

DISABILITY AND POVERTY

In West Lothian, in 2016/17, there were a total of **8,800** claimants of Employment and Support Allowance and incapacity benefits. This is an increase of **330** from 2012



Nearly **one in five** people of working age (1 million, or 19%) in Scotland are disabled

Only **50%** of disabled people of working age are in work compared with **80%** of non-disabled people of working age

Nearly half of households with disabled members have an annual income of **£10,000 or less**, compared to just over a quarter of households with no disabled members



When looking for work, disabled people make an average of **two and a half times as many** job applications as non-disabled people but get fewer jobs

In Scotland, social renters are more likely to have a limiting, long-term physical or mental health condition **(39%)** than any other tenure and the population as a whole **(23%)**



People with disabilities or long-term health conditions report lower levels of attendance at cultural events or places; greater when cinema trips were included.

CARING AND POVERTY

According to the census of 2011 there were a total **9,640** unpaid carers in West Lothian

Of those carers experiencing most deprivation, **47.4%** provide over **35 hours** of care each week

In West Lothian, in 2016/17, there were **2,300** claimants of Carers Allowance. This is an increase of **560** since 2012

