



# What Disabled People want for the First 100 days of the new Government

## 1. The government must end austerity



**Austerity:** this means that the government decides to spend less money on public services and support.

Within the first six months they should carry out a **cumulative impact assessment**. This should look at how austerity has affected Disabled people.



**Cumulative impact assessment:** this is when the government looks at how lots of different changes or cuts affect a group or different groups of people.

They must make a plan to get **investments** to support disabled people. We need both local and national **investments**.



**Investments:** this means getting people or organisations to spend money.

Disabled people are on a journey to becoming equal and included. We need to get this journey back on track.



## 2. We need the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to be brought in as part of the law.



**UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:** this is an international agreement that the government signed up to, to bring about the full rights of Disabled people in the UK.

This must become part of the law within six months. This should be based on the work done by The Equality and Human Rights Commission and Disabled People's Organisations across the United Kingdom.



### 3. The government must co-produce a plan about how it will work with Disabled People's Organisations.



**Co-produce or Co-production:** Co-production (working together) means that Disabled people and decision makers are working together in an active way. They do this to plan, design and review policy and services that affect our lives, to get rid of the barriers we face.

This plan should look at how the Government will work with Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations across all areas of **government policy**.

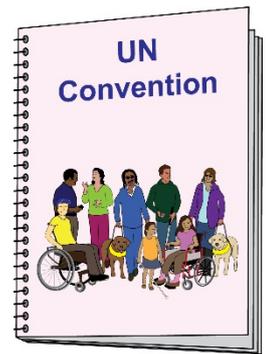


**Government policy:** these are the actions, rules and laws decided by the Government.

The government must set up a disability equality unit within the first 100 days. This should be led by disabled people. This unit should work across all the different areas of the government.



#### 4. The government must co-produce a plan to bring meet their responsibilities under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



To do this, the government should co-produce a plan with Disabled People's Organisations. The main areas covered in the plan should be written the first 100 days.



They should look at the effects of austerity on disabled people, using the cumulative impact assessment.



#### 5. The government needs to make independent living a right by law.

**Independent living:** this means the right to have the support to live where and with who you want and to have choice and control over how you live your life.

They need to build a National Independent Living Support Service within 2 years.

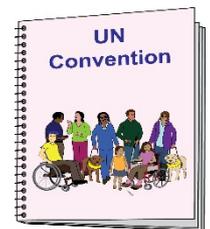


They should set up a group which makes sure this service is put into place. The government should put **resources** into the group.



**Resources:** this means money, staff, services or anything else that is needed.

This should be done with Disabled People's Organisations and in line with **Article 19** of the UN Convention.



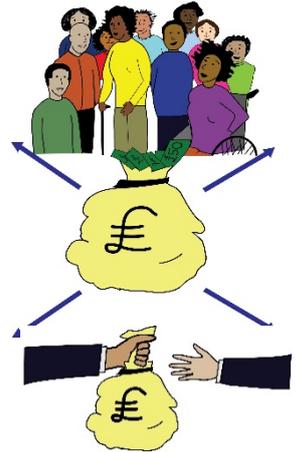
**Article 19:** this is the part of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities that talks about the right to independent living.

For more information about a National Independent Living Support Service please go to our website:



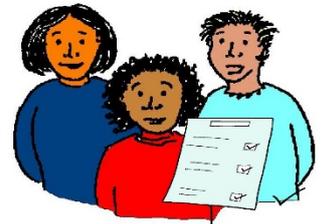
<https://www.rofa.org.uk/independent-living-for-the-future/>

## 6. The government must give funding to Disabled People's Organisations.



This funding should be given to these organisations within each local authority.

The organisations should use this funding to check that local authorities are meeting their responsibilities under the UN Convention.



The funding should also be used to build a National Independent Living Support Service.

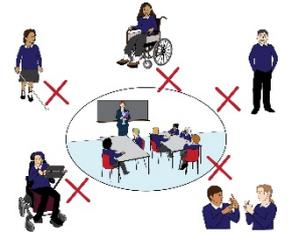


## 7. The Special Educational Needs and Disability Funding Crisis must end.

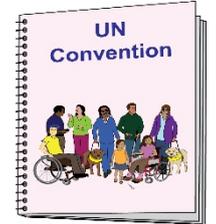


**Funding Crisis:** this is when there is not enough money to spend on something.

More and more often, disabled children are being separated from non-disabled learners. This must stop.



To stop this, the government must use **Article 24** of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



**Article 24:** this is the right to inclusive education, where disabled students study together with non-disabled students.

They must also co-produce a plan with the Alliance for Inclusive Education.



## 8. The government must stop making cuts to the NHS.



They must also stop **privatisation** which has been happening since 2010. They need to stop the **Public Finance Initiative**.

**Privatisation:** this is when services run and paid for by the government, as given to private companies.

**Public Finance Initiative:** this is when companies build hospitals or schools for the government. The government then pays the companies money over a long time to use the facilities.

We need a plan to put this all into place with clear deadlines for the plan.



## 9. We need to end the social care crisis and get rid of cuts.

The cuts have affected us since 2010. To undo the damage, the government must give funding to local authorities straight away.



Funding for this must be a part of the first budget. This is so that we can meet our aims.



We need support while the National Independent Living Support Service is being set up. We also need support while independent



living is becoming a right by law.

The government should make sure that disabled people get the care and support they need. We will need the same amount of funding as we had in 2010.

The government must not expect us to pay towards our social care. They must stop forcing people to use **payment cards**.



**Payment cards:** this is a card used in some local authorities where a person's benefits are not given to them in money but are put onto payment cards. People must then use these cards to pay for their care and support needs.

The government must continue the **Former Independent Living Fund transition grant**. They must promise not to spend the fund on anything else.



**Independent Living Fund:** this was a pot of money for disabled people so that they could cover the costs of living in the community rather than in a residential home.

The government must set up an Appeal system for social care

**10. We need to co-produce a plan to change the way social care is run.**



At the moment, lots of **residential** care and nursing homes are run by private organisations. We must make these services public, this means they are owned and run by local or national government.

**Residential homes:** these are homes where many people live together.

To do this, we must set up **cooperatives** and **social enterprises**. These must be disabled people's user and worker led organisation.



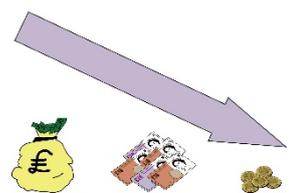
**Cooperatives:** this is an organisation that is owned and run by its members.

**Social enterprises:** this is an organisation that can make money at the same time it works to meet a social aim.

## 11. We need to get back our access to legal aid.



**Legal aid:** this is support and money to cover legal costs when taking a case.



The price of legal aid should go back to the prices before the **Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act** came into place.

**Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act:** this was a law brought in that made changes to legal aid and other things.

The government must give funding to Disabled People's Organisations

This funding should be used to give information, advice and advocacy to disabled people.



**12. The government must close all assessment and treatment units and institutions for people with learning difficulties and autism.**



They must set up a group to do this. The group should co-produce a plan with Disabled People's Organisations.



The government must bring back support for people leaving hospitals. To do this, they should bring back care and support in the community, which have been closed since 2010.



### 13. The government has made many bad changes to the benefits system since 2010. They must get rid of these.



Here are some of the changes they should get rid of:

- **Universal Credit**
- Benefit cuts
- **Sanctions**
- **The Bedroom Tax**



**Universal Credit:** this is a benefit which brings together 6 benefits into 1 payment.

**Benefit Sanctions:** this means that when you break the rules of a benefit, they get taken away or stopped for a number of weeks, months or years.

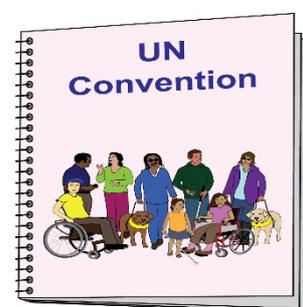
**Bedroom Tax:** this was money that the government did not charge to people who had extra bedrooms and were living in local authority houses. This has now been taken away and people must now pay for their extra rooms.

The government needs to build a new **welfare** system. To do this they should co-produce a plan with Disabled People's Organisations.



**Welfare:** this is the money that government spends on health, social care, benefits, housing and other support given to people.

This should be based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



## 14. The government must make a plan to build social housing.

This should be based on **Universal design** and **lifetime homes standards**. We need accessible housing options for disabled people.



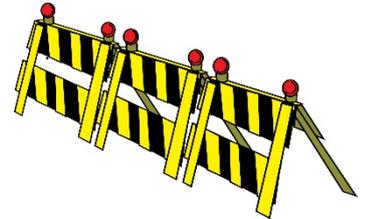
**Universal design:** this is a way of making spaces and buildings accessible to everyone.

**Lifetime homes standards:** these are different ways of making sure that a house can be changed to meet a persons needs over their lifetime.

## 15. The government must work with Disabled People's Organisations to give disabled people better support in the workplace.



They must focus on getting rid of barriers which stop disabled people from working.



Society is diverse and so the work place should be just as diverse. Organisations must hire people of all different identities. They should think about things like:



- Age
- Disability
- Race
- Gender
- Sexuality



The government needs to do a review of the **Access to Work** scheme. It needs to be bigger and better.



**Access to Work:** this is a pot of money that the government gives to people who need support of equipment to be able to work.



## 16. The government must stop saying all work is good for you



They must stop using **conditionality** and sanctions to force people into jobs.

**Conditionality:** this means that people can only get benefits if they do certain things or behave in certain ways.

They must bring back **social security**. People should not have to live in poverty when they are too ill to work. They should not have to live in poverty because of barriers which stop them getting jobs. The government must realise this.



**Social security:** this is money given by the government when a person does not have any money or enough money coming in.

People must have a right to an **income** if they cannot work.



**Income:** this means the amount of money a person or family has coming in.

## 17. The government must give funding to mental health support services



They should value mental health as much as physical health. We need funding now to help with short-term problems whilst we sort out long-term ways of dealing with this.



We need new laws based on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. These laws should be co-produced with people who use the system and survivor groups.

