

# Welfare Reform Forum

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# Topics for Today

- SHN Updates (SHN)
- Universal Credit Implementation (DWP)
- Consultation on Social Security (Scottish Government)
- Welfare Reform updates (SFHA)
- Practice Sharing Discussion
  - Rental Income
  - Benefit Cap
  - Supported Accommodation & LHA rates
  - Universal Support Delivered Locally (USDL)
  - Staff training/CPD

# SHN Updates

- Another UK Secretary of State for Work & Pensions!
- ‘Full Service’ Roll-Out
- Trusted Partner ‘Status’
- DWP & Homeless Action Scotland “Support for Homeless People in Receipt of Benefits”
- SHN Welfare Reform Indicators

# Welfare Reform Indicators 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2016/17: 21 completed LA/HA returns

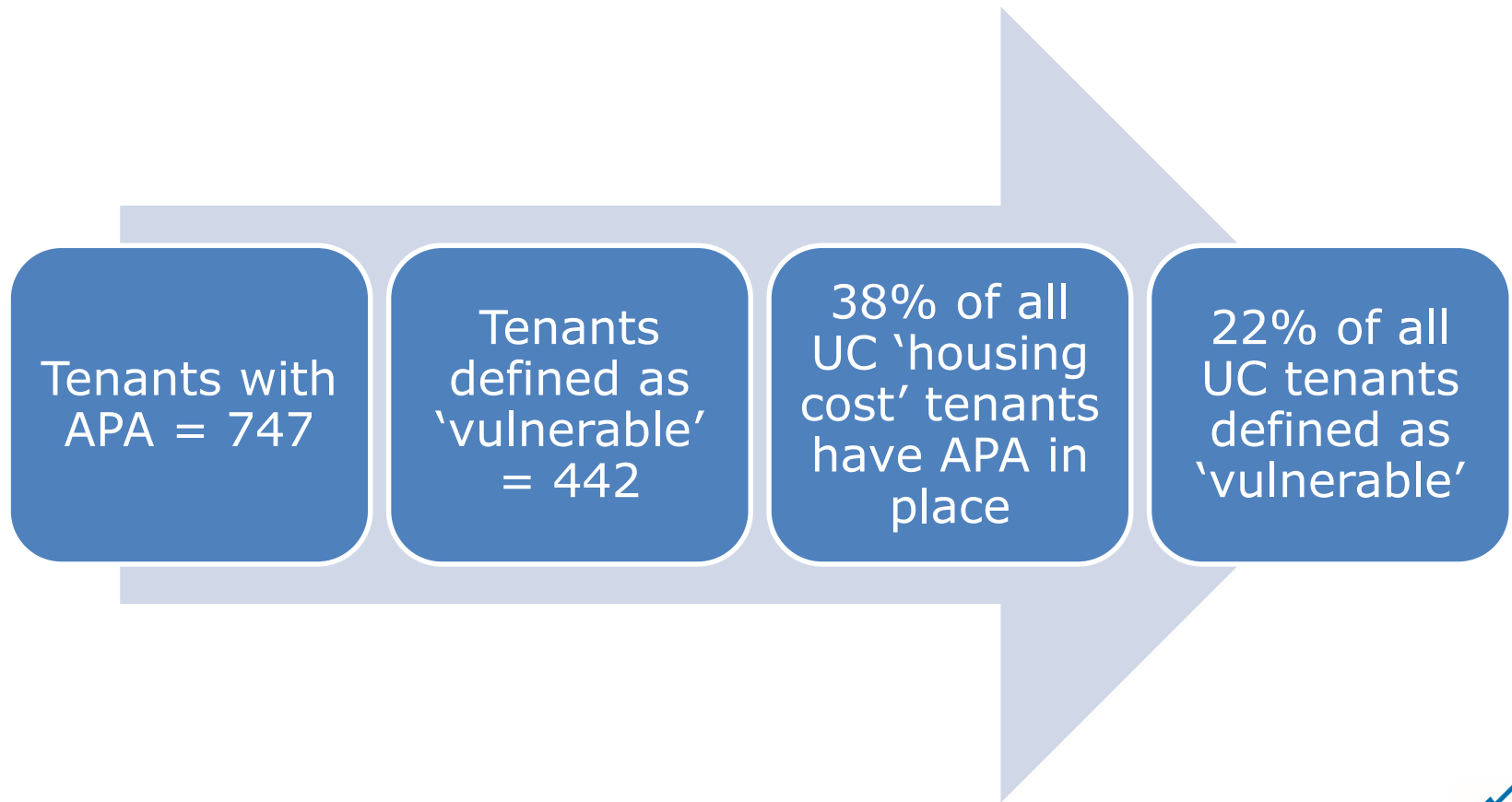
Tenants in receipt of DHPs = 13,903

Bedroom Tax affected Tenants = 15,698

Tenants in receipt of Universal Credit = 2,006

Tenants with housing cost element = 1,966

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## - key points:

- APA usage ranges from 6% to 55%
- Higher number of UC tenants than higher %age APAs
- Over 1 in 5 UC tenants currently being identified as 'vulnerable'
- Overall numbers increasing across all indicators in line with roll-out

# DWP Stats on APAs – May 2016

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/universal-credit-statistics-on-alternative-payment-arrangements>

**Table 2: Universal Credit awards with support for housing costs / MPTL APAs by JCP group, May 2016, Great Britain**

| JCP Group                    | May 2016 awards only |  |   |  |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|---|--|--|
|                              | No. of UC awards     | % of UC awards that have support for housing costs | % of UC awards that have support for housing costs and a MPTL APA | Number of UC awards with support for housing costs | % of UC awards with support for housing costs that have a MPTL APA |
| Central England              | 36,300               | 27   | 4   | 9,600  | 13   |
| London and the Home Counties | 27,000               | 27   | 3   | 7,300  | 10   |
| North East                   | 24,700               | 30   | 4   | 7,500  | 14   |
| North West                   | 69,000               | 48   | 12  | 33,200   | 24   |
| <b>Scotland</b>              | <b>23,300</b>        | <b>38</b>  | <b>11</b>   | <b>8,800</b>                                       | <b>30</b>  |
| Southern England             | 22,200               | 34   | 4   | 7,500  | 12   |
| Wales                        | 12,800               | 26   | 3   | 3,300  | 13   |
|                              | 215,30               |  |   |  |  |
| Total (ALL)                  | 0                    | 36   | 7   | 77,300   | 20   |

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**Table 3: Universal Credit awards with support for housing costs / MPTL APAs by JCP group and landlord type , May 2016, Great Britain**

| JCP Group                    | May 2016 awards only  |                                 |  |                                 | May 2016 awards only   |   |
|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--|---|
|                              | Number of UC awards with support for housing costs paid to claimants with a Social landlord | % of which that have a MPTL APA | Number of UC awards with support for housing costs paid to claimants with a Private landlord | % of which that have a MPTL APA | % of UC awards with support for housing costs paid to claimants with a Social landlord | % of UC awards with support for housing costs paid to claimants with a Private landlord |
| Central England              | 4,600   | 23                              | 4600   | 3                               | 50   | 50  |
| London and the Home Counties | 3,400   | 17                              | 3700   | 3                               | 48   | 52  |
| North East                   | 3,100   | 26                              | 4000   | 5                               | 44   | 56  |
| North West                   | 15,800  | 41                              | 15500  | 8                               | 50   | 50  |
| <b>Scotland</b>              | <b>5,900</b>  | <b>42</b>                       | <b>2600</b>  | <b>3</b>                        | <b>69</b>  | <b>31</b>   |
| Southern England             | 2,600   | 27                              | 4600   | 3                               | 36   | 64  |
| Wales                        | 1,300   | 25                              | 1800   | 5                               | 42   | 58  |
| Total (ALL)                  | 36,700  | 34                              | 36700  | 5                               | 50   | 50  |



# Practice Exchange Topics

- Rental income
- Benefit Cap
- Supported Accommodation & LHA rates
- Universal Support Delivered Locally
- Staff Training/CPD
- Other Issues?

# Next Forum Dates

- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Edinburgh
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Glasgow
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Inverness