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Dear DLA reform team,

I wish to comment on the consultation on reforming DLA.

My wife receives both care and mobility components, but because she receives only the lower rate, I do not qualify for carers allowance.

To even qualify for the lower rate you need to meet the ~~criteria~~ ^{criteria} that you need someone to care for you, yet we have the absurd situation where carers of people on the lower rate cannot claim carers allowance.

Also my wife is partially sighted and holds a certificate of a Person as sight impaired. She has a white stick. Under the present system partially sighted people only qualify for the lower rate as it is not classed as a serious condition.

Believe me it is. Under the new reforms I think it is time partially sighted people are upgraded to middle rate. My wife needs someone with her when she crosses the road, but I cannot always be with her. ~~due to lack~~ If visually impaired peoples carers could qualify for carers allowance it would improve their quality of life, as they could ~~at any~~ afford to

always be there for them.

I hope my views are of some use to you
when reforming PLA into PIP.

Yours faithfully

