

Questions

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Question 1

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

the Things that Stop disabled People living normal lives
is the Inability to move around unaided like
all able bodied People.

Question 2

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

I believe that all Parts of DLA should be left
as they are, If People were not allowed it they
would not receive it in the first place.

Question 3

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

This depends on what their Independent
requirements are. as these can change as time
go's. by ie cooking hygiene ect and escorting
wherever they go. to

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?

I believe that benefit should be paid to all
who deserve it wheather it is a low or high amount

I think that by having only 2 parts people at
the lower end of the Scale will lose out

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?

yes I do because they may require assistance in every day tasks

I believe that claims are based on medical conditions and the GP will generally recommend this

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?

this should be based on GP reports as they are at the moment

The most important thing to be able to live an independent life is mobility, which disabled people don't have

Question 7

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

Generally a person with a disability deteriorates rather than improve so this should be the determining factor

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?

People don't generally know what aids are about to assist in everyday use, these can only be found out about when the need ~~arises~~ arises. Perhaps a list could be made available to show disabled people what is on offer to help them, whether human or mechanical

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?

I think that the claims forms are quite
difficult and repetitive / notification on benefit should
be given to people who require it directly and as soon
as possible so they can arrange the assistance they need.

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?

the best people to ask if benefit is needed is
the G.P or hospital consultant

this information should be found in records as
to what the disability entails

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?

face to face interviews should be carried out
by persons that understand the disabilities involved
and understand what can and can't be done.

the time would obviously depend on the individual
persons availability, times can be changed.
circumstances can't.

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?

Some Conditions Change others just get worse
each disability should be dealt within its own way

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?

you have to hope people are truthful and
tell you if things improve or not, nobody
wants to be disabled and have to rely on
somebody else.

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?

most people need advice on what help they can get
and how to find out about it rather than go round
in circles

Some questions need to be put more straight forward

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?

Peoples needs change and they purchase various
aids when they can afford them otherwise they rely
on somebody else to do the things for them.

With reference to disabled people using the new
benefit for a one off cost who knows how much
this cost is going to be and whether the benefit will
cover it

Question 16

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

Children could be more dependant and need more assistance, obviously depending on age and ailment.

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?

The importance of DLA is really Peace of mind that you can afford to get somebody to assist you in your everyday events.
If we did not have help from the blue badge scheme.
I would not be able to go to the Shops

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?

A file could be compiled to allow these departments to view anything they wanted to know (like hospital or GP Records).

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

I can see no relevance in this question if you are disabled you are disabled it makes no difference what your gender is

Question 20

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

I don't know why people can't leave a system alone that seems to be working OK if it's not broke don't fix it
