

SCI - spinal cord injured.

to MP

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My name...
My address...

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To my Member of Parliament

Dear

With regard to the Government's consultation on the proposal to replace Disability Living Allowance with Personal Independence Payment, I have chosen to respond as follows:

These are my answers to the key questions:

Question 4. The new benefit will have two rates for each component:

- Will having two rates per component make the benefit easier to understand and administer, while ensuring appropriate levels of support?
- What, if any, disadvantages or problems could having two rates per component cause?

It may be unfair to only have two rates
3 would be more helpful as there are so many
varied levels in disability. two levels may result
in some people not getting enough money for the
need

Question 8. Should the assessment of a disabled person's ability take into account any aids and adaptations they use?

- What aids and adaptations should be included?

Should the assessment only take into account aids and adaptations where the person already has them or should we consider those that the person might be eligible for and can easily obtain?

aids that the person might
be eligible for also included

Question 11. An important part of the new process is likely to be a face-to-face discussion with a healthcare professional.

- What benefits or difficulties might this bring?
- Are there any circumstances in which it may be inappropriate to require a face-to-face meeting with a healthcare professional - either in an individual's own home or another location?

~~one-to-one meeting may be required, but I~~
~~but for the reason~~ think people who are SCI
and full-time users of wheelchairs should
automatically be awarded the higher rate component
PTO →

: the health care worker may not have adequate knowledge of the disability/illness to make a full accurate assessment. A specialist consultant known to the patient would be better placed to make a more accurate assessment, with a consultation with the patient, not an independent ~~health~~ healthcare worker.