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Personal Independence Payment (PIP) Experimental Statistics (August 2018)

This summary contains experimental statistics on Personal Independence Payment (PIP) in Northern Ireland. Experimental statistics are new official statistics undergoing evaluation. They are published in order to involve users and stakeholders in their development and as a means to build in quality at an early stage.

From 20th June 2016, DfC began to replace Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for working age people with PIP. PIP helps with some of the extra costs caused by long term disability, ill health or terminal ill health.

Statistics on PIP registrations, clearances, awards, numbers of claims in payment and mandatory reconsiderations for both new claims and claims made by those with an existing claim for Disability Living Allowance (known as reassessments) are included.

Registrations

156,430

(total figures from June 2016 to August 2018)

Clearances

133,670

(total figures from June 2016 to August 2018)

In Payment

84,660

(total claims in payment at August 2018)

Award Rate

(New Claims)

47%

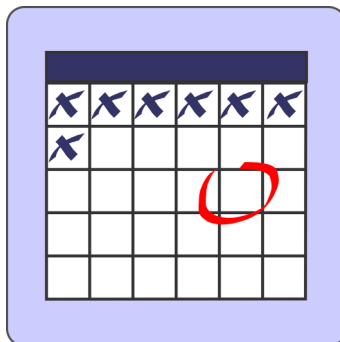
(rate for new claims from June 2016 to August 2018 based on initial decision.)

Award Rate

(DLA Reassessment)

76%

(rate for DLA Reassessment claims from June 2016 to August 2018 based on initial decision.)



Average (median)
clearance time of
13 weeks

(total figures from June 2016 to August 2018 from registration to clearance)



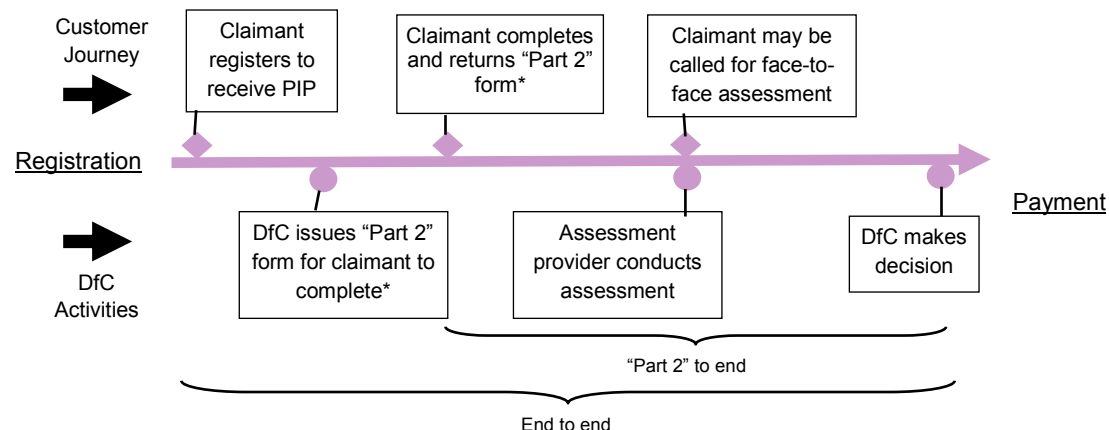
40% of awards have
Psychiatric Disorders as the
main disabling condition

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PIP Claims Process

This release summarises the published official statistics relating to PIP. The statistics cover the PIP customer journey from registration through to payment. Key information is included on average clearance and award rates, on the nature of the award and characteristics of claims in payment. More detailed statistics are available as supplementary tables on the DfC website at <https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/personal-independence-payment-statistics>.



*The "Part 2" form is referred to in the application process as the "How your disability affects you" form.

ASU measure the full end-to-end process (from claim registration to decision/payment) and the Assessment Provider (AP) referral to end process (which excludes the time the claim is with the claimant). For more details see the "About these statistics" section.

Glossary of Terms

Registration - Claimant registers an application to claim PIP.

Clearance - DfC decision maker has determined whether the claimant should or should not be awarded PIP.

Clearance Time - The time between registration or referral to the Assessment Provider (AP) and clearance of the case.

Awards - Claimant has been awarded PIP.

New Claims - A claim to PIP which does not originate from an existing DLA claim.

Reassessment - DLA claim that has been reassessed for PIP, as opposed to a new claim.

Special Rules for Terminally Ill (SRTI) - A special fast-track PIP claim procedure for anyone who is terminally ill and not expected to live more than six months.

Normal Rules - Claims not being processed under 'Special Rules for Terminally Ill (SRTI)'.

Mandatory Reconsiderations - Claimant wishes to dispute a decision made on their claim and requests DfC to reconsider the decision.

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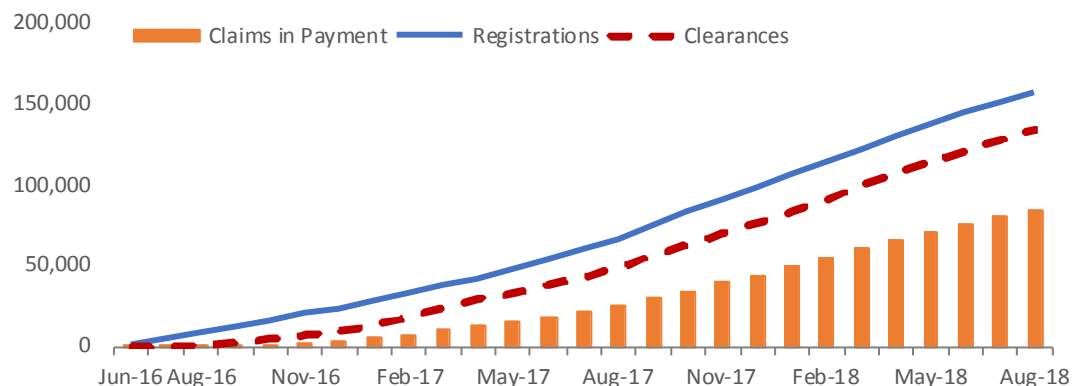
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Registrations, Clearances and Awards

156,430 PIP Claims registered since June 2016

Clearances and awards statistics below **do not** include awards given as a result of mandatory reconsiderations or appeals. Claims in payment do include those who have been awarded PIP after a mandatory reconsideration or appeal.

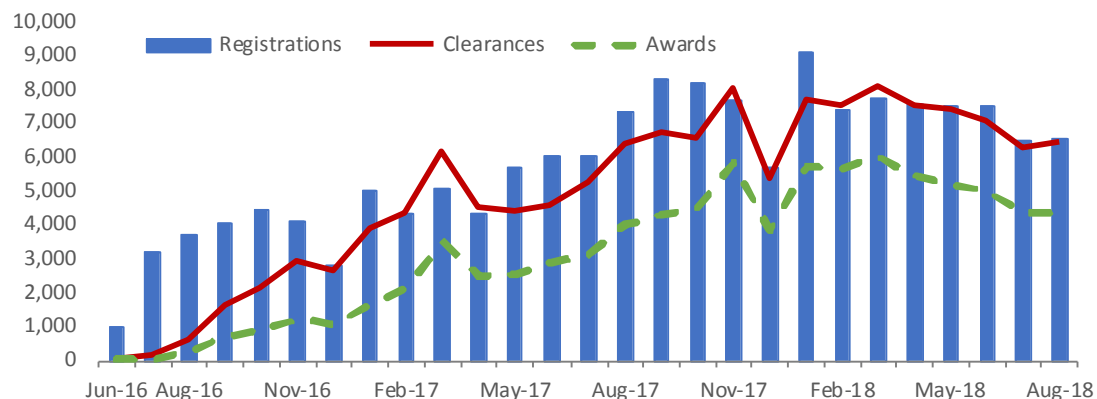
Cumulative Registrations, Clearances and Claims in Payment



By the end of August 2018, there were 156,430 PIP claims registered. Of these, 133,670 had been cleared including 1,240 (1%) 'Special Rules for the Terminally III' (SRTI) claims. Of these clearances, 86,260 (65%) were reassessed DLA claims.

84,660 Claims in Payment at August 2018
63,710 (75%) of these are Reassessed DLA Claims

Monthly Registrations, Clearances and Awards



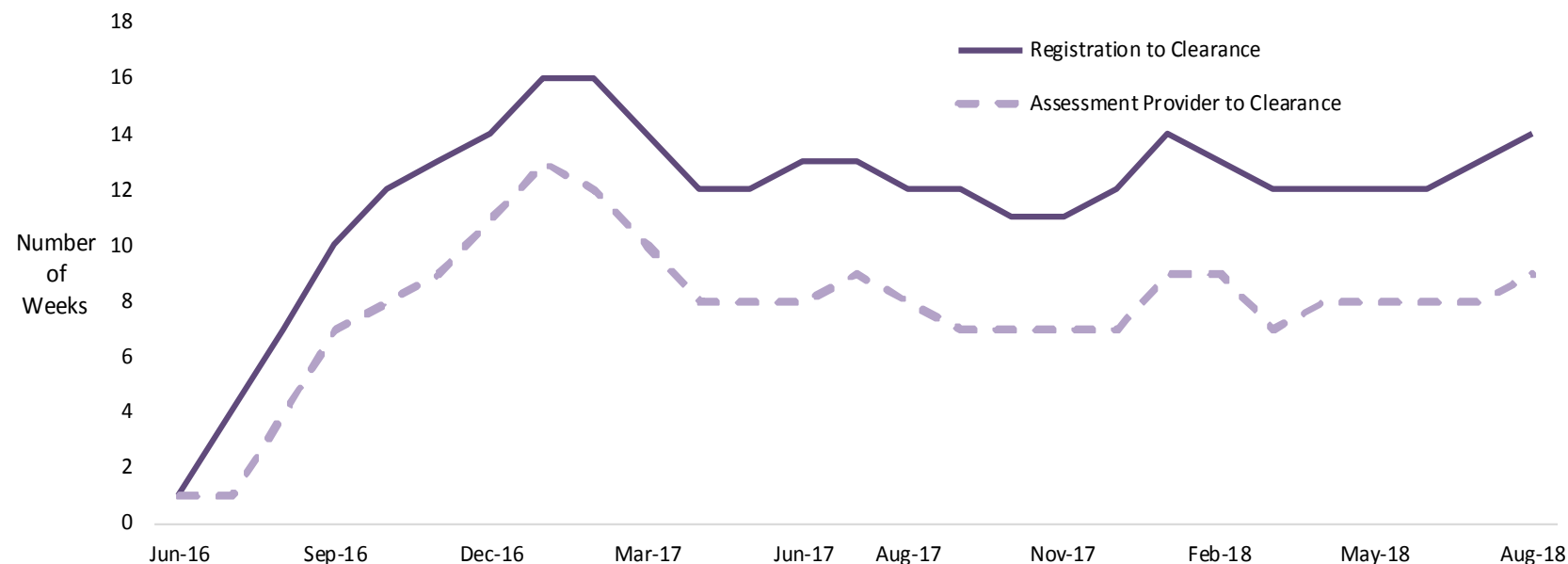
Award rates (excluding withdrawn claims):
New Claims - 47%
DLA Reassessment Claims - 76%
Overall award rate - 66%

Average Clearance Periods

Overall average clearance period of 13 weeks since June 2016

Average clearance periods are given in weeks and calculated from date of claim being registered on the PIP computer system until a decision is cleared. Also given below are the average clearance periods for the time taken from referral to assessment provider to a decision being cleared.

Average (median) Clearance Period (weeks), Claims Cleared by Month



Average Clearance Periods (registration to clearance):

- June 2016 to August 2018 - **13** weeks
- At August 2018 - **14** weeks

Average Clearance Periods (assessment provider to clearance):

- June 2016 to August 2018 - **8** weeks
- At August 2018 - **9** weeks

Average Clearance Periods (registration to clearance; from June 2016):

- New Claims - **12** weeks
- DLA Reassessed Claims - **13** weeks

Characteristics of Claims in Payment

Currently 84,660 PIP claims in payment

Claims in Payment by Award Level

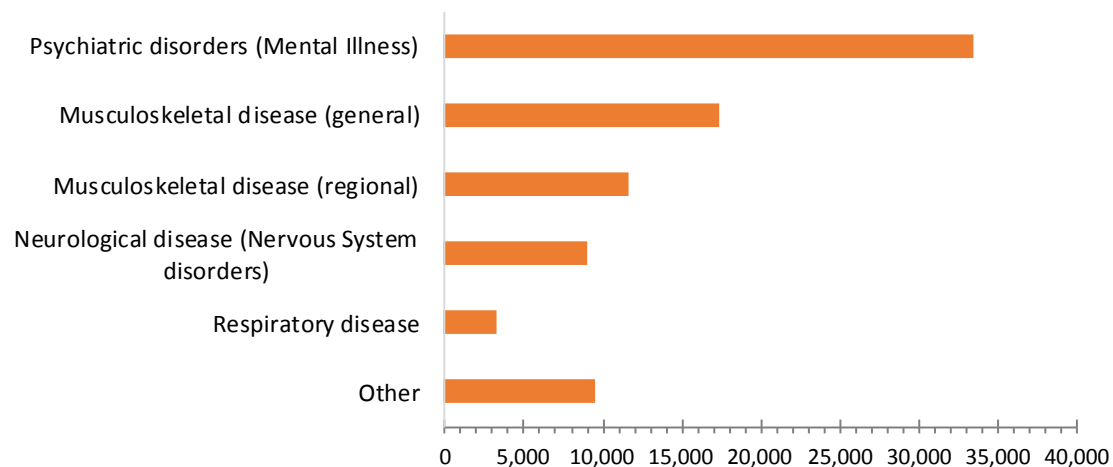
MOBILITY

		Standard	Enhanced	No Award
DAILY LIVING	Standard	8,920 (11%)	17,040 (20%)	13,610 (16%)
	Enhanced	3,890 (5%)	31,760 (38%)	6,400 (8%)
	No Award	1,600 (2%)	1,430 (2%)	

38% of claims in payment are awarded the enhanced rate for both components.

24% of claims in payment are in receipt of the Daily Living component with no entitlement to the Mobility component.

Claims in Payment by Main Disabling Condition



40% (33,540) of all claims in payment have a Psychiatric Disorder as the main disabling condition.

DLA Reassessed Claims

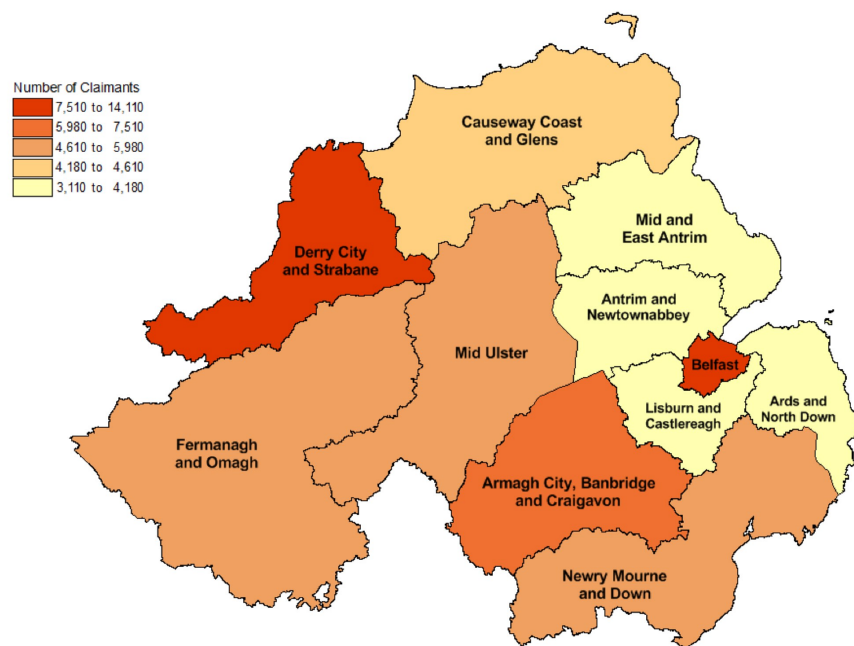
Currently 63,710 PIP claims in payment from DLA Reassessment

DLA Reassessment Roll Out

The main reassessment of DLA claimants began in December 2016 and is expected to end in April 2019.

At the end of August 2018, 63,710 claims in payment were reassessment claims from DLA (75% of all claims in payment). There have been 86,260 DLA reassessment claims cleared as at end August 2018.

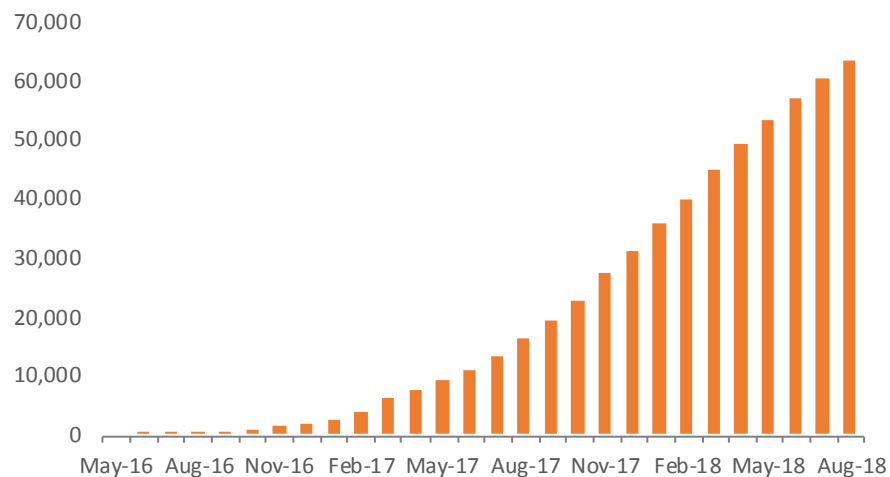
People with Reassessed DLA Claims in receipt of PIP (by Local Government District (LGD))



Belfast LGD has the highest number of DLA reassessed claims in receipt of PIP.

76% of DLA Reassessed claims are granted an award of PIP (based on initial decision).

Total DLA Reassessed Claims in Payment



Of the 63,710 reassessed claims in payment at August 2018:

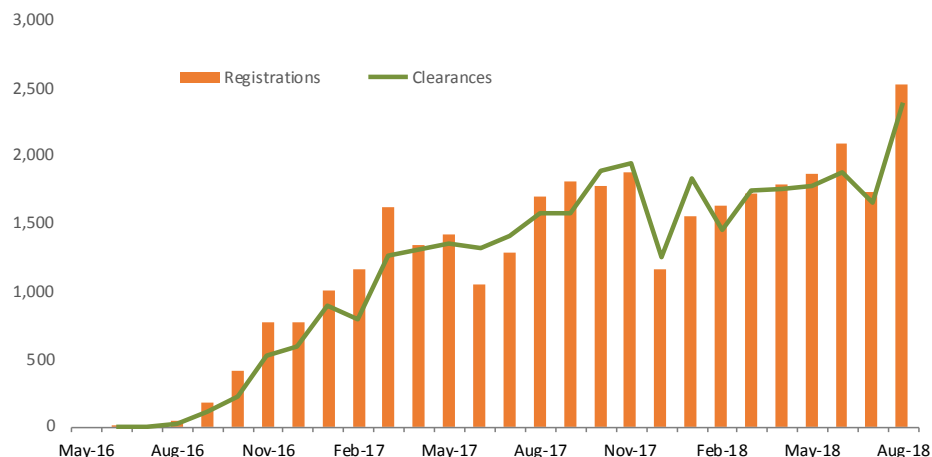
- 48,190 (76%) received an award at the enhanced rate.
- 26,890 (42%) received the highest level of award i.e. both enhanced rate for daily living and enhanced rate for mobility.

(These figures include case outcomes which may have been changed as a result of mandatory reconsideration or appeal.)

Mandatory Reconsiderations

26% of PIP decisions to date have resulted in a request for reconsideration

Reconsiderations by Month: Registrations and Clearances



Claimants who wish to dispute their decision on their PIP claim can ask DfC to reconsider the decision. This is a 'Mandatory Reconsideration' (MR). Its purpose is to consider the grounds for the dispute and complete a review of the initial decision. MRs can arise for various reasons such as omitting to tell DfC about relevant evidence during the initial decision making process or not returning forms required as part of the claim.

The number of MRs requested tends to move in line with the number of claims cleared.

By the end of August 2018, there were 34,310 MRs registered, with 23,040 for DLA reassessed claims and 11,270 for new claims.

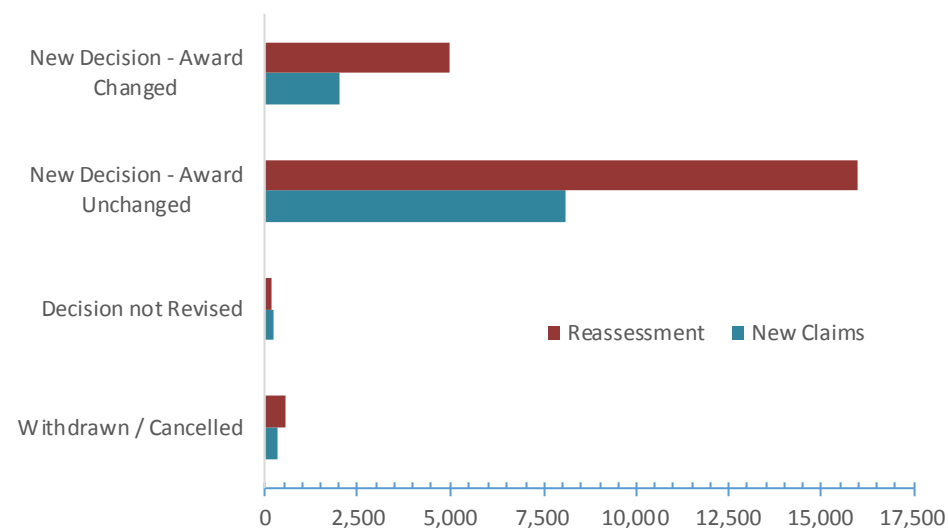
A total of 31,560 MRs have been cleared* by end August 2018. Of these, 10,370 (33%) were new claims and 21,190 (67%) DLA Reassessed claims.

A MR must be completed before an appeal is made and lodged with The Appeals Service.

The majority of reconsiderations result in no change in the award.

*excluding withdrawn / cancelled MRs

Reconsiderations Outcome for New Claims and Reassessed Claims



By the end of August 2018, **80%** of new claims and **77%** of reassessed DLA reconsiderations resulted in no change to the award.

New Decision - Award Changed; The Reconsideration instigated by the Claimant or Department has been completed and a conclusion is recorded which indicates that there has been a new decision issued and the award has been changed.

New Decision - Award Unchanged; The Reconsideration instigated by the Claimant or Department has been completed and a conclusion is recorded which indicates that there has been a new decision issued but the award remains unchanged.

About These Statistics

This summary contains experimental statistics on PIP registrations, clearances, awards, numbers of claims in payment and mandatory reconsiderations for both new claims and claims made by those with an existing claim for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) (known as Reassessments).

Data is sourced from the PIP Computer System and represents a 100% population of PIP claimants with a postcode in Northern Ireland at the associated dates. All figures are rounded to the nearest 10 and as a result may not sum to stated totals.

'Monthly claims in payment' refers to the number of PIP claims in payment on the last day of the month. Any figures relating to claims in payment will include claims which may have been changed as a result of a mandatory reconsideration or appeal. Figures relating to registrations, clearances and award rates are based on the initial decision and **do not** take account of any awards changed as a result of mandatory reconsiderations or appeal.

Data Quality Statement

These statistics are in an experimental stage and as such are subject to retrospective revision in any future releases.

The methodology for gathering these statistics is still in development and is also in the process of being quality assured. The methodology may change, leading to a revision of the figures contained within.

Data Amendment

For this publication, a series of data cleansing exercises took place. As such timeseries data has been revised to reflect this and a small number of figures will differ from previous releases. This will be built into all future releases of the publication.

PIP Operational Roll Out

PIP was introduced in Northern Ireland on 20th June 2016 for all new claims and where the award period for DLA had come to an end.

From December 2016, the main reassessment of all existing working age DLA claims began with claimants selected at random. This process is expected to be completed by April 2019.

Further Information & Feedback

For more information on PIP statistics, including detailed tables, please visit:

<https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/articles/personal-independence-payment-statistics>

Alternatively, contact DfC Analytical Services Unit at: asu@communities-ni.gov.uk

We would appreciate if you completed a short questionnaire to give us your views on the publication.

An online version of this questionnaire is available at the following link:

http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PIP_Stats_User_Survey/

For more information on PIP in general, please visit:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/personal-independence-payment>