

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Welfare Reform Presentation

Thursday 18
February 2016



Overview of the presentation and report

- Refresh of the welfare reform programme
- Overview of the Carlisle Welfare Reform Board
- Current trends and data
- Next steps



Welfare Reform Overview

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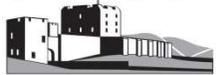
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Welfare Reform – Timeline and local response

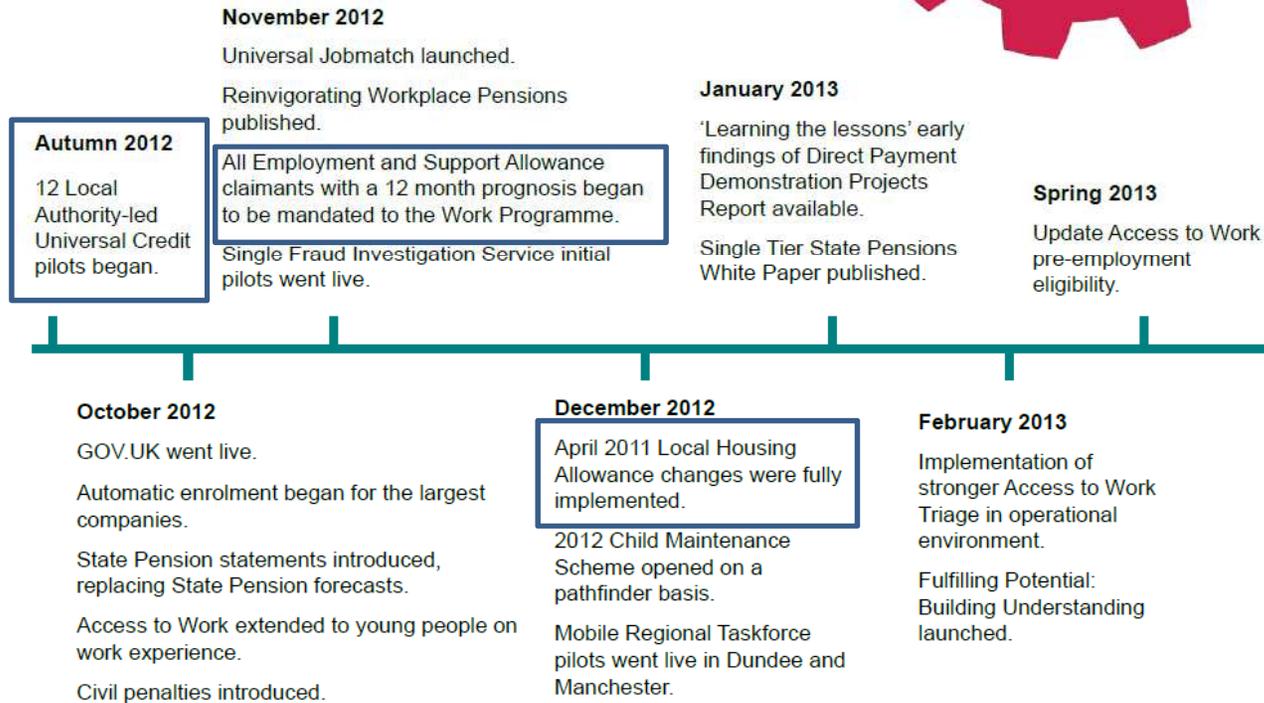
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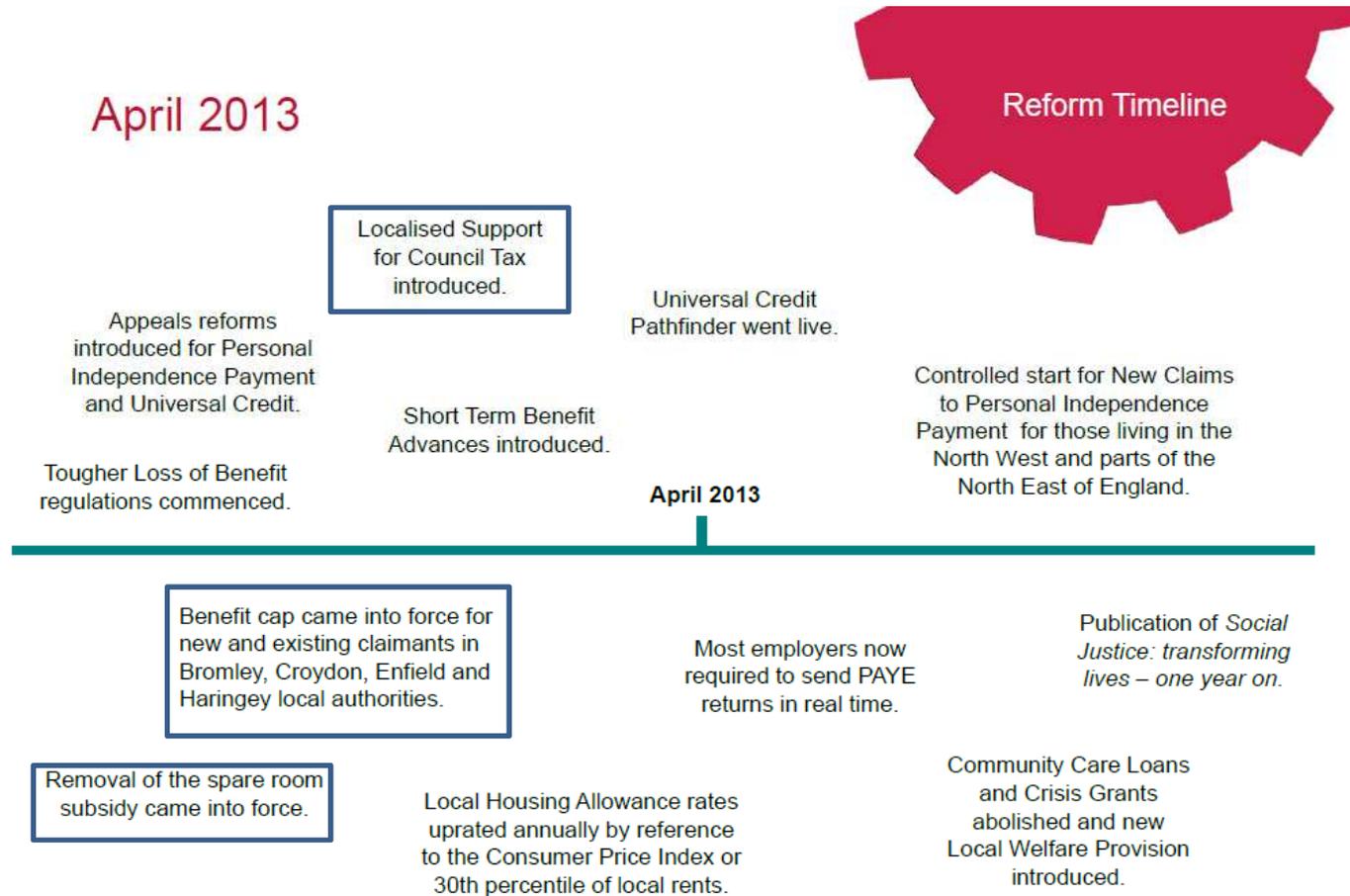
Autumn 2012 - Spring 2013



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May - September 2013



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October 2013

Temporary Accommodation in Universal Credit will have housing costs met in line with Local Housing Allowance rates. An additional management element will be paid as a national flat rate to local authorities.

All employers will be routinely reporting PAYE in real time.

Launch of Social Justice toolkit by the Centre for Economic and Social Inclusion and DWP

Progressive roll out of Universal Credit began with Hammersmith Jobcentre taking new claims

Claimant Commitment rolling out nationally to around 100 Jobcentres a month (to Spring 2014)

October 2013

Pensions Bill, First Reading in Lords

Appeals reforms introduced for all other DWP-administered benefits and child maintenance cases.

Reassessment of existing Disability Living Allowance claims for Personal Independence Payment begins for those that report a change in condition or reach the end of an existing award - for people who live in Wales, East Midlands, West Midlands and parts of East Anglia.

11 in-work conditionality pilots being delivered. Improved digital services rolling out nationally across Jobcentre Plus (from October 2013)



Timeline

November 2013 – March 2014



December 2013

Universal Credit
 - Local authority led pilots complete
 - Direct Payment Demonstration Projects complete
 Publication of Litchfield review into Work Capability Assessment (WCA).
 Publication of Disability and Health Employment strategy.
 Revised Habitual Residence Test was introduced for face to face interviews in Jobcentres.

February 2014

UC roll out – expansion to Bath and Harrogate taking new claims



November 2013

UC roll out – expansion to Rugby and Inverness
 Child Maintenance Service opened to all new applicants

January 2014

Most jobseekers are unable to access income-based JSA until they have been living in the UK for 3 months.
 A new 'Genuine Prospect of Work' assessment takes place after six months
 Expansion to further areas of reassessment of some DLA claimants to PIP

March 2014

Publication of response to Litchfield review into WCA
 Minimum earnings threshold was introduced - to help Decision Makers decide whether an EEA national's work can be treated as genuine in deciding whether they have the right to reside in the UK as a worker or self employed person for benefit purposes.
 Consultation on Freedom and Choice in Pensions (ends in June 2014)



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Timeline

April 2014



Reform Timeline

Removal of access to Housing Benefit for EEA Jobseekers, even if they are in receipt of income based JSA.

Help to Work – JSA claimants returning from the Work Programme will go onto one of three intensive modes of support, determined by Jobcentre Plus advisor.

Local Housing Allowance uprating limited to 1 per cent.

April 2014

Automatic enrolment for medium employers (to April 2015).

Spending Review 2013 measures - pre-Work Programme JSA claimants and certain lone parents and responsible carers will be subject to a number of measures which increase conditionality and support.

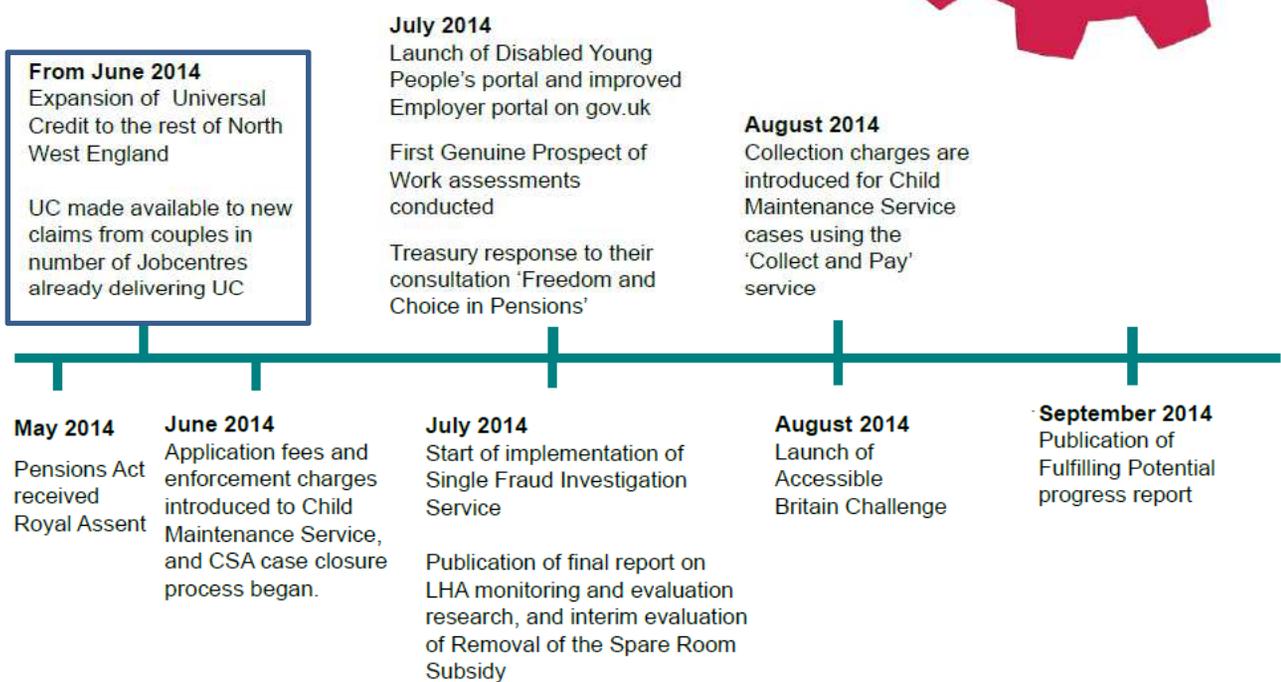
UC expansion – Shotton taking new claims

Roll out of Claimant Commitment to all British Jobcentres complete



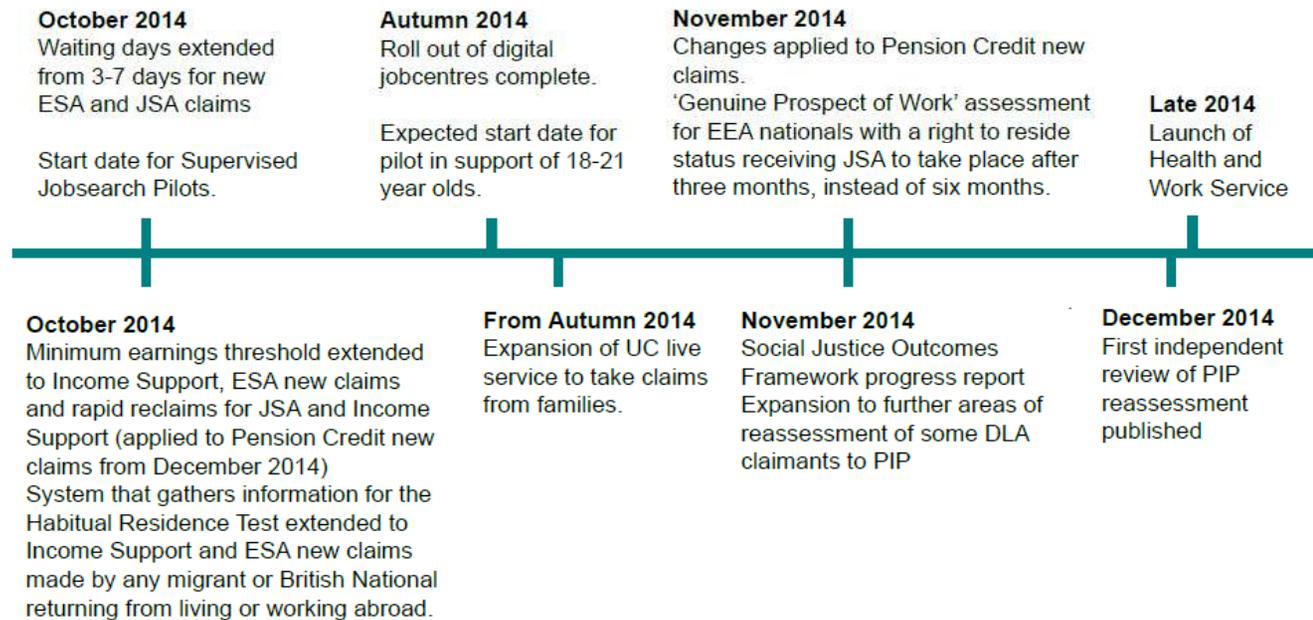
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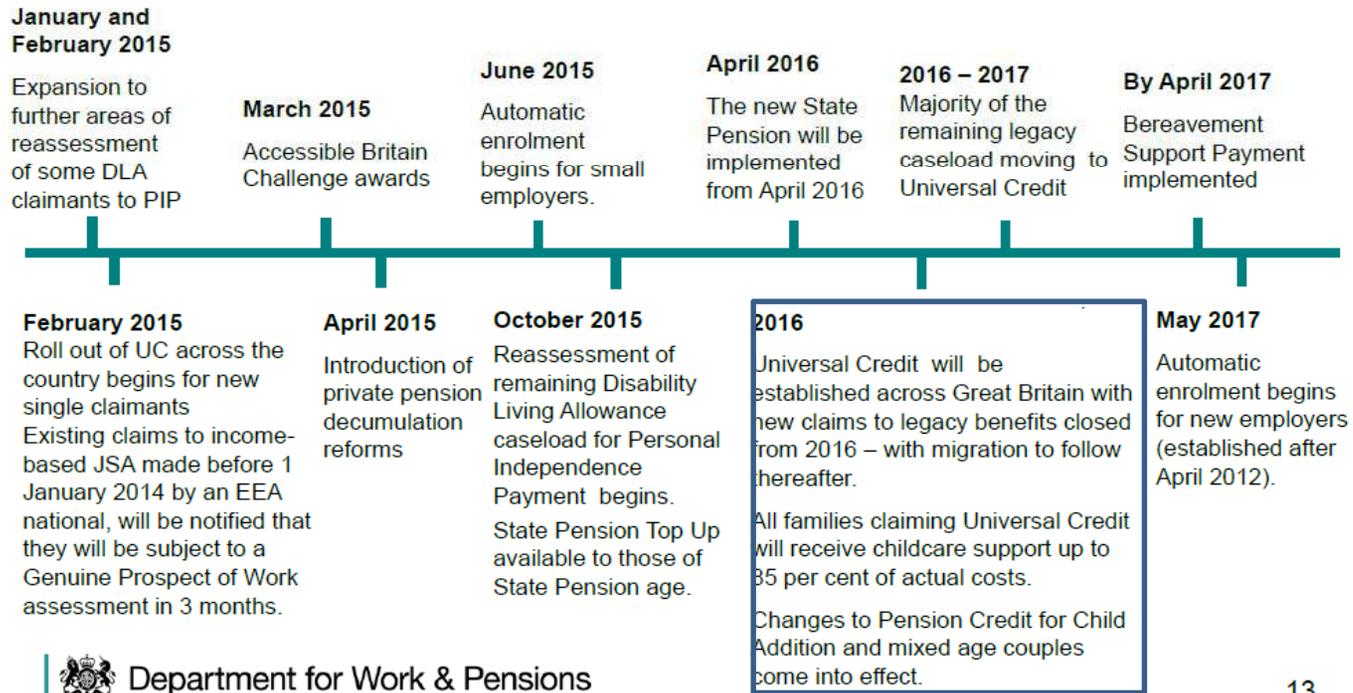
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2015 - 2017



Welfare Reform 2012

- Board attendees – see Page 3 Report 1.5
- Focus of the Board – see Page 3 Report 1.4
- Information sharing examples and feedback from partners – see circulated example

Welfare Reform 2015/16

- Continued information sharing and systems / customer focus
- Revised Terms of Reference (see Report Appendix A)
- Revised data collection (under development)
- Changing focus towards targeted activity – employers, health, partner support

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Any questions?

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