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Disability Action Plan

What disabled people told
the government



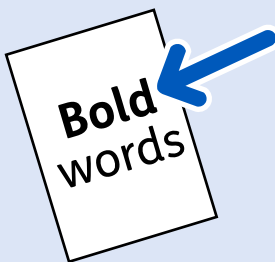
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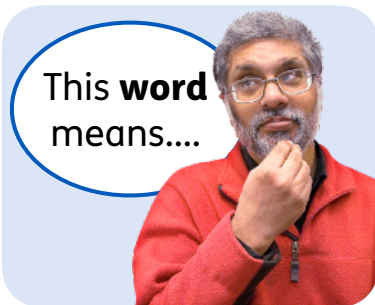
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This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



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About this booklet



The government is working to improve the lives of disabled people.



To do this, the government wrote a plan, called the **Disability Action Plan**.



The plan explained what the government would do this year to improve the lives of disabled people.



Last year, the government asked people what they thought of their plan.

This booklet explains what people said.

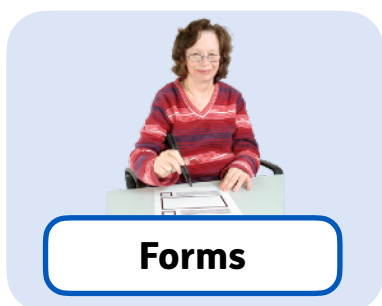
Who the government heard from



1166 people said what they thought.



165 organisations also said what they thought.



People filled in forms or wrote to say what they thought.

The main things that people said



There were 7 main things that people said:



1. The government should listen to disabled people when they make choices about what to do.



2. The government should make it easier for disabled people to get support.



3. The government should think about whether disabled people have enough money to pay for the things they need to live.



4. The government should make sure it has enough money to pay for the actions in the government's Disability Action Plan.



5. The government should include all disabled people in their plans.



6. The government should use more ways to tell people about government services and support for disabled people.



7. Disabled people should get the same chances in life as everyone else.

Answers to the questions



The government asked people what they thought about the different parts of their plan.

This part explains what you have said.

Elected office



Elected office means working as a councillor or Member of Parliament. To work in elected office, people need to vote for you.



The government wants to support more disabled people to work in elected office.



Most people agreed that the government should look at how to help disabled people with money if they want to work in elected office.



Most people also agreed that the government should provide information online for disabled people who want to work in elected office.

Some people also said that:



- The government should make changes to places of work, so that they are easier for disabled people in elected office to get around.



- The government should help more people with different types of disability to work in elected office.

Accessible playgrounds



Accessible playgrounds are playgrounds that disabled children and children with disabled family members can use.



Most people agreed that the government should make a website with information about accessible playgrounds.



This website would help local councils make more playgrounds accessible.



At the moment, not all playgrounds need to be accessible playgrounds.



Most people agreed that the government should look at making new playgrounds accessible.

Some people also said that:



- The government should make sure that playgrounds can be used by children with all types of disability.



- Whole parks should be easy for disabled people to use, not just playgrounds.

Planning for emergencies



Emergencies are serious things that can hurt people. They include floods and diseases.



Most people agreed that the government should include disabled people more when the government plans for emergencies.

Some people also said that:



- The government should think about what disabled people need during emergencies.



- The government should remember people with all types of disabilities when the government plans for emergencies.

Climate change



Climate change is all about big changes in the weather. For example, storms getting worse than they used to be or having less rain in some places.



These changes make the lives of people, plants and animals around the world harder.



As climate change happens, people need to make changes to how they live. This is called 'climate adaptations'.



Most people agreed that the government should include disabled people more when the government thinks about climate adaptations.

Some people said that:



- The government should make it easier for disabled people to get around in ways that are better for the environment, like buses.



- The government should remember that climate adaptations can cost more for disabled people, like if they need new equipment.

Making businesses more accessible



The government want disabled people to have access to businesses like everyone else, to buy things they want and to use the services they need.



The government was thinking of creating a scheme for companies and services to show that they have given their staff training about disability.



Most people agreed that this would make it easy for disabled people to see which companies and services have had training on how to help disabled customers.



Some people also said that:

- If staff knew more about disabled people's needs, it would help disabled people to live well.



- All companies should have to do this training.

Special Olympics



The **Special Olympics** is an event where people with learning disabilities from around the world play sport.



Most people agreed that the government should look at whether the Special Olympics could happen in Britain in 2031.

Some people said that:



- They did not think that the Special Olympics would make a big difference to the lives of disabled people.



- The Special Olympics might only help some disabled people.
Some people also thought the money could be spent on other things to help more disabled people.



- Having the Special Olympics in Britain would help people to learn more about people with learning disabilities.

Guide dogs



The law says that companies cannot stop a person with a guide dog from coming into their building.



If a company does stop a person with a guide dog, this is called an 'access refusal'.



Most people agreed that the government should work with guide dog organisations to stop access refusals.



Most people agreed that the government should make companies pay more money if they do it.

This money is called a fine.



Some people said that the government needs to make sure that companies pay their fines.

This would stop them doing it again.



Organisations said that the government should do more to teach companies about access refusals and what they should not do.

Assistive technology



Assistive technology is items like special computers that can make life easier for disabled people.



Most people agreed that the government should do more to help people understand assistive technology and what it can do.

Some people also said that:



- The government should make sure that staff get the right training to help disabled people with assistive technology.



- It is more important to make sure that disabled people can use computers and use the internet.

Chances for disabled children



The government wants disabled children to:

- Be happier.
- Get more chances in life.



Most people agreed that the government should create a new team, to look at supporting disabled children with:

- Becoming an adult.



- Getting around.



- Not being bullied, being safe and happy.



Most people agreed that the government should look at finding out sooner what support disabled children and their families need.



Some people also said that the government should do more to support disabled children in school.



Some people also said that the government should make sure that schools help disabled parents more.

Support for disabled parents

Most people agreed with the government's plans to support disabled parents with these things:

- Getting support to be a parent from health and care services.



Most people also agreed with:



- **Family Court** and **child protection** support.

Family Court decides where a child will live after their parents split up.

Child protection makes sure children are safe.



- **Domestic abuse** support.

Domestic abuse is when you are hurt or treated badly by someone you are close to, like a husband, wife, partner or family member.

Information about disabled people



When the government makes a service to improve the lives of disabled people, it looks at information.



This information tells the government how services affect disabled people.



Most people agreed that the government needs more information on what disabled people need and want.

The future



The government wants to look at what issues disabled people might have in 5, 10 and 20 years.



This will help the government to:

- Think about what new issues it may need to look at.
- Make plans for the future.



Most people agreed that the government should be looking at what issues disabled people might have in the future.



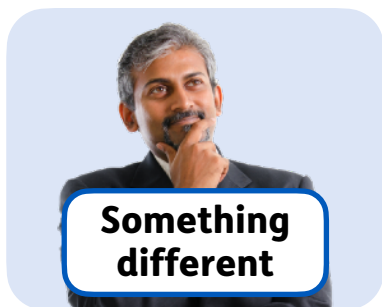
But some people said that the government should look at issues that affect people now instead.

All the government's work

The government also asked people what they thought of:



- The plan as a whole.



- Whether the government should do anything different to support disabled people.



Some people said that:

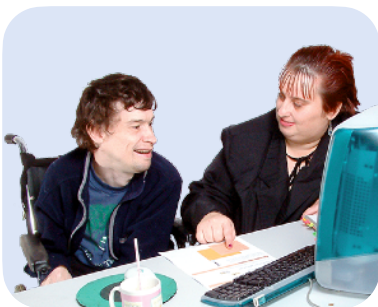
- They mostly agreed with the plan.



- The government should make sure there is enough money to pay for all the actions in the plan.



- The government should be clear about what it is doing, so people can see if it is going well.



- Disabled people should get more support at work.



- The government should make it easier for disabled people to get around.



- The government should do more to make sure disabled people have enough money to pay for the things they need to live.



- The government should make sure disabled people are treated fairly by:
 - Health and care services.
 - Schools, colleges and universities.

Find out more



You can look at the government's website here:

www.gov.uk/government/consultations/disability-action-plan-2023-to-2024

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