Key Points:

- Disability Living Allowance (DLA) for 16-64 year olds is in the process of being replaced by Personal Independence Payments (PIP).
- DLA remains in place for claims for under 16 year olds (0-15).
- The decrease in DLA for 16-64 year olds from February 14 onwards is most likely due to this change in policy.
- Barnsley has a notably higher rate of DLA and PIP claimants than England.
- Barnsley has a higher rate of claimants under 16 years old than England.
- DLA for 0-15 year olds has increased by 1 percentage point in Barnsley since February 2013 compared with an increase of 0.4 percentage point in England.
- In Barnsley the increase in claimant rate equates to 470 additional claims since 2013.
- The additional claims for the care element have been at a Higher (+300) and Middle (+180) award rates.
- Barnsley has a slightly higher proportion of claims at the higher care rate than for England as a whole (48.2% and 42.5%).
- The largest groups of health conditions for both Barnsley and England are related to Learning Difficulties, Behavioural Disorders and Hyperkinetic Syndromes.
- DLA remains in place for claims for 65 + year olds, with Barnsley displaying more than double the rate of claimants than England.

Figure 1. Disability Living Allowance and Personal Independence Payment claimants as a proportion of residents aged 16-64 in Barnsley, and England from February 2012 to February 2016.
• Figure 1 shows the decline in DLA claimant rates and the subsequent increase in PIP claimant rates as the new PIP policy replaces DLA.
• Barnsley has a higher rate of both DLA (6.2%) and PIP (2.4%) claimants than England (3.7% and 1.7% respectively) in 2016.

Figure 2. Disability Living Allowance claimants as a proportion of residents aged 0-15 in Barnsley and England from February 2012 to February 2016.

• Barnsley (4.5%) has a higher rate of DLA (0-15) claimants than England (3.4%) in 2016.
• Barnsley DLA (0-15) claimants have increased from 3.4% in February 2012 to 4.5% in February 2016 (Figure 2).

Figure 3. Disability Living Allowance claimants as a proportion of residents aged 0-15 by Electoral Ward (February 2012 to February 2016).
• Disability Living Allowance claimant rates (0-15) have increased in all Electoral Wards except Darton West and Old Town.
• Royston, Cudworth and Monk Bretton have seen the largest increases since February 2012 with Royston also now showing the highest rate in Barnsley in 2016.
• Penistone East (1.6%) has a much lower rate than any other ward (Figure 3).

*Figure 4. Proportion of DLA (0-15) claimants receiving each care award rate in February 2016 in Barnsley, Yorkshire & Humber and England.*

- Figure 4 shows that Barnsley (48.2%) has a higher proportion of people claiming the higher care rate than both Yorkshire & Humber (44.1%) and England (42.5%).
- The higher rate is awarded to people who need help with personal care throughout the day and during the night.

*Figure 5. Proportion of DLA claimants (0-15) by most common health conditions in Barnsley and England (February 2016).*

- [Figure 5 demonstrating proportions by health conditions]
• Figure 5 shows the most common health conditions that claimants receiving DLA (0-15) have are Learning Difficulties, Behavioural Disorders, Hyperkinetic Syndromes and Neurological Diseases.

• While Hyperkinetic Syndromes and Neurological Diseases are fairly similar, Barnsley has a higher proportion of Behavioural Disorders (15.7%) and a smaller proportion of claimants with Learning Difficulties (41.1%) than England (11.3% and 43.7% respectively).

Figure 6. Disability Living Allowance claimants (65+) as a proportion of residents aged 65+ in Barnsley, Yorkshire & Humber and England from February 2012 to February 2016.

Barnsley has a much higher rate of DLA 65+ claimants (16.8%) compared to England (7.9%) in 2016 and this has remained consistent over the last 5 years.

Data Source:
NOMIS - Official Labour Market Statistics (Office for National Statistics). Available at https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/