

Dear colleague

I have just joined the Department for Work and Pensions as the Secretary of State. I am happy to publish this consultation booklet: 'Making choice and control a reality for disabled people: Consultation on the Right to Control'. It tells you about some new ideas and asks you some questions. It is your chance to tell us what you think.

In 2005, the Government made a promise to work towards equality for disabled people by 2025.

Since then we have come a long way and brought in a lot of new ideas. Many of them are talked about in this booklet. But we still have a lot of work to do.

We know it is important to disabled people that they have choice and control over how they live their lives. We listened and talked to many disabled people as we made the plans for the right to control. This booklet is the next step and asks questions about how we should set up the right to control.

If the right to control is set up properly, it could change disabled people's lives. This is why we want to test the right to control in a small number of areas. And we need to ask what people think of our plans.

I hope that you will take the time to read this document and answer some of the questions. You know best how to live your life, and you will be able to help us make the right to control happen.

Yours sincerely



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