

My job involves high levels of contact with people who are dealing with hearing loss. While most pensioners and DVA benefit recipients are reasonably well looked after by the government when they have hearing loss, there are a large number of disadvantaged people in the community who cannot afford hearing aids or other assistive equipment. They are usually on low paid work or forced to work part time as a result of their disability. Financial support for the provision of hearing assistive equipment such as hearing aids etc should be means tested to give these people maximum opportunities to contribute to our society

Best regards

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