



#### LAMBETH, SOUTHWARK AND LEWISHAM SICKLE CELL AND THALASSAEMIA CENTRE

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DISRUPT WELFARE FOR SICKLE

### IT'S BECOME HARDER TO GET WELFARE SUPPORT

### **OLD STRATEGIES NO LONGER WORK**

WHY?

WELFARE REFORM AGENDA SINCE 2010

### **GOVERNMENT ESTIMATE**

BY OCTOBER 2017; APPROXIMATELY 12 TO 13
MILLION TAX CREDIT AND BENEFIT CLAIMS WILL BE
TRANSFORMED INTO 8 MILLION UNIVERSAL CREDIT
PAYMENTS

# THE LOSERS

4 TO 5 MILLION PEOPLE WOULD LOSE BENEFITS

# **BIG LOSERS**

SICKLE CELL DISEASE

**THALASSAEMIA** 

# DLA SWITCH TO PIP

PERSONAL INDEPENDENCE PAYMENT (PIP)

OVER 50% WILL BE WORSE OFF ON PIP (government projection)

# **GOVERNMENT STRATEGY**

POINTS BASED ASSESSMENT PROCESS TO SLASH BENEFITS

**PRIVATE COMPANY ASSESSING CLAIMANTS** 

ALLOWS DWP TO SAY ASSESSMENTS ARE FAIR



# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING?

# DISRUPTING WELFARE FOR SICKLE SINCE OCTOBER 2014

### A FEW FIGURES FOR YOU

JANUARY TO DECEMBER 2016

TRACKED 49 SUCCESSFUL PIP OUTCOMES

MOST CLIENTS GOT ENHANCED PIP

£7267 PER ANNUM

### ANNUAL TOTAL

£270,679.60

### OTHER ENTITLEMENTS

JSA, ESA, DLA, TAX CREDITS

BLUE BADGE, FREEDOM PASS, CONGESTION

CHARGE EXEMPTION

MOTABILITY CARS, FREE ROAD TAX, FREE PRESCRIPTION

HOUSING BENEFITS, COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION
WARM HOME DISCOUNT, HOME IMPROVEMENTS
50% REDUCTION IN THAMES WATER BILLS
RE-HOUSING

# QUESTIONS FOR YOU

WHY DO SICKLE CELL PATIENTS STRUGGLE TO GET WELFARE SUPPORT?

WHAT NEEDS TO CHANGE?

**AWARENESS** 

### **CHANGE**

# ATTITUTES IN THE SICKLE COMMUNITY NEED TO CHANGE

### **ATTITUDES**

DISJOINTED PATIENT GROUP -THE ABSENCE OF AN EFFECTIVE CENTRAL VOICE

LACK OF INTEREST IN SELF-ADVOCACY

RE-ENFORCING STIGMA YOURSELVES – YOU NEED TO TALK ABOUT SICKLE CELL MORE

### **HOUSING**

**INAPPROPRIATE HOUSING** 

**BUILDINGS WITHOUT LIFTS** 

DAMP AND MOULD - COMMON PLACE

### **QUESTION**

WHY ARE WE STILL HAVING THIS CONVERSATION ABOUT SUITABLE HOUSING FOR SICKLE CELL PATIENTS WITH SOCIAL HOUSING PROVIDERS?

HAS ANYONE BEEN TALKING TO HOUSING PROVIDERS?

STANDARD OF HOUSING FOR SICKLE CELL SHOULD
ALREADY BE A NATIONAL POLICY

# LOOK AT THE FOLLOWING PICTURES





















WHO LIVES IN THESE HOUSES?

# **ENGAGE**

### YOU NEED TO ORGANISE- ENGAGE KEY STAKEHOLDERS

UNTIL YOU ENSURE THERE IS A NATIONALLY ACCEPTED STANDARD

GET ORGANISED AND FIGHT FOR A CHANGE

# WORKSHOP

### SIGN UP FOR MY FREE PIP WORKSHOP

#### **DISRUPT WORKSHOP**

COMPLETING THE FORM

STEP BY STEP PREPARATION BEFORE ASSESSMENT

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE ASSESSMENT

MOCK PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

HOW TO TRIGGER POINTS THROUGH YOUR ANSWERS

**APPEALS** 

# **END**

# THANK YOU

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