



The Low Review: How disabled people living in residential care get out and about

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A group of charities working with people with disabilities have set up a group to look at how disabled people living in residential care get out and about and how this is paid for.

This paper will tell you more about the review and also tells you how you can tell the review what you think.

About this paper


	<p>This paper is for any person or organisation which can help the review group to understand how people living in care homes get out and about. We want to hear from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disabled people who live in residential care.• Organisations that run care homes.• Local Councils
	<p>We are asking these people to tell us what they think.</p> <p>People who want to tell us anything have got 12 weeks to tell us.</p>



Why has this review been set up?

	<p>The Government has said that it will stop paying the mobility part of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to people living in residential care.</p> <p>DLA is going to be called Personal Independence Payment or PIP in the future.</p>
	<p>DLA is a benefit that some people get. The mobility part of DLA is money that can help disabled people to get out and about. It can pay for things like an electric wheelchair.</p> <p>It can help people who need support to travel. Some people may not be able to use public transport and will need to find other ways of getting about.</p>




 	<p>The Government department that is in charge of benefits like DLA is looking at how DLA is used to help people get out and about.</p> <p>It is also looking at how care homes help with mobility and if local councils help to pay for this when they think about the support people need.</p>
	<p>This review will look at what is sent to them and will publish a report.</p> <p>It will give this report to the Government to help them with their review.</p>

What will the review look at?

	<p>The review will look at:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How people living in care homes use the mobility part of their DLA benefit 2. If the local council gives the organisation who runs the care home any money to help people get out and about 3. What care homes should do to help people who live there to get out and about.
	<p>The review will also look at any examples of where things can be improved.</p>

	<p>The review group will suggest some things that the Government can do to help people in care homes to get out and about. These suggestions will be based on what people tell us.</p>
	<p>The review will write a report about these suggestions and it will be given to the government by the end of October 2011.</p>

What to tell us

	<p>If you are someone living in a care home we would be interested to know how you spend your mobility part of DLA.</p>
	<p>You can tell us whatever you want but here are some questions that you might want to think about.</p>
	<p>Because of your disability what do you need help to get out and about and do?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - go to medical appointments - go to a day service - visit family - go to a club - meet your friends - go shopping - go to pubs or restaurants

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - go to the cinema or theatre - travel to work - volunteer - go on holiday - something else
	<p>How do you spend the money to help you do these things?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - on mobility aids - on taxis - on petrol money to friends or family who give me lifts - on petrol money to staff who give me lifts - costs of a supporter to travel with me - Motability car
	<p>Do you have a copy of you community care plan or community care assessment? Does it say anything about mobility?</p>
	<p>Does your care home say anything about how you should use the mobility part of your DLA to get out and about?</p>
	<p>Is there anything else you would like to say about how you are helped to get out and about?</p>

How do I tell the review group what I think?



If you work for a local authority or are a service provider, you need to answer the questions that re in the other call to evidence paper.



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