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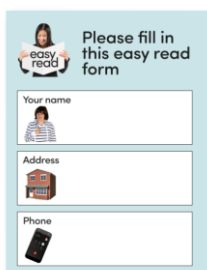
The **Department for Work and Pensions** look after jobs, money and help – like disability benefits. They decide what help people can get. They are sometimes called the **DWP**.



In 2023, the DWP talked about changing the way they decide who gets disability benefits.



The DWP asked people what they thought about their ideas for the changes.



They made an easy-read survey, with some information about their plans and questions for people to answer.



Ellen Clifford is a disability activist. She is part of a group called Disabled People Against Cuts (DPAC).



Ellen didn't think that the DWP had talked about their ideas fairly. She spoke up about this.



**The High Court** is in charge of important laws about people and the community. The High Court listened to what Ellen was saying and looked into it more.



In January 2025, the High Court said that the DWP had broken the law.



The DWP had not given people enough information about the changes they wanted to make. Also, the time people had to think about the changes was too short.



The DWP did not make it clear that the changes would mean people getting less money for their benefits.



Well done Ellen for speaking up about the rights of disabled people.