

Questions

Question 1

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

The Disability - Lack of confidence.

Question 2

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

All of it.

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

Specialist Equipment,
people to help + care for them.

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? No comment

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

Yes - degrees of disability
means there are more options.

Question 5

Do you think some health conditions or disabilities should allow people to get an amount of the benefit automatically? No.

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

Question 6

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

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

Self hygiene, socialisation,
meal preparation.

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

Yearly reports from doctors.

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?

Both - those used now, and
those that could be used
Stairlifts, wheelchairs, things
to grab.

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? *Don't expect perfect terminology*
- 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?

*Start telling people about all benefits.
Info available at the Job + other
similar places. Internet Job
Centres.*

Question 10

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

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

*Make sure you tell them about
the bad days rather than the
good days. Pride - admitting the
things I can't do to someone sat across
the desk is very hard. So things
get missed.*

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?

*How much can the person bring
themselves to tell them on the day.
I may arrange to do it, but on the
day, not be able to face it or even
to go through the door to see them*

Question 12

What should we use to decide how often we should look at a claim again and check it? using doctor's reports
+ any other services that are involved
 Should the way we look at a claim again depend on the needs of the person and their health condition or disability? 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?

I would ~~be~~ tell them
Other services could be involved

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?

It would certainly help to be told
where to get help + advice
Type of help - anything relevant
to their needs

Question 15

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

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

This questions makes me worry
that they are planning to give
out a lump sum instead of monthly
payments. I wouldn't like a lump
sum

Question 16

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

children's understanding
Need to talk to them in front of
their parents, without them feeling
they are a burden on their parents.

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?

It has not been publicised well,
so it hasn't helped me.

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?

This has not yet been proved
possible.

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

It wouldn't.

Question 20

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

Let us know what they are before they happen.

Word list

Attendance Allowance

This is money that people aged 65 or over may be able to get if they need someone to help look after them because they are disabled6

Care and support

Care and support are the services and other things that help people live full, independent, active and healthy lives3

Consultation

This is when the government asks what people think about their plans, and for ideas about the best ways of doing things.....2

Disability Living Allowance

This is money that someone with a disability or a health condition may be able to get to help them pay for the help and support they need2

*DLA - High rate mobility
- Physical Disability.*