

# PIP Factsheet

The introduction of Personal Independence Payment (PIP) has significantly disadvantaged people with epilepsy, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has denied PIP to 54% of people living with epilepsy who previously had Disability Living Allowance (DLA). This is over double the national average for all health conditions and the second highest reassessment rejection out of all health conditions. Previous figures show that of those who appealed their PIP decision, a huge 78% won their case and received the benefit. These figures only cover those who have moved from DLA to PIP. DWP data suggests that 65% of people with epilepsy applying for PIP as new claimants have been denied the benefit.

**Epilepsy is More  
than Seizures  
#GetAGripOnPIP**



## We need you!

Tell us about your experience of the PIP process and how you think the system should be changed.



  
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## Our Campaign

Our ambition is to amend the current Westminster system so that people with epilepsy are treated fairly.

We also want to influence the new social security system coming to Scotland to make a better system for all.

## What do we want?

- For the wider impacts of epilepsy to be taken into account
- Epilepsy is more than seizures - other impacts include memory loss, anxiety/depression and fatigue
- Better understanding of risk on the part of assessors and decision makers
- Reduced stress and greater dignity throughout the process
- Fewer face to face assessments
- Straightforward forms and easier ways to give evidence
- Longer awards