

PIP for Young People

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See my 2012 DLA FOI results here <http://edyourself.org/articles/dlatopip.php>

PIP regulations and revised timescale published December 2012

All 16 Year Olds Treated As New Claimants

From April 2013 there will be no new claims for Disability Living Allowance in the North of England. All 16 year olds are treated as new claimants therefore 16 year olds in the North will not be entitled to DLA. Claimants will undergo face to face assessments for the new Personal Independence Payment, brought in by [the Welfare Reform Act 2012](#). Parents will be invited to claim PIP three months before the child's sixteenth birthday.

DWP Case Study For Young Person Transition from DLA Glosses Over Problems

*"John meets the criteria for PIP **and** the criteria for DLA, so his claim for PIP - which is represented as a transition but is in fact a completely separate claim with different eligibility criteria - does not give rise to any problems. **The decision over whether to call John for a face to face assessment is disingenuously presented as though it could have gone either way but this is misleading since face to face assessments will be the norm. We are told there will be winners and losers yet the random case study happens to be a winner. Let us hope that John doesn't have to spend more than 4 weeks in hospital or he will lose his car..."** Read more [here](#)*

PIP will **not** be awarded automatically because of specific conditions or disabilities. [DWP expects] **"that some people will receive more support, some broadly the same, others less and some will leave the benefit altogether."** See [DWP Faq](#)

The Government says it will get the new process right by trying it first on 16 year olds in the North of England. Claimants in the Midlands and South of England will be able to make new claims for Disability Living Allowance until October 2013 and may not have to claim PIP until 2016.

Email Your MP

Click here for an email you can send to your MP <http://edyourself.org/articles/bootle.php#emailMP>

Face to Face Assessments

Face to face assessment will be the norm for all new claims. The questions in the [Daily Living and Mobility Draft Regulations](#) call for a yes/no answer. In other words the claimant will be asked "can you do x" and the answer "yes,but" will score zero points.

"If you claim DLA for a child aged under 16, they will be eligible for DLA until they are 16 years old. New DLA claims can still be made for children. The government announced it will wait and see how the changes to DLA work for people of working age before changing

child DLA. However, **all DLA claims will end at the age of 16 and you will be invited to claim PIP instead, three months before the child's sixteenth birthday...** As well as not allowing renewals, the government will also be gradually stopping all ongoing DLA claims. They will contact all working age DLA claimants between October 2013 and March 2016 to stop their DLA awards. The government announced it will contact people in random order..." **Read more** [National Autistic Society Briefing on PIP Consultation Response Personal Independence Payment Eligibility Criteria, Draft Regulations and Assessment Process, April 2012](#)

If you live in an area which comes under [the Bootle Benefits Centre](#) please consider writing to your MP to ask him/her to put a few questions to **the Minister for Work and Pensions**.

Constituencies are as follows: Garston and Halewood; St Helens South and Whiston; Knowsley; St Helens North; Bootle; Sefton Central; Southport; Birkenhead; Wallasey; Wirral South; Wirral West; Liverpool Wavertree; Liverpool Riverside; Liverpool Walton; Liverpool West Derby; Fylde; Lancaster and Wyre; Preston; Blackpool North and Cleveleys; Blackpool South; Congleton; Crewe and Nantwich; Eddisbury; Macclesfield; Tatton; City of Chester; Ellesmere Port and Leston; Weaver Vale; Carlisle; Penrith and The Border; Workington; Copeland; Westmorland and Lonsdale; Barrow and Furness; Blyth Valley; Wansbeck; Berwick Upon Tweed; Hexham; South Shields; Jarrow; North Tyneside; Tynemouth; Newcastle East; Gateshead; Blaydon; Houghton and Sunderland South; Sunderland Central; Washington and Sunderland West.

Scroll down or [click here](#) for a list of the relevant MPs. You can copy the text in the box below into <http://www.writetothem.com/> where you will also be asked for your home address, since MPs are only obliged to respond to questions from their own constituents.

If your family is personally affected by the proposed measures, it is worth adding an extra note about this to your MP.

Email To MP Regarding Personal Independence Payment For Young People

Dear MP

In March the Government announced that **Bootle Benefits Centre** had been selected to administer the first new claims for the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) which is set to replace Disability Living Allowance for claimants over the age of 16. People living outside the North of England who need to make a new claim for Disability Living Allowance will still be able to do so until October 2013, but the closing date for the North of England is April 2013. Disability Living Allowance for children ends when a child reaches the age of 16. What happens at the moment is that the 16 year old makes a new claim for adult DLA. In other words, **all** claims made by

16 year olds are new claims and therefore any policy statements about new claims apply to young people approaching their 16th birthday. From April next year, 16 year olds in the North of England will not be entitled to DLA and will have to claim for the new Personal Independence Payment instead. Elsewhere in the country, 16 year olds will still be eligible to claim DLA until October 2013 and having once made a claim, these existing claims for adult DLA may continue until 2016. Bootle Disability Benefits Centre (DBC) processes new applications for Disability Living Allowance and Attendance Allowance for disabled people in Merseyside, central and north-west Lancashire, Cheshire, Cumbria, parts of the Wirral, Northumberland and Tyne and Wear. Please will you ask the Minister for Work and Pensions **how many 15 year olds living in the constituency are currently receiving Disability Living Allowance(DLA)**, since the figures from the Department show claimants from 0-15 as a single group. (See links below) Will the Minister explain **what will happen with young people approaching the age of 16** during the phased introduction of Personal Independence Payment in the North of England from April 2013. From April 2013 there will be no new claims for DLA in the Bootle Benefits Centre area and all new claimants will be invited to make a claim for Personal Independence Payment. Can the Minister confirm that 16 year olds in the North of England will be among **the very earliest claimants to undergo assessment for Personal Independence Payment**. We understand that face to face assessment will be the norm for all new claims. Will the Minister set out the exceptions for **face-to-face assessments** Will the Minister confirm whether **young people with autism** will be required to undergo face to face assessments as a necessary part of their claim for Personal Independence Payment. Yours sincerely **Links**

[the Welfare Reform Act 2012.](#)

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/about-dwp/customer-delivery/disability-and-carers-service/outreach-events-and-local/bootle/>

Bootle Benefits Centre

<http://83.244.183.180/NESS/BEN/dla.htm>

DWP figures show young people 0-15 but do not have specific figures for 15 year olds.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/consultations/2012/pip-detailed-design.shtml>

Case study of 15 year old's transition from DLA to PIP on page as part of DWP consultation on detailed design of PIP, closes June 30th 2012.

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120312/wmstext/120312m0001.htm#1203124000003>

Minister Maria Miller explains early roll-out of PIP, March 12th 2012

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120321/text/120321w0001.htm>

Minister Maria Miller answer to Kate Green regarding young claimants, March 21st 2012.

MPs In Area Covered By Bootle Benefits Centre

<http://edyourself.org/articles/MPsLAs.php>

Knowsley MPs

Maria Eagle
Shaun Woodward
George Howarth

St Helens MPs

Dave Watts
Shaun Woodward

Sefton MPs

Joseph Benton
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John Pugh

Wirral MPs

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Esther McVey

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George Osborne
Graham Evans

Cumbria MPs

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Tony Cunningham
Jamie Reed

Tim Farron
John Woodcock

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Sir Alan Beith
Guy Opperman

Tyne and Wear consists of the five metropolitan boroughs of South Tyneside, North Tyneside, City of Newcastle upon Tyne, Gateshead and the City of Sunderland.

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Stephen Hepburn

North Tyneside MPs

Mary Glendon
Alan Campbell

Newcastle on Tyne MPs

Nick Brown

Gateshead MPs

Ian Mearns
Dave Anderson
Stephen Hepburn

Sunderland MPs

Bridget Phillipson
Julie Elliott
Sharon Hodgson

Personal Independence Payment Detailed Design Consultation Closes June 30th 2012

Q3 Do you think we shd do something different from proposed approach to ensure transition at age 16 works effectively?

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/dla-reform-and-pip-completing-the-detailed-design>