

## Payments for service user involvement



Service user involvement means people who use services taking part in events and being asked what they think about care and support.

People can be paid for involvement.



In the past, if someone was paid for involvement, it meant they got less benefits.





Now the law has changed.



This means that people who are involved can be paid without losing their benefit money.



These changes are good because they mean people are better off.

Here are some of the changes that you can get without losing benefits:



You can be paid for expenses like travel or food.



If you want to give your payment for involvement to a charity, you can do.



Post Office

If you get incapacity benefit, then you can earn up to £95 a week.



Job Centre

You must tell Jobcentre Plus if you are paid for involvement, so that they can make sure that you still get your benefits as well.



These changes will only happen if you are involved with an organisation that is told by law to involve people



If you are paid by another sort of organisation, then your benefits might be affected. This means you might get less money.



Ask your support worker or Jobcentre Plus if you have any questions about being paid for involvement.