

PIP assessment process is not fit for purpose – Debbie Abrahams

Debbie Abrahams MP,
Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, commenting on the Government's response to Paul Gray's second independent review of the personal independence payment assessment, said:

"It is clear the Personal Independent Payment (PIP) assessment process is not fit for purpose. Instead of supporting people, the process leaves individuals and their families lives in tatters. The recommendations from Paul Gray's second review regarding improving trust and transparency, timely reporting and quality assurance have not been accepted in full.

"There remains an evident distrust of the assessment process by sick and disabled people. This is no surprise with a record 68% of PIP decisions taken to tribunal being overturned by judges. The assessment process is getting worse, not better.

"Labour will scrap the Personal Independence Payment and Work Capability Assessments and replace them with a personalised, holistic assessment process which provides each individual with a tailored plan, building on their strengths and addressing barriers, whether finance, skills, health, care, transport, or housing related. "

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