

Terms of reference

- The review should provide an independent report evaluating:
 - how the mobility component of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) is being used by care home residents and the impact of loss of this benefit
 - funding arrangements for meeting personal mobility needs as between local authorities and care home providers
 - responsibilities of care home providers in relation to mobility needs of residents
- It should review existing guidance in relation to responsibilities of care home providers to meet the mobility needs of residents;
- Review what mobility needs are being met by social services through community care assessments and what is being left to be met by DLA;
- Review and comment on the degree of access to and control individuals have over DLA mobility payments to meet their mobility needs and/or the degree of control where money is used to buy an adapted car (inc. through the Motability scheme);
- Identify any areas of good or bad practice in relation to meeting the personal mobility needs of people living in residential care and make recommendations for associated guidance; and
- Make recommendations based on its findings for the future funding arrangements to meet mobility needs of care home residents.
- The review should seek to consult a wide range of external stakeholders, including disabled care home residents, family carers, care home providers, local authorities and independent experts/researchers. It should be overseen by an independent scrutiny group.
- The review should present its report and recommendations by the end of October 2011.