Reasons for preferred evidence

During the application process, evidence is gathered to build a clear picture of a claimant's health condition and the impact this has on their day-to-day lives including information gathered by the health professional, their report and all the information provided by the claimant.

The information gathered from this process enabled the most appropriate activity descriptors to be chosen and full justifications of descriptor choices has been explained in the response

We have received and reviewed evidence in relation to the claimant's

appeal in the form of medical records.
Whilst the Secretary of state considers that the evidence supports a higher award, we are still not able to give the maximum award which would have allowed us to lapse the appeal.

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The option of doing a partial revision has not been considered because the hearing date is imminent and there was not enough time to discuss this option with the appellant.

Accordingly, the decision under appeal has not been changed. This approach is in line with the best practice the department put in place consequent on the K judicial review of 2021.