



Transferring from Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to a Personal Independence Payment (PIP) when your child is aged 16.

As your child turns 16, legally they will be entitled to make their own decisions and have any benefits paid to them directly. You may need to seek advice around this. Contact a Family (<https://contact.org.uk/>) or Citizens Advice (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/>) for support with this.

If you currently claim Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for your child, you will receive a letter from the DWP a few months before your child turns 16, asking if you would like to claim Personal Independence Payment (PIP). You will also be asked by the DWP if you would like to become an appointee for your child - this means that you will still be in control of this benefit on behalf of your child, and it will still be paid into your selected bank account. If you do not become an appointee for your child, they will receive this benefit directly and all correspondence will be addressed to them.

If you do not currently claim DLA for your child, you still may be entitled to claim PIP once they turn 16 - you would need to contact the DWP.

The application form for PIP is quite lengthy - please do not hesitate to contact one of our Family Support Officers if you require any assistance. It is also worth remembering that, if you are awarded the enhanced mobility rate of PIP, you can apply for free road tax for one car and you will be eligible for the Motability scheme.

Once your child turns 16, they may be entitled to apply for Universal Credit (if you are an appointee for them, you can apply on their behalf). Universal Credit does not affect your child's eligibility for PIP but will affect other benefits you may claim for them (such as Child Benefit or Tax Credits). However, applying for Universal Credit when your child is 16 is not straightforward but don't let that put you off - it can be done. There is lots of information on the Contact a Family website about this - please feel free to contact one of our Family Support Team to discuss this further.