

“It is clear that the proposed cuts would, if implemented in their current form, significantly impact negatively on disabled and older residents in Hammersmith & Fulham, their carers and families.”

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Support HAFCAC to campaign to protect disabled and older peoples' standard of living.



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caused by the governments hammer
blow cuts, diminishing disabled
peoples' standard of living!



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Wishes you a Happy New Year!

In December 2010 The Secretary of State for Local Government, Eric Pickles announced that Hammersmith and Fulham will have a 6.56% cut in central government funding.

In January the Council announced it must 'save' £65 million over the next 3 years, an estimated £6 million to come from the local social care budget.

The Prime Minister in his New Year message said "We are all in this together." Yet disabled people seem to be disproportionately targeted for cuts.

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

**Life Opportunity Survey,
Office of National Statistics,
December 2010**

So what is the government and our council doing to tackle isolation, inequality and poverty among disabled and older people?

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) to be replaced. 380,000 disabled people to be excluded from new benefit
- Over 7,000 local people receive DLA with at least 1,980 people set to lose it with current proposals
- DLA ended for people in residential care
- Council charges for essential community care services to rise from £10.72 per hour to £12 and cuts of £800,000 to the eligibility criteria restricting further access to essential social care services
- Incapacity Benefit scrapped. Tough medical tests, that experts say are not fit for purpose, to be applied to all disabled people
- Housing benefit capped that will affect many disabled people
- The Independent Living Fund which currently supports 21,000 disabled people to live independently in the community, who otherwise could not, is to be scrapped