

How might changes to disability benefits affect you?

Tell us what you think



About this survey



I am Sioned Williams, Member of the Senedd for South Wales West.



I want to hear what you think about the Government's plans to change benefits



This is an easy read version of:

Survey: Impact of UK Welfare Reforms on Disabled People in South Wales West.



You might need help to read it. Ask someone you know to help you.



People's personal information will be kept private. It will only be used for my casework.

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More info can be found [here](#).

What the Government wants to change



The UK Government wants to make big changes to benefits for disabled people.



They want to change:

- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Universal Credit (UC)



A lot of people are worried about these changes. And how it will impact them.



The Government has been under pressure about this. They have just made some more changes after hearing people's concerns.



But people are still worried. The changes will mainly affect people making new claims.



Some changes could start in 2026, while others might take longer.

About the changes

Fewer people able to get PIP



The UK Government wants to change the rules for Personal Independence Payment. This is often called PIP.



PIP is money to help disabled people with daily living and getting around.



You can find out more about PIP on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/government/publications/about-pip-what-it-is-and-how-to-claim-it-easy-read-guide



To get PIP, people get scored on how hard they find daily tasks. Like cooking or washing. The scores go from 0 to 12.



You can get PIP if you score low points in lots of areas.



After hearing people's concerns, the government has scrapped it's planned changes to PIP.



The Government will work with disabled people to look into what changes may be needed in the future.



People with serious and long term health conditions can keep getting PIP without needing to be assessed again.

Lower amounts of Universal Credit

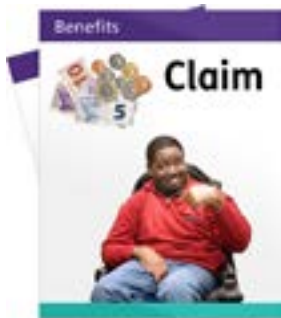


Universal Credit is a benefit you can get if:

- You are out of work.
- Or you are in work and have low earnings.



You can find out more about Universal Credit on the UK Government website: www.gov.uk/government/publications/easy-read-universal-credit



The changes to Universal Credit will mainly affect people making new claims.



People who already get benefits and have serious, long term health conditions will be able to get an extra amount of Universal Credit.



They will keep getting Universal Credit without needing to be assessed again.



Young people under 22 from may not be able to get this extra amount.

What this could mean for you



These changes might:

- Take away or reduce the support you get.
- Affect your health and money.
- Make it harder to live on your own.



I want to hear from people who live in South Wales West.



Your answers will help us show how these changes will affect people and communities.



Now that the Government has made some changes to their plans for these benefits, people already claiming may not be affected as much as people making new claims.



But we still want to hear from you. Your views will help us understand how these changes will impact people in the future.

Questions

Please answer as many questions as you like.



1. How do you think the changes could affect your daily life or ability to live on your own?



2. What worries do you have about changes to PIP or Universal Credit?



3. Do you think these changes could make your money situation better or worse?

Please tell us why.



4. Would anything help you feel more confident to look for work or training?

Only answer if this is something you want and are able to do.



5. In some parts of Wales disabled people have much less money than non-disabled people.

These communities would be more affected by these changes.

Do you think the Government is listening to local problems like this?



6. Is there anything else you would like to say about how these changes could affect you or others?

How to take part



Please send your answers to:
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Thank you very much for your time. Your voice is important.



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