



**Dear CfC Action Group Member**

## **Public Affairs Team Diary**

In November and December the Public Affairs team attended the following meetings

### **November**

- BASCIS and MASCIP conferences
- Personal Independence Development Group
- Department of Health/RADAR Care Services

### **December**

- Baroness Hollins and Continuing Healthcare
- Royal College of Physicians sub- speciality meeting

## **Independent Living Survey**

The Spinal Injuries Association is looking to hear from people on their experiences of the Independent Living Fund. (ILF) If you have experiences of ILF please take part in our survey.

Find out more [here](#)

## **Urology User Group Coalition Survey**

The Urology User Group Coalition has produced a survey on the experiences of continence product users. This survey is designed to get a better picture of the experiences of continence product users,

Find out more [here](#)

## NICE guidelines on Pressure Ulcers

SIA trustees Raquel Sigantoria and John Borthwick have been invited to join the National Institute of Clinical Excellence's (NICE) Guideline Development Group Pressure Ulcers as patient representatives

Find out more [here](#)

## Consultations

### Personal Independent Payments (PIPS) FAQs

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> of January the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) released the second stage of their Personal Independence Payments (PIPs) consultation. SIA will be responding to this consultation and would like to hear your views.

Find out more [here](#)

## News Room

### Responsible Reform

A new report shows that overwhelming opposition to the Coalition's disability benefit reforms was kept hidden by the Government in their response to the Personal Independence Payments consultation.

Find out more [here](#)

### Warm Home Front Discount

The Warm Home Discount (WHD) is a new scheme funded by energy suppliers. It came into force on 1 April 2011 and will provide approx £1.13 billion in direct and indirect financial support to vulnerable energy consumers over the next four years.

Find out more information and eligibility for the scheme [here](#)

### Fear over future of Pinderfields Spinal Injuries Centre

Fears have been raised over the future of the Spinal Injuries Centre at Pinderfields Hospital, Wakefield. A campaign group has been set up whilst the review takes place.

Find out more [here](#)