

Government defeat in a landmark court case against PIP legislation – Debbie Abrahams

Debbie Abrahams MP, Shadow Work and Pensions

Secretary, commenting on the Government defeat in a landmark court case against “discriminatory” Personal Independence Payment (PIP) legislation, said:

“This landmark ruling is a damning indictment of the Government’s discriminatory approach to PIP support and its refusal to make this support available to people with mental health conditions. So much for the Prime Minister’s commitment to deliver parity of esteem for mental health.

“When the Government should have been listening to successive court rulings on PIP payments and correcting injustices for people with debilitating mental health conditions, they decided to undermine the legal basis for the judgments and introduce emergency legislation. This was a step too far, even for this Tory Government.

“Labour is committed to overturn the emergency regulations and make PIP available to people with mental health conditions, as well as scrapping the PIP assessments to develop a personalised, holistic assessment process which provides each individual with support and a tailored plan.”

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