

# Access Dorset

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Enhancing Everyday Lives in Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole

The impact of Welfare Reforms on disabled people and older people in Bournemouth

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# Who are Access Dorset?

- A charity formed in 2010 which is organised and led by its members who are disabled people, older people and carers
- An umbrella organisation bringing together 17 user led organisations to provide services and activities to support people to live independently



- Through activities like the annual Race for Equality we promote positive images of equality and diversity within our community
- And the contribution that disabled people and older people make to society locally, regionally and nationally



- As a legacy of the 2012 Paralympic Games much has been made of the positive shift in the nation's perception of the 11 million disabled people in the UK
- However there is a dark counterpoint in the growing negative media representation of disabled people in receipt of benefits as “scroungers”

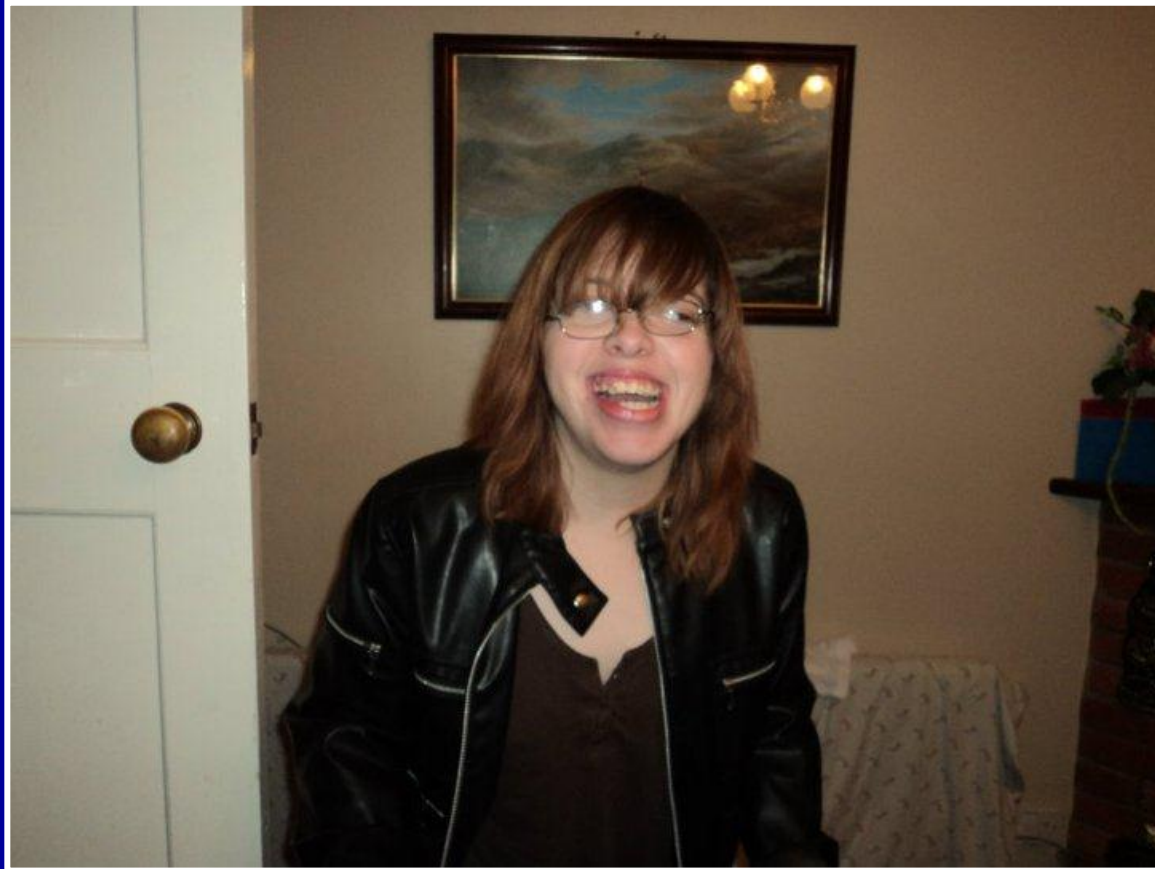


- Disabled people are twice as likely to live in poverty as non-disabled people
- The Government plans to reduce Disability Living Allowance eligibility by 500,000
- Last year, cold homes killed up to 200 older people a day

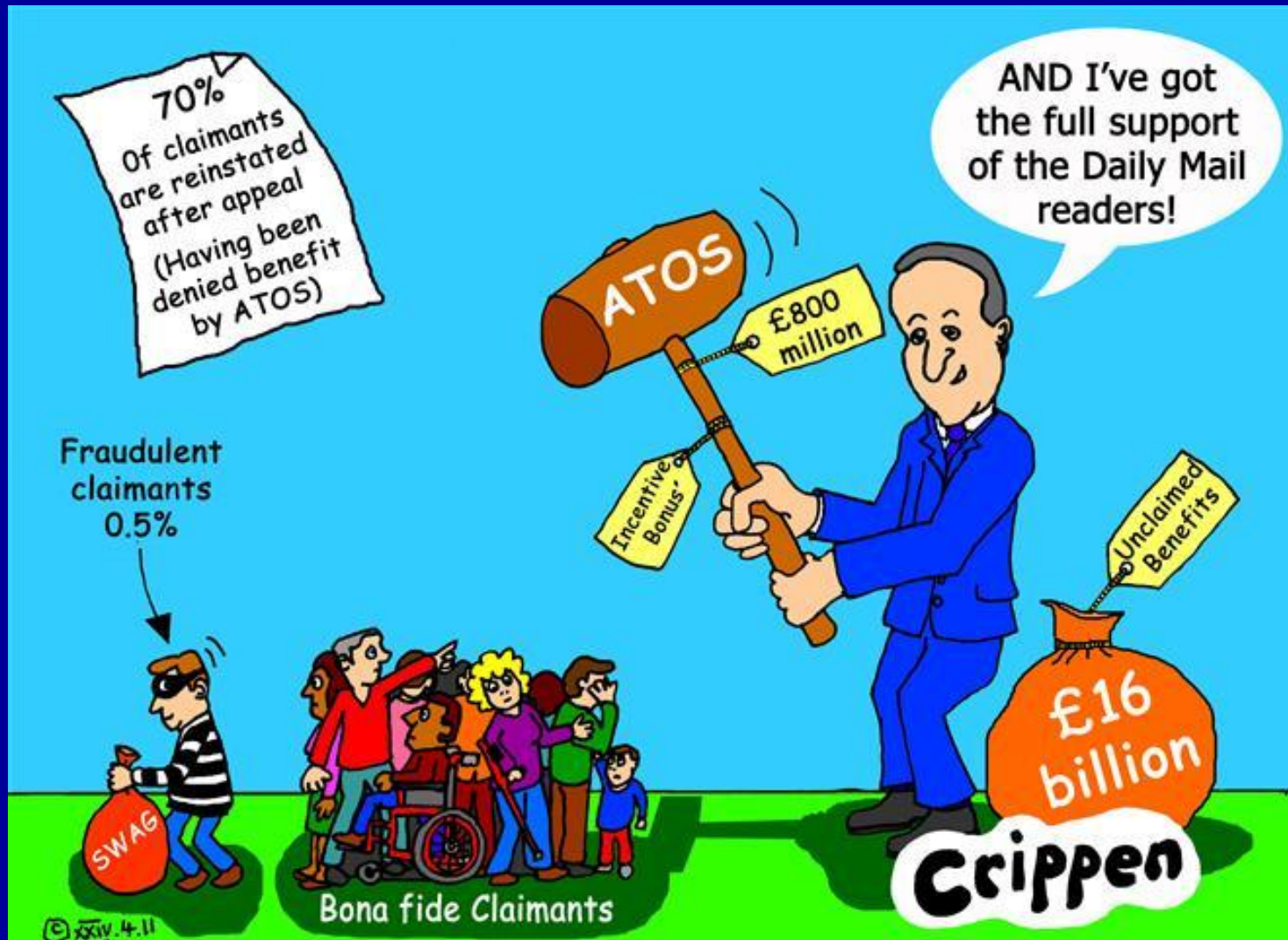
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- Our virtual Centre for Independent Living is based on providing support to the whole community on all issues relating to independent living
- With our partners we deliver information and advice, peer support, befriending and advocacy to individuals across Bournemouth, Poole and Dorset

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