

Welfare Reform Forum

West Event (Glasgow)

19th January 2017

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Topics for Today

1. SHN Updates (SHN)
2. Universal Credit Implementation (DWP)
3. UC 'Full Service' Implementation (East Lothian Council)
4. UC – Working with JCP & Planning (South Lanarkshire Council)

Topics for Today

5. Welfare Reform & Supported Housing
(Housing Support Enabling Unit)

6. Practice Exchange & Other Issues:
 - UC & Rental Income Project
 - Housing Cost Payments to Landlords

SHN Updates

- DHPs:
 - 2017/18 minimal changes (DWP guidance)
 - SG note on Bedroom Tax & statistical returns
 - Review of DHP guidance (from March 2017)
- Scottish Universal Credit Flexibilities Consultation (closes 13/03/2017):

<https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/low-income-benefits/universal-credit-claims-and-payments/>

- DWP Supported Housing Consultation


SHN Updates

- Effect of DWP policies on Low Income Households Parliamentary Debate:

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CDP-2017-0013#fullreport>

- WR & Rental Income Project

Statistics 'for the day'

- 42,245 UC recipients in Scotland (Nov 16)
 - 86% of English UC council tenants in arrears (Inside Housing 16/01/17)
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Forthcoming Forum Dates

- Edinburgh – Tuesday 21st March 2017
- Glasgow – Thursday 23rd March 2017
- Inverness – Thursday 30th March 2017

