

What about our welfare?

Inclusion Scotland's response to the UK Government's Green Paper



This is an EasyRead document.



It has information about the UK Government's cuts to **welfare and disability benefits**.



Benefits are money the Government gives to people to help them pay for things.



The UK Government are cutting £5 billion from welfare benefits.



Inclusion Scotland think this is a very bad idea because it will hurt disabled people.



More disabled people will be in poverty after these changes.



Inclusion Scotland and other organisations believe that this is does not need to happen.



More money could be raised by taxing rich people.



Instead of taking money away from poorer people.



These cuts target disabled people unfairly.



Disabled people are already struggling after:

- **Austerity**
- COVID-19
- The cost-of-living crisis





Austerity is when people have less money because the Government cut services and benefits.



These cuts will make things worse for disabled people.



The UK Government says that disabled people should work.



The UK Government say too many people are not working because of bad mental health.



The UK Government is not telling people that disabled people want to work.



But sometimes we can't because of barriers and discrimination.



Inclusion Scotland think helping disabled people to work is a good thing.



But taking away money that helps us to live is not helping.

What about Scotland?



It is not clear how this will affect disabled people in Scotland.



The Scottish Government's money for disability benefits might be cut.



If this happens there might be changes to Adult Disability Payment (ADP) in Scotland.



These changes could push disabled people here into poverty.



The test for the **health element** of Universal Credit is now done through Personal Independence Payments (PIP).



The **health element** is extra money disabled people can get on Universal Credit.



We do not know yet how disabled people on ADP will be able to get the health element.



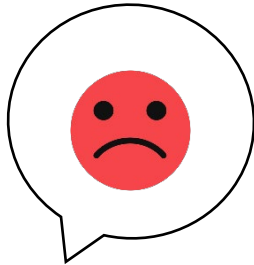
Disabled people are already finding buying food, energy and everyday things difficult.



Being disabled means you spend more money to live.



PIP and ADP is meant to help with this.



The Scottish Government says the choice to take money from disabled people is very bad.



Inclusion Scotland believes these cuts are wrong and will hurt disabled people.



Inclusion Scotland are working to fight these changes.



Inclusion Scotland want the Scottish Government to protect disabled people.



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