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uncertainty over what care advice and provision they are entitled to from their council.

● 42% did not think councils offer a free assessment of an older person's needs when in fact all councils must provide a free assessment for anybody who appears to be in need, regardless of a person's finances.

● 69% believed their council would help if they had physical difficulties, but just over half (53%) thought the same would apply for mental health, indicating there is still a certain amount of confusion surrounding care in this area.

Almost half (48%) were unaware of the range of day-to-day help their council might provide.

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PRAISE: Peter Little, left, and Brian Quinn, director at TPM

## Top praise for training

**LIVERPOOL** training provider TPM has come in for some top praise for supporting people with disabilities.

During a visit to TPM's refurbished premises in Lime Street, Peter Little, chair of the Department for Education's Advisory Group for Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities, said: "TPM are having

such a positive impact on the participation and progress of learners with learning difficulties and disabilities. Over 90% of these learners achieve their qualifications, surpassing the 80% success rate of learners without disabilities or additional needs.

"Not only does this reflect the excellent support that TPM offer

their learners, but it nails the myth that having a disability restricts achievement and productivity.

"TPM's success shows how independent providers have a key role to play in the achievement of government objectives in this important area, and I will be using them as a national example of best practice."