

# Replacement of DLA with PIP



From October 2013, you will need to make a new claim for PIP if you are an existing claimant of DLA (Disability Living Allowance) and you:

- report a change in your care or mobility needs;
- reach the end of an existing award of DLA and you haven't already received a DLA renewal letter;
- are approaching the age of 16, (unless you are terminally ill)

PIP differs from DLA in the following ways:

- it involves a more objective assessment, with a face-to-face consultation with an independent health professional for most people
- it includes regular reviews so that individuals continue to get the right support

PIP is based on an assessment of individual need. It does not consider what impairment an individual has. Instead it considers how their impairment affects their life, considering their ability to carry out a range of everyday activities.

From October 2015 the Department for Work and Pensions will start to contact everyone else receiving DLA inviting them to claim PIP. They expect to have contacted everyone who needs to claim PIP by late 2017.

**If you have any questions or concerns about PIP please contact our Money Matters team on 07585 968466 or 07739 325265**

**Alternatively, for further details on PIP, you can visit the Department for Work and Pension's website at [www.dwp.gov.uk](http://www.dwp.gov.uk)**