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## **Reconsideration of PIP decision Request from Mr David Wozny**

Dear Sirs

I have received my PIP payment decision but would like it to be reconsidered as I believe it is wrong.

The points I have been awarded for Daily Living Needs Component do not accurately reflect my disabilities and care needs.

### **Daily Living Activities**

#### **Preparing food**

I require prompts when preparing simple meals. I often forget what the steps of preparation are, even if I have carried out the task the previous week. I need written instructions when preparing food, even for things such as, pasta sauce. As I cannot recall the steps to take, even if I have prepared the meal several times, it means that the task takes longer as I need to keep stopping to check what I have done and what the next step is.

I am currently working on backward training with an Occupational Therapist, where the therapist will carry out the initial steps and I will finish the meal off (2-3 steps).

#### **Eating and drinking**

I am able to eat and drink a normal diet however have difficulty swallowing dry food. I have been seen by a speech and language therapist who has advised that I take sips of drink throughout my meal and has provided me with swallowing exercises.

I also suffer from tingling sensations/pain around my mouth when I eat; this can also have an effect on my dietary intake.

## **Managing your treatments**

I have medication which I take on a daily basis, and require prompts to do so.

I am seen by an Occupational Therapist, fortnightly; Physiotherapist, fortnightly and Vocational Therapist, monthly. I require reminders, via email, mobile device or text messages to ensure I remember these sessions. Following the session, I require prompts, written correspondence to enable me to remember what has taken place during the session and what the plan/actions are.

My Case Manager or partner attend my medical appointments with me as I struggle to recall the information given to me.

## **Communicating**

I am able to understand information provided to me however have difficulty retaining this information; requiring a written reminder that I can refer back to.

I have difficulty maintaining a conversation if there is background noise or activity, as I become easily distracted and lose my change of thought.

If I am interrupted when having a discussion, I have difficulty returning to the original conversation, requiring prompts to remind me of what we were discussing.

Due to my memory deficit, when something pops into my head I need to say it otherwise I will forget what I wanted to say.

I also have word finding difficulties, and often need to close my eyes to be able to concentrate on what I want to say.

I agree with your decision/scoring on all the other questions in the Daily Living Needs Component.

I have included the following reports with this letter:

- Occupational Therapy Assessment Report, dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- Physiotherapy Assessment Letter, dated 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016
- Vocational Assessment, dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Yours sincerely

Mr David Wozny