

## **Incapacity benefits reassessment in Wales**

Between October 2010 and spring 2014 customers who receive Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance and Income Support paid on the grounds of illness or disability will be assessed for Employment and Support Allowance (ESA), replacing these benefits.

Across the UK, up to 1,500,000 cases will be reassessed, with an anticipated 300,000 of these being found fit for work after reassessment, and therefore being eligible for JSA. Customers who will reach state pension age before spring 2014 will not be affected, and will not be subject to reassessment. For Wales, it is anticipated that there will be in the region of 116,000 cases to be reassessed.

Customers who have Welsh as their first language will be able to complete the relevant forms in Welsh, and all personal interaction can be conducted in Welsh.

Background information about the IB Reassessment can be found at <http://www.dwp.gov.uk/adviser/updates/ib-reassessing-claims>.

If you have any queries regarding the IB Reassessment and what it means for Welsh customers, please email [Tim.Jauncey@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Tim.Jauncey@jobcentreplus.gsi.gov.uk).