

Thank you very much for sending that - a quick read through is most encouraging - you have been very honest and clear.

I am particularly delighted at the focus on pathways from childhood to adulthood. Could you also consider looking at old age - i.e. over 65. The two problems are the lack of DLA mobility component to people who become disabled in old age and the fact that IL and direct payments are not being offered to the over 65s as an option. There is also a problem in some local authorities that they divide people between disabled people (who must be under 65) and older people (over 65). As in my case, I am, in the eyes of my local authority, no longer a disabled person and have to apply to the older people's department for services - which would make me ineligible for direct payments.

Congratulations.

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