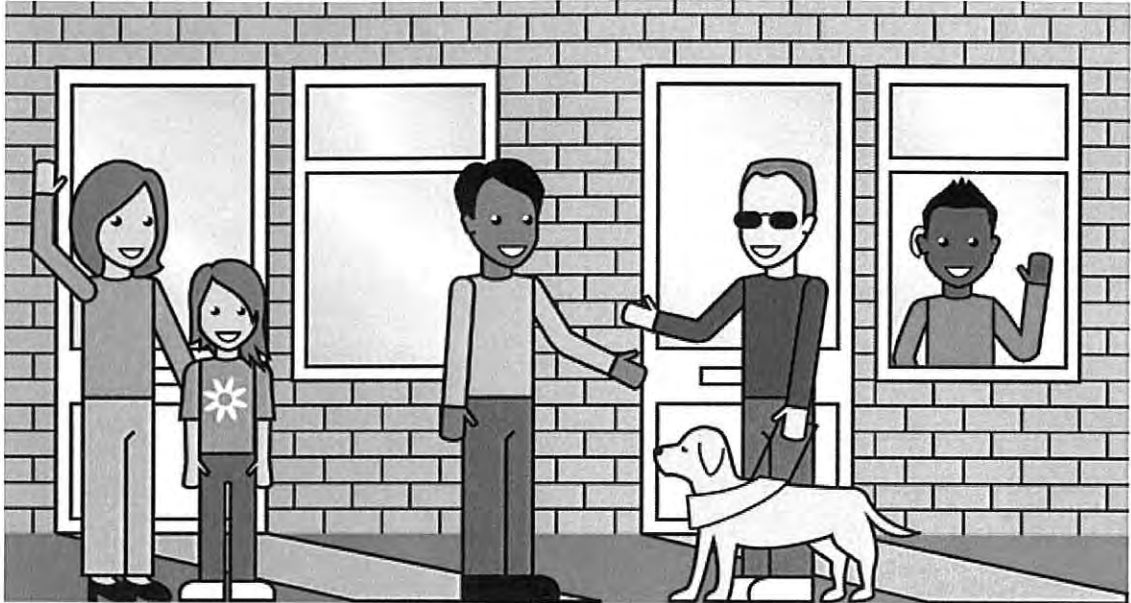


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Consultation about changing Disability Living Allowance to a new benefit

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?

a). They cannot function fully in the society due to their disabilities.

b). They need extra funding for care & support in order to live active & independent lives.

Question 2

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

We should keep both parts of DLA plus the extra funding for care & support so that they can live independently.

Question 3

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

Care & support, adaptation & other things that help disabled people live full, independent & active & healthy lives.

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?

Not really, as long as all the funds needed for disabled people are available, most importantly the care & support funds.

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?

Why not, if legally and w/ G.P.'s
medical report they are entitled to it
based on the severity of their disabilities.
Yes, I think so.

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?

Updated medical assessment.
Extra funding for care & support they
need in order for them to do any activities
they could do. or needs for them to live
independently.

Question 7

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

Re-assessment every two years.

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?

Yes
The true test that the disabled people need is the most power for them to live independently depends on what adaptations that makes them live independently.

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?

Short & simple to read
Advertisement directly to disabled people.

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?

G.P.'s. Health & social workers,
people who know well the disabled
person.
The information all about their
disability.

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?

Good things - up dated assessments
of a disabled person's ability & disability
Bad things - time consuming, inconvenient
for disabled people.

The disabled person must have
be obliged this rule as part of their
disability assessment

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?

Every two years

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?

Re-assessment through benefit claim.

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?

Distribution of brochures or leaflets to them.
yes

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 don't know

Depends on their previous standing
after the cost of living expense, if they
can afford it, yes.

Question 16

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

For children - they are still dependent
to their families eg. mum & dad.
For adult - their needs tends to ^{increase} ~~increase~~
& live independently.

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?

Very important.
Know funding for care & support.
It would mean a lot of difficulty
especially for those very or severely
disabled people.

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?

The information about their
needs for funding in order to
live independently.

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

They should be treated fairly & equally based on their needs as a disabled people because they all need help.

Question 20

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

The disabled people are looking forward for the reform of DLA. Hopefully it will ~~also~~ ^{also} meet their needs positively & will make them feel independent & happy.