

Appealing a Disability Living Allowance (DLA) Rejection

The Problem

David* and his wife had put all their life savings, including their house, into their own business. When David became ill the business began to suffer, they lost everything and had to move into private rented accommodation, living on benefits. David's wife took a part-time job around caring for her husband, to supplement their income. When his condition worsened and his need for care increased, David put in an application for Disability Living Allowance. However when this was rejected, their situation became desperate.

Our Intervention

David needed constant help and supervision; he was unable to travel, cook or take a bath or shower for fear of drowning or injuring himself. Furthermore his doctor had signed him 'unfit for work' for 2 years. We helped David prepare for a tribunal to appeal the decision.

The Outcome

The HM Courts and Tribunals Service accepted his appeal and awarded David back-dated DLA. David's wife is now able to cut back on some of her part-time hours to care for her husband, thus reducing their stress and anxiety.

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