



The National Forum of people with Learning Disabilities was held at the Holiday Inn in Telford, on June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.



Wayne Clinton from Disability Online then came to talk about changes to benefits.



They offer free advice to people with a disability.



People had a chance to ask Wayne questions about benefits.

From the Yorkshire region, Alison talked about:



1. People on low rate DLA being worried about losing their benefits all together.
2. The cost of living independently and the impact of the bedroom tax.
3. People in North Lincolnshire not being assessed properly for the level of support they need. People with a high level of need are being made to cope with only 10 hours of support a week.



Alick Bush from the Professional Senate then came to talk about people's treatment in Assessment and Treatment Units (ATUs).



He had already been to Speakup Self Advocacy to talk to some people who had experience of being in ATUs.



Every group gave ideas about how to improve the treatment people get in ATUs.