

Terms of Reference and Membership of PCA Working Groups

Overarching PCA Consultative Group*

The terms of reference of the Overarching Consultative group are:

- 1) To represent the views of people with health problems or disabilities in the project to transform the PCA process.
- 2) To interact with, and advise, the technical working groups involved in the project, specifically:
 - to review the current PCA physical functional assessment to ensure it correctly identifies: people whose functional limitation is such that it is unreasonable to require them to work; and people who in spite of some functional limitation remain able to work;
 - to review the processes for gathering information and evidence from claimants and their health care team;
 - to contribute to the development of the new work focused health assessment;
 - to contribute to the Jobcentre Plus project to improve the standard of decision making, to reduce the situations in which a claimant feels the need to appeal and the numbers of decisions overturned at appeal.
- 3) To feed into the Technical Groups' recommendations and report to Ministers.

Membership of this group is set out in the table:

Name	Organisation
Duleep Allirajah	Macmillan Cancer Support
Dr Mark Baker	Royal National Institute for the Deaf
Andy Barrick	Royal National Institute for the Blind
Brigid Campbell	Independent / Social Security Advisory Committee
David Congdon	MENCAP
Stephen Duckworth	Disability Matters
Richard Excell	Trade Unions Congress
Katie Hanson	SENSE
Jane Harris	Rethink
Marilyn Howard	Disability Rights Commission
Christine Jess	Disability Employment Advisory Committee
John Knight	Leonard Cheshire
Glynn McDonald	Arthritis Care
Andy Rickell	Scope
Sue Christoforou	MIND
Vanessa Stanislas	Disability Alliance
John Wheatley	Citizens Advice Bureau

The Mental Health Consultative Group*

The terms of reference for the Mental Health Consultative Group are as follows:

- 1) To consider the impact of the changing pattern of mental health problems and treatment options on the effectiveness of the mental health component of the assessment.
- 2) To review the relevance of current assessment descriptors and to identify aspects not covered by current descriptors.
- 3) To review the interaction between mental and physical health problems and the way they are handled with the current scoring system.
- 4) To consider recommendations for a revised mental health assessment which will:
 - ensure that those who are currently unfit for work are identified;
 - identify accurately those who in spite of their condition are fit to continue in work;
 - for those who are unfit for work, identify interventions that would help to support recovery such that return to work would again become an option.
- 5) To liaise with the Mental Health Technical Working Group throughout the course of the Review, feeding into their recommendations and report to Ministers.

Membership of this group is set out in the table:

Name	Organisation
David Congdon	MENCAP
Sue Christoforou	MIND
Margaret Edwards	SANE
Richard Excell	Trade Unions Congress
Jane Harris	Rethink
Caroline Hawkings	Turning Point
Kate Nash	Radar
Rachel Perkins	Disability Employment Advisory Committee
Mia Rosenblatt	National Autistic Society
Liz Sayce	Disability Rights Commission
Judy Scott	Judy Scott Consultancy
Debbie Witton	Salford County Council

The Mental Health Technical Working Group*

The terms of reference for the Mental Health Technical Working Group are as follows:

- 1) To consider the impact of the changing pattern of mental health problems and treatment options on the effectiveness of the mental health component assessment.
- 2) To review the relevance of current assessment descriptors and to identify aspects not covered by current descriptors.
- 3) To review the interaction between mental and physical health problems and the way they are handled with the current scoring system.
- 4) To consult and liaise with the Consultative Group throughout the course of the Review.
- 5) To make recommendations for a revised mental health assessment which will:
 - ensure that those who are currently unfit for work are identified;
 - identify accurately those who in spite of their condition are fit to continue in work;
 - for those who are unfit for work, identify interventions that would help to support recovery such that return to work would again become an option.
- 6) To produce a report for Ministers, including these recommendations, by September 2006.

Membership of this group is set out in the table:

Name	Organisation
Dr Jed Boardman	Royal College of Psychiatrists
Dr Alan Cohen	Royal College of GPs
Dr Bob Grove	Department of Health
Sue Godby	Unum Provident / College of Occupational Therapists
Dr Paul Litchfield	Faculty of Occupational Medicine
Miles Rinaldi	National Institute for Mental Health in England
Dr Angela Graham	Atos Origin Medical Services
Philippa Russell	National Children's Bureau
Prof. Geoff Shepherd	Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Mental Health Trust

The Physical Descriptors Technical Working Group*

The terms of reference for the Physical Descriptors working group are as follows

- 1) To represent the views of people with health problems or disabilities in the project to transform the PCA process.

- 2) To interact with, and advise, the technical working groups involved in the project, specifically to review the current PCA physical functional assessment to ensure it correctly identifies: people whose functional limitation is such that it is unreasonable to require them to work; and people who in spite of some functional limitation remain able to work
- 3) To make recommendations to ministers in September 2006

Membership of the group is set out in the table:

Name	Organisation
Dr Anthony Clarke	Royal National Hospital for Rheumatological Diseases
Dr Peter Dewis	Unum Provident
Dr David Henderson-Slater	Oxford Centre for Enablement
Anne Johnson	Royal National Hospital for Rheumatological Diseases
Anne Spaight	Disability Living Allowance Advisory Board

In addition to these groups, the Department has set up groups of officials to look into the wider aspects of the PCA around the capability assessment, the appeals process and the evidence gathering process.

* Members of the Technical Groups were chosen for the experience they bring to the groups, not the organisations they are employed by or are members of. They do not necessarily represent the views of these organisations on the groups.