**QUESTIONNAIRE: The impact of the Government’s proposed reforms to disability benefits announced in March 2025**

*A* ***Women’s Budget Group*** *and* ***Sisters of Frida*** *research collaboration*

**This project**

The Women’s Budget Group (a feminist economics think tank) and Sisters of Frida (a Disabled women and non-binary people’s collective) are conducting analysis of how the changes to disability benefits and work support announced by the Government in March 2025 will affect Disabled women specifically. We will use the findings from this research to put pressure on MPs, politicians and policymakers, to reconsider these reforms and protect Disabled women, and Disabled people in general, from poverty and socio-economic hardship.

We are using national statistics to describe the impact these reforms will have on Disabled women. We are also doing interviews with women with lived experience of disability to better understand how these reforms will affect their lives, and the effects the announcement of cuts is already having on women’s health and wellbeing.

**Your involvement**

If you agree to take part, we will ask you to share your experiences of disability and state support by answering the questions below. Your participation is voluntary, and you do not need to answer any questions you don’t want to, and you can stop completing the survey at any point if you wish to.

Your responses will be used to illustrate how disability reforms are expected to impact Disabled women. We may use excerpts of your answers in our briefing. It will be anonymised so that the information cannot be linked to you.

Your personal information will be kept securely and destroyed at the end of the study.

Your participation will be anonymous - your name will not be used in any reports or publications resulting from the study.

**Please read and select the following statements if you agree with them:**

- I have read and understood the explanations above YES/NO

- I am 18 or over YES/NO

- I agree to take part YES/NO

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

*Please return your answers to Sara at* *sara.reis@wbg.org.uk* *by Wednesday 7th May.*

1. **Tell me about you**: Could you describe in a few words how your impairment/disability affects your life?
2. **Your costs:** Can you describe some of the additional costs you have as a result of your disability? (Please include any healthcare costs not covered by the NHS)
3. **Care roles**: Do you have children? Do you provide care for another person? If so (to any of the two) how does your care role impact your life?
4. **Proposed reforms to disability benefits**: The Government has announced changes to disability benefits, including restricting eligibility to PIP and freezing the “health” element in Universal Credit and reducing it to new claimants.
	1. **How do you feel about the proposed cuts?** (What emotions are you experiencing? What are your biggest fears?)
	2. **How would these cuts affect your health?** (Would they impact your ability to access treatment, afford medication, manage pain, or maintain your mental health?)
	3. **Would these cuts affect your ability to pay for essential bills?** (rent, food, heating, transport, care costs)
	4. **Would these cuts affect your ability to live independently?** (Would you struggle with daily activities, mobility, or personal care? Would you have to rely more on family, food banks, or charities?)
	5. **How would these cuts affect your ability to work or look for work?** (Would they push you into work before you are ready? Would they make it harder to stay in work? Would they remove vital support you need?)
	6. **How do you feel other** identities you may have (e.g. race, sexual identity, gender identity, religious identity) could affect your experience of these changes?
5. **Proposed changes to job support**: The Government has also announced additional support for Disabled people to get and keep a job. This will include a ‘Right to try’ a job without it affecting people’s benefits. How would these changes affect you (if at all)?
6. **Thank you for sharing**: Is there anything you would like to share that haven’t had the chance to in previous questions?