

“At this early stage in the process, it is clear that the budget proposals would, if implemented in their current form, significantly impact on disabled and older residents of Norfolk, their carers and families.”

Norfolk County Council - Equality impact assessment Budget proposals 2011/12 – 2013/14

Disabled and elderly people, their families and carers only want equal rights and equal chances in life.

Right now our prospects for either in 2011 and thereafter look decidedly grim.

Oh yes, have a very Happy New Year!

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Seasons Greetings

NCODP wishes you an inclusive, prosperous and joyous holiday season



But, remember that...

“Many disabled people in Britain are living socially isolated, cash-strapped lives and struggling to participate in normal activities.”

Life Opportunities Survey, Office of National Statistics, December, 2010

So, what is the Coalition Government doing to tackle isolation, inequality and poverty among disabled and elderly people?

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to be replaced. 380,000 disabled people to be excluded from new benefit
- DLA ended for people in residential care
- Incapacity Benefit scrapped. Many disabled people will be put on less generous and one-year-maximum Employment Support Allowance (ESA)
- Tough medical tests, that experts say are grossly unfair, to be applied to all disabled people
- Housing benefits capped for many disabled people
- The Independent Living Fund scrapped
- Access to Work cut and employers' contributions increased

And what is Norfolk County Council proposing to do to tackle isolation, inequality and poverty among disabled and elderly people?

- Moving eligibility for social care from substantial to critical will mean 9,000 to 18,000 people (not now classified as 'critical') being left without support
- Support for people with sensory impairments to be cut to the legal minimum
- HIV/AIDS service scrapped
- Mental health and learning difficulty services cut
- Equipment and adaptation budget slashed
- Prevention services cut by almost half. This will mean harder, more stressful lives for disabled and elderly people and an increased demand for more costly care and support