

**P-06-1380 Make Blue badge Applications Lifelong for individuals who have a lifelong diagnosis - Correspondence from Mark Isherwood MS to the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, 23 January 2024**

Dear Lee,

Further to your attached 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 to Jack Sargeant MS, in his capacity as Chair of the Petitions Committee, my constituent has contacted me as follows:

“Would it be possible to find out the following information.

“The letter states that the Government recommends (not statutory) that all members of staff who deal regularly with applicants and badge holders should receive disability and equality awareness training which includes the social model of disability. It also states that in 2020, the Deputy Minister’s officials held a workshop on the social model of disabilities, facilitated by a person with an impairment,

- How many staff from each LA attended workshops?
- Please clarify who attended the training workshops, how many from each Local Authority?
- Do you think it is enough for one workshop in 3 yrs ?
- Do you think awareness training is sufficient? as some disabilities are quite complex?
- Why is training not a requirement?”

I would therefore be grateful if you could give this your attention and confirm your intended course of action accordingly.

Thank you.

Regards

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