

Do not be young. Do not be ill. Do not be old. Labour i...

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As [The Telegraph](#) reported last night:

Sir Keir Starmer has caved to welfare rebels by agreeing that existing disability claimants can keep their benefits.

In a major concession, The Telegraph understands that the Prime Minister has agreed that nobody currently getting the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) will lose out.

Instead, changes to who is eligible for the money, which is given to help people with the extra cost of disabilities, will only apply to new claimants.

The change [will cost the Treasury around £1.5 billion a year](#) by the end of the decade, slashing the original savings from the welfare cuts plan by a third.

Let's be clear about what this means.

It means every young person coming of age who is in need of support will not get it in future.

It means people developing chronic or degenerative illnesses in the future will find it much harder to get support.

It means those barely coping now, but who know they will get worse with age (and that is commonplace) will not get the help they require.

As Neil Kinnock said in the 1983 general election campaign, of the Tories:

I warn you not to be ordinary.

I warn you not to be young.

I warn you not to fall ill.

I warn you not to get old.

He should now say it of Labour. Those are the situations that create the risks we now face, imposed by this Labour government.

He should be ashamed to be still in that party.

Taking further action

If you want to write a letter to your MP on the issues raised in this blog post, there is a ChatGPT prompt to assist you in doing so, with full instructions, [here](#).