

MacFarlane trust beneficiaries helped during GRO-D

██████████ spent time dealing with correspondence to and from the barrister and helping prepare for his appeal hearing.

██████████ she has been found fit for work and we need to challenge this. However, she has not yet sent me copies of the letters issued to her by DWP so I cannot make progress until she does.

██████████ A ridiculous decision that he is fit for work. Basic errors in the DWP's assessment evidence. Have prepared a mandatory reconsideration application but I don't think it will succeed and we will have to appeal to tribunal.

██████████ she was asked to attend a work focused interview but for her these are voluntary so I phoned DWP and told them. I have made a complaint about the wording of the letter sent to her and I await a response from DWP.

██████████ difficult to carry out a proper benefits check as she did not have the information I need. I will phone her again.

██████████ spent time drafting the application for appeal to tribunal and obtaining medical evidence from his consultant.

██████████ ditto

██████████ received the pleasing news that he has not only been awarded PIP but awarded it at a higher rate than the DLA he was previously receiving. He did not even have to attend a face-to-face assessment.

██████████ has been asked by DWP to claim PIP. Advised how to make initial claim and to send the main claim form to me to help him with this.


██████████ preparing papers for his tribunal hearing which was successful and he was awarded standard rate daily living component of PIP. Have also written to Jobcentre Plus because this passports him to a higher rate of ESA. I suspect on past form DWP will take about three months and a lot of hassle to implement this properly.

██████████ invited to claim PIP so standard advice given on how to do so and sending the main claim form to me.

██████████ asked to attend a medical assessment. Advised how to deal with this.

██████████ carried out a benefits check but could not identify any further benefits he is entitled to. His partner has savings which puts them above the capital limit for means tested benefits. Partner has claimed carers allowance which is the correct benefit in the circumstances.

██████████ Not being paid ESA due to error by her employer. Have sorted this. However, I think longer term she will not qualify.

 Benefit check showed his wife qualifies for carers allowance.