

Inclusion Gloucestershire & Barnwood Trust looked at Disability Benefits in 2025

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|   | <h2>What is this about?</h2> <p>In March the government said it might change the benefits system for disabled people.</p> <p>We asked disabled people to tell us what they thought about it.</p> <p>We asked 5 questions and found out what people were most worried about.</p> |
|    | <h2>What did we ask and find out?</h2> <p>We asked what would happen if the changes took place and found out:</p> <p>This would be bad for the community of disabled people because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People said the changes would cause disabled people a lot of stress and worry. • They worried that people in the system would not be supported. • They worried that the new system might not see some disabled people or their needs. |



The changes would be bad for the mental health and wellbeing of disabled people:

- Their life would get worse.
- Their health would get worse.
- They might be stopped from making their lives better by getting new skills.
- They might not be in their community as much which could be bad for them.
- People said the changes would be cruel.

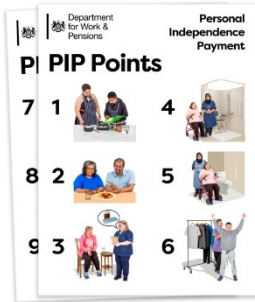
The changes would make people poorer:

- People worried about the future.
- They might not be able to pay for rent, food, medication, carers, therapy and transport.

The changes would make it harder for people to work:

- They would find it harder to get support to be able to work.
- They would find it harder to get the skills needed to do a job.
- Employers would need to let disabled people work from home more, work their hours more flexibly and change things in the workplace more.

It was found that some groups of people need to understand more about the experiences of disabled people:



- Employers.
- The DWP workers who look at what people need.
- The Government.