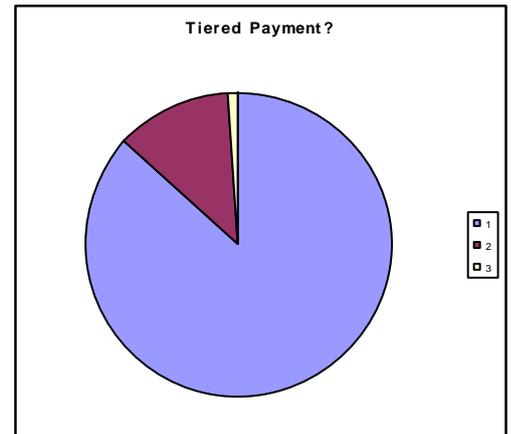


DCA Warriors Poll Results

Tiered System

We have surveyed our members on this issue and asked “Do you think the DCA should be a tiered payment or non-tiered payment system?” We received 302 votes as follows:

1. No Tiered Payment.	262
2. No. Unless the system was more supportive.	37
3. Tiered Payment.	3
Total Votes.	302

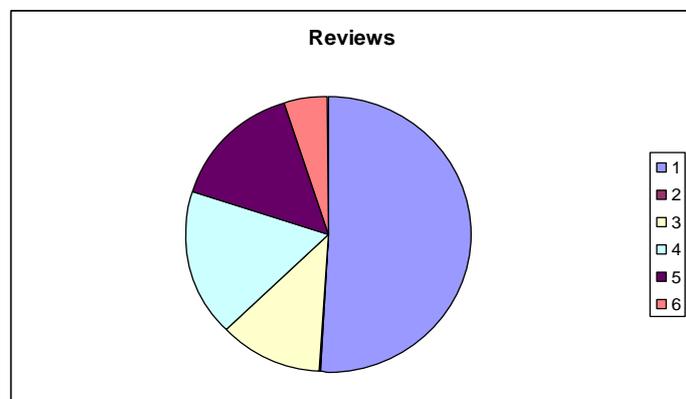


Reviews

We surveyed members with the following question:

“How often should reviews be carried out when you receive DCA?” We received 348 votes as follows:

1. Never	177
2. 2 years	1
3. 4 years	40
4. 5 years	60
5. Dependent on Disability	53
6. Secondary School Reviews	17
Total Votes	348



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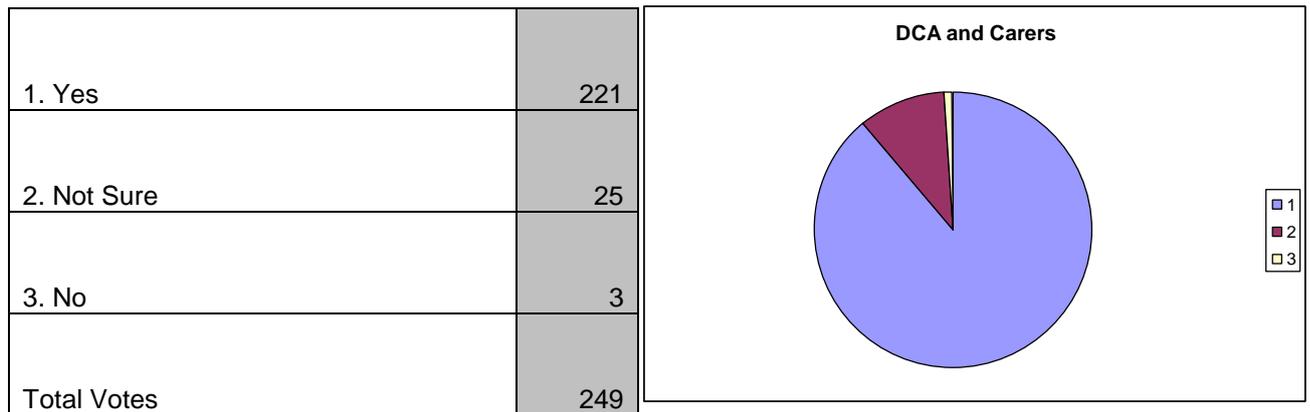
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DCA Warriors Poll Results

Carers Allowance and DCA

We surveyed our members with the following question:

Do you think that DCA payment and Carers Allowance Payment should be kept separate? We received 249 votes as follows:



Note: DCA is a payment to parent/guardian to **meet extra financial costs involved** with caring for a child with a disability.

Carer's Allowance is a payment to the carer for the high levels of care provided to a child or adult with high dependency needs.

How can the current process be improved?

Application process

There needs to be a shift in culture towards a system that supports children with special needs with support from the highest levels of government downwards.

The process could be improved by taking on the new improved application form that has been submitted by DCA Warriors.

DCA Warriors Poll Results

The application process could also be improved by introducing a multi disciplinary team to review applications that are being considered for refusal.

Review process

Reviews could be held in line with the above poll.

Our members felt strongly that payments should continue until the review and appeals process are exhausted.

Appeals process

Question – why is there a need to send the file to Dublin? Is this causing undue delay?

We would hope that the introduction of a new application and review process will prevent as many cases going to appeals.

We would request that the deciding MA when determining his/her decision to turn down an application provide a detailed written report to the applicant explaining how that decision was reached.