



SHBVN Forums May 2015

Welfare Reform Updates

Universal Credit



Universal Credit so far

- National Expansion continues apace:
 - Live in Highland, Edinburgh, N Lanark, N Ayrshire, East Lothian, Midlothian, Borders, W Dunbartonshire, Dumfries & Galloway, Northern and Western Isles
 - Live this week in Aberdeenshire, Clackmannan, Falkirk and Stirling
 - Going live soon in Glasgow and Renfrew
- Singles only (apart from Inverness)

Universal Credit Future

- Tranche 3 due to roll out September to November
 - Aberdeen, Dundee, Inverclyde, Moray, S Ayrshire, S Lanark, W Lothian
- Tranche 4 due to roll out December to April
 - Angus, Argyll & Bute, E Ayrshire, E Dunbarton E Renfrew, Fife, Perth & Kinross
- Digital solution still on trial in Sutton – being extended to Croydon

Universal Credit – in numbers

- 53,970 Universal Credit caseload on April 7th
 - 16,740 (31%) in work
 - 37,230 (69%) not in employment
- 99,310 had made a claim up to May 7th, 2015
- 69% of claimants male (52% under 25)

Discretionary Housing Payments

- 2014/15 expenditure £50,532,470
 - 132,360 applications
 - 130,088 determinations
 - 117,832 awards
- Average award in Scotland £429
 - Highest average Edinburgh £757
 - Lowest average South Ayrshire £190
- 2015/16 £1,879,596 reduction in DWP contribution.

Personal Independence Payments

- All new claims
- From July 27th, completion of re-assessments for existing claimants of DLA if:
 - Reaching age of 16
 - Those with fixed period DLAs up for renewal
 - Those reporting a change in health/disability
 - Existing claimants (16-64) wanting to make PIP claim.
- From October 2015 all remaining claimants.

DWP Scotland

