

Additional OJEU Q&A's (20th February 2007)

1. Which social groups or individuals will receive help under the scheme and be required to pay the £40 contribution?

Help will go to those aged 75 or over who have a serious disability (in receipt of Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance or registered blind).

Help will be available free of charge to those 75+ and severely disabled people who are also receiving Pension Credit, Income Support or Job Seeker's Allowance. Other people 75+ or severely disabled will have access to the same help but will pay a charge linked to the price of equipment.

2. Do you also have any idea of the likely numbers involved?

Around 7 million households will be eligible for the scheme, although not all are expected to take up the offer. Around half of those who applying for help will get it without paying a charge.