

FOI 20/00017

How will an adult on PIP or DLA move onto the Scottish regime?

The process for Scottish clients in receipt of PIP transferring to devolved disability assistance is set out in this policy position paper:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/social-security-case-transfer-policy-position-paper/>.

In relation to adult clients in receipt of DLA the following answer to a Parliamentary question sets out how they will be transferred to the Scottish social security system:

“DWP will cease the managed migration of working age people receiving DLA to PIP from 1 April 2020, when Scottish Ministers take executive competence for the remaining devolved benefits. The date when working age DLA clients will be transferred to Social Security Scotland has not been agreed. The Scottish Government are working with the Department for Work and Pensions to understand DWP’s forecasts for the remaining working age DLA clients, and thereby develop options for the safe and secure transfer of these clients.”

The full question and response is available here:

<https://www.parliament.scot/S5ChamberOffice/WA20190911.pdf>

What will the rates of benefit be for these disabled members of the community?

Based on 2018/19 rates the weekly amounts as set out in The Scottish Government Consultation on Disability Assistance (<https://www.gov.scot/publications/social-security-consultation-disability-assistance-scotland/>) will be:

Disability Assistance for Children and Young People			
Care Component		Mobility Component	
Highest	£83.10	Higher	£58.00
Middle	£55.65	Lower	£22.00
Lowest	£22.00		
Disability Assistance for Working Age People			
Daily Living Component		Mobility Component	
Standard Rate	57.30	Standard rate	£22.65

Enhanced rate	£85.60	Enhanced rate	£59.75
Disability Assistance for Older People			
Lower rate	£57.30	Higher rate	£85.60

Will the Scottish regime accept and pay for a report if the person attends a private Dr?

Social Security Scotland will accept a private doctor's report when it is submitted as supporting information for an application for disability assistance. Case Managers will seek one source of supporting information from a formal source, such as confirmation of a diagnosis or letter from a support worker. It need only be sufficient to determine, on the balance of probabilities, that the individual's condition is consistent with the general care and mobility needs detailed on their application. We will not, therefore, be commissioning full reports from private medical practitioners. Additionally, under our model for assessments there is no requirement for private sector involvement.

Further details on the Scottish Government approach to supporting information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/consultation-analysis/2019/10/consultation-disability-assistance-scotland-scottish-government-response/documents/social-security-consultation-disability-assistance-scotland-scottish-government-response/social-security-consultation-disability-assistance-scotland-scottish-government-response/govscot%3Adocument/social-security-consultation-disability-assistance-scotland-scottish-government-response.pdf>

Can you release any guidance in relation to assessing adults for disability Inc forms for clinicians to do?

Guidance relating to assessing adults for Disability Assistance for Working Age People has not yet been produced.

Additionally, exemptions s. 29(1)(a) and s 30 (b) have been applied to this question (see the annex in our response for further detail).

How much are they getting paid per report?

Currently the Department for Work and Pensions pays GPs £34 for a factual report and £17 for a DS1500 (relating to special rules for terminal illness) to be completed. The Scottish Government policy on this matter is still in the process of being developed.

Can an applicant decline to be assessed whilst being voice recorded as they don't want highly sensitive information recorded?"

Yes, individuals will have the right to opt out from their assessment being audio recorded. Further information about the audio recording of assessments is available here: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/consultation-disability-assistance-scotland-scottish-government-response/pages/5/>