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**Disability
alliance**

Breaking the link between poverty and disability



**Susanna Hancock,
Chair**

Chair's Report

It's been another interesting and challenging year at Disability Alliance!

One of the things that gave me great pleasure this year was our conference in November on disabled parents. Being a disabled parent myself meant that I felt very close to the issue, and that the conference brought out some very important points.

One key development this year that I have followed with great interest has been the expansion of our Training Unit, enabling us to provide courses in venues across England and Wales. We also increased our publications portfolio this year with a new guide, *'Claiming Attendance Allowance'*, plus our ever popular *'Disability Rights Handbook'*.

I want to say a big thank you to Disability Alliance staff for the high quality work that they have undertaken on a wide range of issues over the past year.

I also want to say a big thank you to the Disability Alliance Board of Trustees. I am well aware of the excellent support that they provide and their knowledge and expertise on a whole range of subjects.

Thanks are due to all our funders once again, but I want to say a particular thank you to the Inland Revenue for funding our work on tax credits. It's great to see a government department willing to support a voluntary organisation working to increase take-up. We want to thank the following for enabling us to continue the work we do in breaking the link between disability and poverty:

- Association of London Government Grants Committee
- UK Sport
- The Department of Health
- The Department for Education and Skills
- CASE at the LSE
- Unum Provident
- Lloyds TSB
- The Community Fund

This will be the last time I will be introducing the Alliance's Annual Report, because after a great deal of thought, I have decided to stand down as Chair of the Alliance. I have been Chair for the past four years, and have found it an extremely interesting and rewarding time.

I have been incredibly impressed by the work of the Disability Alliance staff and the Board of Trustees and have felt very proud to be associated with an organisation which consistently provides high quality work on issues which are so important to me, as well as to other disabled people and their families. During the time that I have been Chair I have been particularly proud of the development of our Training Unit and the establishment of our Combat Poverty Unit. I have also enjoyed some excellent annual conferences.

Although I am standing down, I shall continue to take a great interest in what the organisation is doing, and I wish everybody involved in Disability Alliance, the staff, the Trustees and the future Chair, all the very best of luck in the future.

Chief Executive's Report

We've had a very busy and successful year. In addition to the major expansion of both our training services and our publications portfolio we've seen visitors to our website increase from 3,500 to over 40,000 a month. We've been able to develop our policy work on families with disabled children and in January, Gabrielle Preston, our Policy and Information Officer, started a three-month placement at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). This enabled her to carry out a survey of families getting disability benefits for their children which will form the subject of a report to be produced next year.

In September we produced '*Out of Sight*' a report into race inequality in the benefits system. This excellent report built on our long-standing concerns about the generally poor service provided to black and ethnic minority disabled people.

Looking to the future

2004-5 will see the publication of the report of our Joseph Rowntree Foundation funded research on budget standards for disabled people. This is a tremendously important piece of work which we plan to launch at a national conference in the autumn.

Next year we also plan to produce two exciting new advice publications. We asked families and advisers who bought our very

popular '*Don't Miss Out*' guide what other materials they would find useful. They told us that a guide to claiming disability living allowance (DLA) for children was top of their list. Thanks to funding from the Department of Health we will be producing just such a guide in 2004-5. With the help of funding from Lloyds TSB we will also be producing a guide to claiming DLA for people with sickle cell traits, in a new partnership with the Sickle Cell Society.

I'd like to thank our excellent team of staff who have continued to provide a range of high quality services to disabled people. We are also particularly fortunate in having such an experienced and committed Board of Trustees and have been able to benefit from their keen interest in ensuring that the work of the organisation is developed and improved.

Finally, as you will see from her report, Susanna is moving on after four years as our Chair. Susanna has a long history of involvement with the Alliance and served on the Board for several years before taking over as Chair. I have enjoyed my time working with Susanna and found her partnership approach both creative and supportive. I know I speak for both the staff and the Board when I say how much we have appreciated her contribution and how sorry we are to see her go. Susanna – we wish you all the best for the future.



Lorna Reith,
Chief Executive

Mission Statement

Disability Alliance believes it is unacceptable that thousands of disabled people in the UK live in poverty. We are committed to breaking the link between poverty and disability. We do this by providing disabled people with information about their rights and by campaigning for improvements in disability benefits so that they reflect the real costs of disability.

Campaigning

Disability Alliance believes that the benefits system should ensure that:

- Disabled people who cannot work have an adequate income to live on, and
- All disabled people get financial assistance to help meet the extra costs of disability.

* Figures include disability benefits as income

Making a difference

In evidence to the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee we argued that the Government would fail to end child poverty unless parents with disabled children and disabled parents were specifically targeted for extra help. The Committee accepted our view and included targeting and several more of our suggestions in its recommendations.

Disabled People and Poverty

Britain's 8.6 million disabled adults and children live in households with a total income that is at least 20% to 30%* less than that of other households. Over 50% of disabled people have incomes that are below half the average and this rises to 60% amongst disabled people with children.

Some 60% of disabled people are not in paid employment. Those in work have earnings that are 70% to 80% of the earnings of non-disabled workers. Other disabled people may never be able to enter the labour market and will therefore depend on benefits for the whole of their lives.

Yet levels of benefit are inadequate. Incapacity benefit, which replaces earnings for those unable to work, is worth less

than £3,900 a year. And take-up of disability benefits is also low, with only 40% to 60% of those eligible for disability living allowance actually claiming it.

Day-to-day living is more expensive if you are disabled. Extra money is often needed for help with cleaning, cooking and personal care, medicines, special equipment, wheelchairs, incontinence pads, home adaptations, extra heating and hot water, special clothing and shoes, extra laundry, special diets and travel.

The level at which benefits are paid has a direct effect on the standard of living, health and quality of life of disabled people. Social inclusion cannot become a reality for disabled people or their families if they remain trapped in poverty.

Influencing Government

Our policy work is informed by our daily contact with disabled people and other organisations.

We influence the delivery of government services by contributing to bodies such as the Department for Work and Pensions Standards Committee and annual forums.

Over the year we also participated in a regular Inland Revenue tax credits working group, monitoring the implementation of the new tax credits, launched in April 2003.

We submitted responses to consultations from government or parliamentary committees or provided parliamentary briefings on: disabled children, low birth weight babies, winter fuel payments,

helping disabled people move into work, tax credits, hospital downrating and the Treasury Spending Review.

We gave written and oral evidence to the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee on services to black and ethnic minority customers and on child poverty.

Working as an Alliance

As a small charity we can often be more effective if we work together with other organisations. We play a leading role in the Disability Benefits Consortium, the Coalition on Charging and the Social Security Consortium, and are active members of the End Child Poverty Coalition, New Beginnings, the Parents and Carers Coalition and Disability Daily.

Combat Poverty Unit

Our policy and campaign work is carried out through our Combat Poverty Unit. This year our main areas of work were:

Families with disabled children

The difficulties faced by families and our recommendations for addressing these were the topic for a presentation to the Parliamentary All-Party Disability Group in July. Through our membership of the End Child Poverty Coalition, we worked to ensure that the needs of disabled children were on the political agenda. Between January and March we undertook a survey of families – the results of which will be published next year by the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion at the LSE. To offer more immediate practical help, we were part of a campaign (Quids for Kids) to increase take-up of benefits amongst low-income families and produced our own guide *'Don't Miss Out'*.

Mobilise

Disability living allowance is not available to anyone aged over 65 claiming for the first time. Instead, older disabled people can get the much more restrictive attendance allowance which has no mobility component or lower care rate. Joining forces with a range of disability and older peoples organisations we helped launch 'Mobilise' in spring 2004 to campaign against age discrimination in disability benefits.

Benefit reductions in hospital

After just four weeks in hospital, disabled people lose all of their disability living allowance or attendance allowance and their carer loses their carer's allowance. We continued to collect evidence and highlight the problems created by these rules.

Winter fuel payments

Disabled people and families with disabled children tell us of their high heating and hot water costs and their constant financial worries. We worked closely with *'Disability Now'* magazine in support of the campaign for the winter fuel payment, currently available to everyone over 60, to be extended to disabled adults under 60 and families with disabled children.

Disabled parents – national conference

BBC Disability Correspondent, Peter White, spoke from personal experience at our successful conference in November 2003 which discussed the financial difficulties and extra costs faced by disabled parents.

Charging for community care services

We continued to campaign to highlight the hardship caused by charging disabled people for community care services. We led a group of organisations representing disabled and older people, the Coalition on Charging, who produced a report of user's experiences – *'The costs of care: the impact of the fairer charging policy on disabled and older people'* (January 2004).

The cost of participation

We share the Government's aim to increase the number of disabled people on public bodies. However, we know that disabled people are put off because they fear they will lose out financially or put their benefits at risk. We highlighted these concerns to the Commissioner for Public Appointments and suggested changes to the social security benefit rules.



Gabrielle Preston and Richard Holmes, Combat Poverty Unit staff

Making a difference

We told the Inland Revenue of our concerns that terminally ill children would not be able to benefit from the proposed new Children's Trust Funds, which are restricted until a young person reaches 18. The legislation was amended to allow terminally ill children to access their Fund before they reach the age of 18.



Making a difference

'*Out of Sight*' formed the basis of our written evidence to the House of Commons Work and Pensions Committee Enquiry into the Department for Work and Pensions' (DWP) service delivery to minority ethnic people. We also gave oral evidence and assisted the Committee in holding locally based evidence gathering sessions.

You can get information on our current campaigns and research work by visiting our website at www.disabilityalliance.org

Research

The Alliance is often asked to participate as an adviser to research projects. We also work in more formal partnership with academic bodies. During 2003-4 we participated in a number of key research projects.

'Money, choice and control: the financial circumstances of early retirement'

This report, published in December 2003, and funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, asked people in their fifties and early sixties about their experiences, decisions and attitudes to taking early retirement. The role that ill-health or disability played in people's moves into early retirement was one of the factors explored in the research.

The extra costs of disability

By March 2004 fieldwork had been completed on a project funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation and carried out in partnership with the Centre for Research in Social Policy. Using disabled people as 'experts' the project examines the extra costs faced by disabled people with different types of impairment and then develops consensual budget standards for everyday living. The report will be published in autumn 2004.

Provision of support services to disabled people

We contributed to a qualitative study carried out with the National Centre for Social Research on behalf of the DWP. The focus of the study was on exploring how and why structural transitions in disabled people's lives can lead to discontinuity in the provision of services and equipment.

From the evidence gathered we were able to pinpoint problems, identify examples of good practice and make recommendations for changes in policy and procedures. A report '*Making the Transition: Addressing Barriers in Services for Disabled People*' was published in February 2004.

Race inequality in the benefits system

In September 2003 we published a major report '*Out of Sight*' which examined how ethnic minority disabled people and their carers experienced the benefits system. The focus of the report was on non-English speaking claimants – especially Asian women – and the ways in which the benefits system disadvantages them because of their ethnicity, language and literacy skills, social isolation, cultural attributes and gender. The report urged wide-ranging reforms in the way the DWP responds to the needs of disabled people and carers from ethnic minority communities.

Families with disabled children

Between January and March 2004 our Policy and Information Officer, Gabrielle Preston, worked on a qualitative research project for us at the Centre for Analysis of Social Exclusion at the LSE. She undertook a survey of 20 families whose children had either been awarded disability living allowance (DLA) or had an award downrated or withdrawn in the last year. The research looked at the extra costs families incurred caring for a disabled child, their experiences of applying for DLA, how well benefit income covered the extra costs and what happened to families whose benefit was withdrawn. A report is due for publication in autumn 2004.

Our Training Services

Disability Alliance provides high quality legally accredited training about benefits for disabled people.

Public training programme

Each year we deliver a public programme of courses during the spring and another in the autumn.

In 2003-4 we delivered 29 courses to a total of 407 advisers. A new course, Disability benefits overview, was included in the following programme:

- Benefits and mental health
- Community care and benefits
- Community care and the law
- Disability benefits for young people
- Disability living allowance and attendance allowance – basic
- Disability living allowance and attendance allowance – appeals
- Industrial injuries
- Pension credit
- Personal capability assessment
- Taking cases to Commissioners

Two further training sessions were provided on tax credits. We hope to develop a tax credits course as part of our public programme.

Our delegates

Our courses are attended by a wide range of people who work or volunteer for organisations providing welfare benefits information, advice, advocacy or assistance with form filling and appeals. Legal professionals and social workers, as well as staff from housing associations and generalist advice centres, are among those who have found our training courses useful.

Venues

Courses were arranged in Bristol, Leeds and London, as well as Cardiff and Colwyn Bay thanks to our training partnership with RNIB Cymru.

In-house training

We also provided 16 in-house training courses this year, to organisations at a suitable venue of their choice. We can tailor courses to meet the specific requirements of the organisation or their client group.

Examples of in-house courses delivered by Disability Alliance trainers in 2003-4 include:

- Benefits and mental health – to Umbrella
- DLA claims for children with learning difficulties and mental health problems – to ADHD in Suffolk
- Industrial injuries – to the Greater Manchester Police Federation
- Overview of benefits – to Prospect Housing Association

Disability requirements

All our venues are fully accessible. We make every effort to accommodate disability requirements, for example course notes in large print or Braille.

Evaluation

We are always keen to receive comments and suggestions from delegates. We carefully consider feedback provided on the day of the course and make necessary amendments to course materials and delivery methods. We also collect feedback six weeks after the course, to assess the impact on delegates' day-to-day work.



Helen Healy and Valerie Grant,
Training Unit staff

Making a difference

"An informative and well-presented course – I have learned a lot of new information."

"Excellent practical exercises and very good presenter."

"Good all round course. Good material to take away."

Disability alliance

TRAINING UNIT

You can find out more about our training courses from our website www.disabilityalliance.org/train.htm

Advice & Information



Vanessa Davis,
Director, External
Services

Making a difference

**"Following your
advice I received
my full entitlement
from the DWP."**

**"With your help I
have got something
moving at last and
the authorities
have listened to
me now."**

**"Thank you so much
for your advice and
support – it was
one of the factors
that enabled us to
challenge the
system."**



Pauline Hunter,
Rights Worker

Rights Advice Service

Our Rights Advice Service provides advice to disabled people, carers and advisers on social security benefits, tax credits, community care and related issues.

We produce the *'Disability Rights Handbook'*, a comprehensive guide to benefits, tax credits and services for disabled people, their carers and the professionals working with them.

We also produce the *'Disability Rights Bulletin'* three times a year. The *'Bulletin'* provides articles on social policy issues as well as updating the *'Handbook'* by providing information on changes in the law or administrative practices.

The Rights Advice Line

Advice is provided by telephone to members of the general public, including other organisations and agencies. The service is provided twice a week for two hours and each session is always busy. Enquiries range from discussing benefit entitlement and explaining the various disability tests for benefits and tax credits, to providing support to those appealing against decisions they are not happy with.

Many enquiries require follow up work and further information. We have a stable of factsheets as well as copies of relevant case law or legislation which are sent to callers to back up the information given on the telephone. We can provide details of advice agencies in local areas who may be able to provide further help to our callers.

For each call received, a case sheet is prepared. A system of case checking is in

place to monitor the quality of our advice provision and provide valuable information to inform our campaign and policy work. We responded to over 1,600 enquiries made to the Rights Advice Line during 2003-4.

The Helpline

We provide a second-tier advice service to Disability Alliance member organisations and the DIAL network. The aim of the service is to support advisers by increasing their confidence, knowledge and skills and allowing them to provide a more comprehensive service to their client group.

We encourage advisers to check information and explore options they may not have considered. Our Rights Workers provide two-hour sessions twice a week, during which we receive a wide variety of enquiries. Advisers can discuss tactics with us and are given advice on preparing cases for appeal. The service also acts as a resource for obtaining copies of case law, legislation, government guidance and practice notes.

We responded to 489 enquiries during the last year.

Written requests

Requests for advice on a variety of issues are received by post, fax, e-mail and via our website. This year, we responded to 663 enquiries. Web and e-mail enquiries now account for 68% of contacts.

Advice & Information

The Website www.disabilityalliance.org

Our website contains information about Disability Alliance services, campaigns, membership, publications and training and provides up-to-date benefits and tax credits news. It is also a convenient way to order publications, access our advice services and participate in campaigns.

More information – more visitors

Our aim is to continually develop the site to ensure it meets the needs of a wide range of users. This year, the site expanded and is now bigger than ever. We introduced a new search facility which makes it easier for visitors to locate the information they need.

The number of people using the site has increased steadily and our new method of recording statistics shows an average of 46,000 visitors each month.

UK Sport Project

Since 1997, Disability Alliance has been providing an advice service to UK Sport and to individual disabled athletes receiving Lottery funding on the World Class Performance Programme. In 1999 the project achieved success in changing legislation, enabling disabled athletes to

Online advice

We established a secure, online advice service called 'The Advice Room'. Developed on our behalf by theClaimRoom.com Ltd, this facility is currently available to our member organisations.

Your feedback

We welcome comments from visitors and adapt the site in response to the ideas we receive. We sent an information mailshot to a number of black and ethnic minority organisations and took the opportunity to request specific feedback from this group.

As a result of feedback this year, we increased our provision of information on basic and more complex benefits, tax credits and campaigns.

receive Lottery funding without adversely affecting their means-tested benefits. This year, we offered a two-hour telephone advice session each week and ongoing e-mail advice to disabled athletes. We also provided consultancy services to UK Sport administrators.

Information and Signposting

This year we responded to over 21,000 enquiries from callers throughout the UK. Topics included welfare benefits, training, government policy and general disability issues.

We are often able to provide answers or advice over the phone but where appropriate, we send more detailed

information in the form of factsheets or briefings, and refer callers to other organisations or sources of information.

Enquiries: 1st April 2003 to 31st March 2004

Telephone enquiries	19,235
Briefings & factsheets	112
Letters & e-mail	2,103
Overall total	21,450



Martin Inch, Website Rights Advice Worker

Making a difference

"Very good site – easy to follow, some useful links."

"Clear and concise information which is essential for my work as an adviser."



Michèle Holland, Administrative Assistant

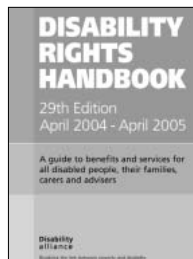
Publications

Making a difference

“Clear information with bold headings for easy reading and a good contents list.”

“Great reading and very informative. Reports like this raise awareness of the barriers our client groups face in the benefits system.”

“This guide is well written in layman’s language and is easy to follow.”



Disability Rights Handbook

Available in print and CD format, the *Handbook* is our most successful publication. Welfare rights advisers, as well as

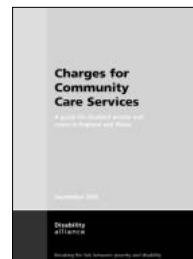
individual disabled people and their carers throughout the UK use it. It is regarded as a key resource for up to date information about disability benefits. The information in the handbook runs from April to April each year and can be ordered separately or with the *Disability Rights Bulletin* as a subscription package.



Disability Rights Bulletin

The *Bulletin* is published three times a year to supplement and update the *Handbook*. This year it has included articles

on measuring child poverty, supporting disabled parents, tax credits, pension credit, changes to the War Pensions Scheme and benefit take-up campaigns. A centre section brings readers up-to-date with legislative changes to all social security and related benefits.



Charges for Community Care Services

This guide for disabled people and carers in England and Wales looks at charges for community

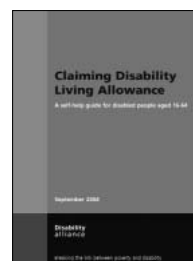
care services. It explains clearly what the law says about charges, and looks at the Government Guidance on how charges should be calculated.



Claiming Attendance Allowance

This self-help guide is for people aged 65 and over with a long-term health problem or disability. It aims to provide both an

explanation of the benefit, and guidance on completing the self-assessment claim form. It has been written for anyone with an illness or a disability who is considering making a claim and can also be used by the family or carer of someone who is disabled, or by professionals.



Claiming Disability Living Allowance

This self-help guide for disabled people aged 16-64 aims to provide both an explanation of the benefit, and guidance

on completing the self-assessment claim form. It has been written for anyone with an illness or a disability who is considering making a claim and can also be used by the family or carer of someone who is disabled, or by professionals.

You can get information about our publications or download an order form from our website www.disabilityalliance.org



Don't Miss Out!

This guide, for parents and carers of a disabled child, provides information on benefits and services for children with disabilities or special needs. It includes clear explanations of the possible benefits and tax credits entitlements, how to claim, and how benefits may be affected if the child is away from home.

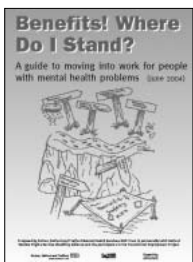


Out of sight: Race inequality in the benefits system

This report examines how ethnic minority claimants who are either disabled or caring for a disabled person, experience the benefits system. It has a focus on non-English speaking claimants and explores the different ways that the benefits system disadvantages them because of their ethnicity, language and literacy skills, social isolation, cultural attributes and gender.

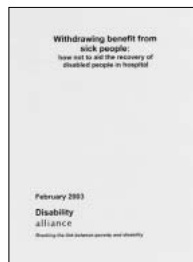


Ian Greaves,
Handbook Editor



Benefits! Where do I stand?

This is a guide to moving into work for people with mental health problems. It provides an informative and practical guide to the complex web of rules around benefits, tax credits and work. It has been designed to be especially useful for people who have been users of the mental health system.



Withdrawing benefit from sick people

This report, on how not to aid the recovery of disabled people in hospital looks at the hardship experienced by disabled people and their carers as a result of the loss of disability and carer benefits while in hospital. The report calls for changes in the rules so that short spells in hospital do not affect people's benefits.

Making a difference

"I like the way the guide follows each section of the attendance allowance claim-form."

"I love the easy friendly language and structure."

"It gives the qualifying rules in the Appendix but is written in an easy to understand way, for our organisation this is excellent."

"I like the bold sentences down the sides of the guide."



Moving into Work and Self-employment – why not?

These two popular guides provide all the information needed by disabled people who may be considering the transition into work or self-employment.



There is a strong focus on social security benefits and tax credits, and the guides explain how different types of work may impact on benefits.

People

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Helen Healy – Training Unit Manager (from March 2004)
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Mary O'Brien – Cleaner
Gabrielle Preston – Policy and Information Officer
Lorna Reith – Chief Executive
Jack Sklar – Rights Advice Worker locum part-time (to May 2003)



Financial Statements

Summary of Financial Statements

These statements summarise information from the full annual accounts. The full accounts comply with current statutory requirements, were approved by the Trustees on 14th October 2004 and were audited without qualification. In due course, copies of the full accounts will be

lodged with the registrar of companies and the Charity Commission. The summarised accounts shown here may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of the charity. This information is available in the full accounts.



Sam Karuhanga,
Director, Finance and
Core Services



Irene Musoke,
Finance and
Membership
Assistant

	2003 -2004	2002 -2003
Summarised Statement of Financial Activities		
	£/000	£/000
Incoming resources		
Grants	187	247
Membership fees	36	34
Publication sales net income	121	134
Training	50	33
Other income	23	14
Total incoming resources for the year	<u>417</u>	<u>462</u>
Resources expended		
Direct charitable expenditure	390	390
Other expenditure	67	66
Total resources used in the year	<u>457</u>	<u>456</u>
Net income for the year	<u>(40)</u>	<u>6</u>
Summarised Balance Sheet		
	£/000	£/000
Fixed assets	17	13
Net current assets	49	94
Net assets	<u>66</u>	<u>107</u>
Funds		
Restricted funds	0	0
Unrestricted funds	66	107
Total funds	<u>66</u>	<u>107</u>



Alliance Members

Ability Housing Association	Community Care Team	Citizens Advice (formerly NACAB)	Dover Access & Mobility
Action Disability Kensington & Chelsea	British Polio Fellowship	City & County of Swansea	Downs Syndrome Association
Action for Blind People	Brittle Bone Society	City of Edinburgh Council	Durham Welfare Rights
Acts 1/372 Branch	CAB – Bicester	Cluttons solicitors	East Belfast Independent Advice Centre
Advocard	CAB – Boothferry	Colchester Borough Council	East Berkshire Autistic Support Group
Age Concern – Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan	CAB – Bracknell	Colchester PCT – GP Care Advisors	East Sussex Assertive Outreach Team
Age Concern – Colchester	CAB – Chesterfield	Communication Workers Union Northern / Northwest London Branch	Eastgate Resource Centre
Age Concern – England	CAB – Colchester	Community Advice & Information Service	Educational Institute of Scotland
Age Concern – Wirral	CAB – Coventry	Community Led Action and Support Project Stevenston	Electrical & Electronics Industries Benevolent Association
Agoriad Gyf	CAB – Hackney	Community Practitioners & Health Visitors Association	Elmbridge Housing Trust
AHEAD	CAB – High Wycombe	Connect	Enfield Disablement Association
Aldingbourne Trust	CAB – Hornsey	Contact a Family	Epilepsy Action
Alzheimers Scotland – Action on Dementia	CAB – Huntingdon	Conwy Voluntary Services Council	Equal People – Kensington & Chelsea
Alzheimer's Society	CAB – Kensington	Co-options Co-operative	Family Welfare Association
Angelman Syndrome Support	CAB – Leytonstone	Croft Community	Fire Brigades Union
Arthritis Care	CAB – Maidenhead	Cystic Fibrosis Trust	Focus on Carers & Self Help
Arthrogyposis Group (Tag)	CAB – Newcastle Under Lyme	Dash – St Helens	Freshwinds
Asian Disability Awareness Action in Bradford	CAB – North East Doncaster	DEBRA	Friends of the Elderly
Asian People with Disabilities Alliance	CAB – Newport Isle of Wight	Denaby Main Forum	GAVO Newport Resource Centre
Association for Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus	CAB – Rotherham	Department of Health	Glasgow Centre for Independent Living
Autism – West Midlands	CAB – Runnymede (Abraham Cowley Unit)	Derbyshire Coalition for Inclusive Living	Glasgow South East Carers Network
Baring Foundation	CAB – Sale	Derbyshire County Council	Gloucestershire Lifestyles
Barnet Law Service	CAB – Sevenoaks	Devon CC – Advanced Training Unit	GMB Birmingham
Barnsley Blind & Partially Sighted Society	CAB – Shropshire, Telford & Wrekin	Diabetes UK	GPMU
Barton Hill Advice Service	CAB – St Albans	Dial – Cornwall	GPMU – Birmingham & West Midlands Branch
Bedfordshire County Council	CAB – St Albans	Dial – London Waltham Forest	GPMU – Central Midlands
Benefits Outreach Service	CAB – Tunbridge Wells	Dial – Nuneaton	GPMU – North Lancs
Bestwood Advice Centre	CAB – Twickenham	Dial – UK	GPMU – Scottish branch
Birmingham CC – NAI Support Services	CAB – Wandsworth	DIARY Information Centre	Grampian Society for the Blind
Birmingham Social Services – Hawkesley Centre	CAB – West Berkshire Thatcham extension	Directions – Durham CC	Greater London Action on Disability
Birmingham Tribunal Unit	CAB – Westminster	Disability Action – Northern Ireland	Greater Manchester Hazards Centre
Blakes & Link Employment	CAB – Woking	Disability Advice Service – Lambeth	Greenwich Community Law Centre
Bolton Welfare Rights Service	CAB – Wokingham & District	Disability Information & Advice Service	Guide Dogs for the Blind
Bracknell Forest Borough Council SSD	Caerphilly Children's Centre	Disability Information Service for Children & Young People	Haemophilia Society
Bradford Disability Services Limited	Cambridgeshire Social Services	Disability Shetland	Hammersmith & Fulham Action for Disability
Brent Association of Disabled People	Camden Tribunal Unit	Disability Wales	Hanover Housing Association
Brent Carers Centre	Capability Scotland	Disability West Lothian	Haringey Irish Centre
Bridge Employment	Care Forum	Disability West Midlands	Harlow Council Welfare Rights Unit
Brighton Housing Trust	Carer Support Elmbridge	Disabled Drivers Association	Hastings Advice & Representation Centre
Bristol CC Disabled Adults	Carers UK	Disablement Association Hillingdon	Havering Association for People with Disabilities
	Carlisle Community Law Centre	Disability Welfare Rights	Headway – Nottingham
	CHAI – South Edinburgh Advice Service	DISC – Disability in Camden	Hebburn Advice Centre
	Change	Dorset Resident Homes	
	Chescombe Trust		
	Chesterfield BC		
	Chevin Housing Association		
	Child Poverty Action Group		
	Choice in Hackney		
	CHOICES Housing Association		

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Hertfordshire CC SSD	Menphys Special Outreach Service	Prospect	Thornhill Neighbourhood Project
Highland Advice & Information Network	Merseyside Welfare Rights Resource Centre	Proteus Syndrome Foundation UK	Tower Hamlets Law Centre
Hillingdon Carers	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	Real Life Options	Tuberous Sclerosis Association
Holmewood Advice Centre	Middlesborough Council	Record of Children with Disabilities	Truro Link into Learning
Hounslow Law Centre	Milton Keynes Welfare Rights Group	Redbridge Disability Association	UK Advocacy Network
Hounslow Welfare Rights & Money Advice Unit	Mind – Bracknell	RESPECT – Croydon Children's Rights Services (NSPCC)	Unison
Inclusion Scotland	Mind – Haringey	Retail Trust	Unison – Birmingham branch
Income Maximisation Project	Mind – Southampton	Rethink	Unison – City of Newcastle Upon Tyne
Inverclyde Council	Mind – West Leicestershire	Riverside Advice	Unison – Lothian Primary Care
Ipswich Disabled Advice Bureau	Minstead Training Project	RNIB	Unison – Morecambe Bay Health
John Grooms	Multiple Sclerosis Society	Royal Association for Deaf People	Unison – Surrey County Branch
K C Carers	National Association of Adult Placement Services	Royds Advice Service	United Welsh Housing Association
Kent CC County Benefits Services	National Association of Retired Police Officers	Schizophrenia Association of Great Britain	University of Essex Student Support Office
Kingston Centre for Independent Living	National Association for Colitis & Crohns Disease	Scope	University of Manchester Union Advice Centre
Lancashire CC Social Services	National Autistic Society	Scottish Borders Council Social Services	University of Sheffield Hallam Students Advice Centre
LB Barnet Welfare Benefits Unit	National Deaf Children's Society	Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairment	Vanguard Project
LB Camden Welfare Rights Unit	National Federation of the Blind	Sense (The National Deafblind & Rubella Association)	Victoria School
LB Greenwich Social Services Community Care	National League of the Blind & Disabled	Sense – Cymru	Wage Project
LB Greenwich Welfare Rights Unit	National Society for Epilepsy	Shaftesbury Society	Wakefield Centre for the Unemployed
LB Havering Welfare Rights Unit	NCH Kaleidoscope	Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind	Walsall MBC Welfare Benefits Unit
LB Kingston-upon-Thames Welfare Benefits Unit	Neath Port Talbot Social Services	Shepherds Bush Advice Centre	Waltham Forest Association of Disabled People
LB Newham Social Regeneration Unit	Newry Welfare Rights Centre	South Ayrshire Council	Waltham Forest Quest
LB Redbridge Social Services	North East London Advocacy	South Manchester Law Centre	Wandsworth Disablement Advice Service
Leicester CC Welfare & Employment Rights	North Staffs Carers Association	Southend District Mental Health Association	Warwickshire Welfare Rights Advice Service
Leicester Law Centre	North Staffs Users Group	Southwark Disablement Association	Wearside Disablement Centre Trust
Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living	Northern Ireland Law Centre	Springfield Mental Health Services NHS Trust	Welcare, Helping Parents, Helping Children
Leonard Cheshire	NUM Lancashire Region	St Barnabas Day Hospice & Education Centre	Welmede Housing Association
Lesbian & Gay Employment Rights	Oldham Disability Alliance	St James Kidney Patients Association	West Lancashire Association of Disabled People
Lifeways Community Care	Organisation of Blind African Caribbeans	St Pauls Advice Centre	Westminster Society for People with Learning Disabilities
Lincolnshire CC Social Services	Orkney Islands Council	Staffordshire Social Services	William Sutton Housing Association Ltd
Linkwide	Our Voice	Sunfield School	Wimbledon Guild of Social Welfare
Lisieux Trust	Oxford Citizens Housing Association	Support Shop Ltd	Worcestershire Social Services Mental Health Team
London Borough Grants Unit	Oxford Community Work Agency	Supported Employment	Work-in-Progress UK Ltd
London East Aids Network	Oxford Unemployed Claimants and Workers Union	Surrey Welfare Rights Project	Wrexham Council Welfare Rights Unit
Luton Borough Council	Paddington Law Centre	Swan Advice Network	Young People's Accommodation Team Scunthorpe
Luton Law Centre	Pancreatitis Supporters Network	T & G Union	
Manic Depressive Fellowship	Parkinsons Disease Society of the UK	Tact Home Counties	
ME Association	People into Employment ETEC – Sunderland	TACT Ltd	
Mencap	Plumstead Community Law Centre	Tameside Social Services	
Mencap – Barking & Dagenham	Police Federation: Leicestershire,	Terrence Higgs Trust	
Mencap – Bexley			
Mencap – Leeds			