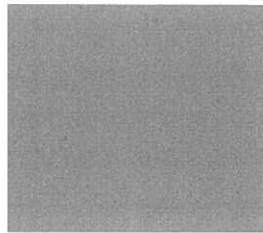


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CONSULTATION DLA REFORM

Cuts to Mobility Component for people in Care Homes

I would like to offer some of my thoughts for your consideration.

Of course, there has to be reform to Welfare Benefits. I myself know of "local scroungers", there are far too many. My son is NOT one of them, he is one of THE most vulnerable who cannot speak out for himself. Are the Vulnerable Minority being singled out because they are easy prey? This government definitely have not done enough research into the proposed cuts to DLA for people in care homes. If they knew the implications that this will have and if it is true that they pledge to look after the most vulnerable in our society, then this would not even be up for consideration.

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Mobility Allowance is to enable disabled people to get out and about. Surely out and about means more than just Medical Appointments, people like my son, who can't do anything for himself, gain much pleasure from being out in the community, outside of the four walls, its pretty much all he's got. If denied a social life, he will become withdrawn and depressed.

No one seems to want to answer my question which I will rephrase "**Where Will The Money Come From** so that my Disabled Son can come home at the weekend, **Who Will Provide The Transport** when we can no longer afford to keep our Wheelchair accessible vehicle on the road? " I can only assume that no one knows the answer to this or cares. Please remember he is in a Care Home not a Hospital, there's a world of difference. In hospital you are there to be made better, you do not expect to go out to the shops, theatre, socialise etc. A Care Home is often your permanent address where you should be allowed to LIVE YOUR LIFE to the full given your limitations, not be institutionalised which is where we will be heading again. O God no, please don't do this.

It is not just the elderly who live in Care, many are young people like my son who has had a lifelong severe disability. As his Mother I have cared for him for most of his life, I have fought long battles for all of his life, I could write a book but I fear a very sad ending. Please, make cuts where necessary but this really is not fair and could be in breach of his Human Rights.



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