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





Welfare Reform – Timeline and local response



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Timeline

Autumn 2012 - Spring 2013

November 2012

Universal Jobmatch launched.

Reinvigorating Workplace Pensions published.

Autumn 2012

12 Local Authority-led Universal Credit pilots began.

All Employment and Support Allowance claimants with a 12 month prognosis began

Single Fraud Investigation Service initial pilots went live.

to be mandated to the Work Programme.

January 2013

'Learning the lessons' early findings of Direct Payment Demonstration Projects Report available.

Single Tier State Pensions White Paper published.

Spring 2013

Reform Timeline

Update Access to Work pre-employment eligibility.

October 2012

GOV.UK went live.

Automatic enrolment began for the largest companies.

State Pension statements introduced, replacing State Pension forecasts.

Access to Work extended to young people on work experience.

Civil penalties introduced.

December 2012

April 2011 Local Housing Allowance changes were fully implemented.

2012 Child Maintenance Scheme opened on a pathfinder basis.

Mobile Regional Taskforce pilots went live in Dundee and Manchester.

February 2013

Implementation of stronger Access to Work Triage in operational environment.

Fulfilling Potential: **Building Understanding** launched.



April 2013

Appeals reforms introduced for Personal Independence Payment and Universal Credit.

Tougher Loss of Benefit regulations commenced.

Localised Support for Council Tax introduced.

> Short Term Benefit Advances introduced.

> > April 2013

Reform Timeline

Universal Credit Pathfinder went live.

Most employers now

required to send PAYE

returns in real time.

Controlled start for New Claims to Personal Independence Payment for those living in the North West and parts of the North East of England.

Benefit cap came into force for new and existing claimants in Bromley, Croydon, Enfield and Haringey local authorities.

Removal of the spare room subsidy came into force.

Local Housing Allowance rates uprated annually by reference to the Consumer Price Index or 30th percentile of local rents.

Publication of Social Justice: transforming lives – one year on.

Community Care Loans and Crisis Grants abolished and new Local Welfare Provision introduced.



May - September 2013



May 2013

Pensions Bill, First Reading in Commons

Summer 2013

The first Work Programme claimants finish their 2 years with providers.

September 2013

Results from consultation on mobility component of PIP published.

June 2013

New claims for PIP introduced nationally.

July 2013

Benefit cap implemented in all other local authorities (between 15 July and end of September 2013).

Universal Credit pathfinder expands.

Publication of Fulfilling Potential: Making it Happen, setting out the cross-government disability action plan, outcomes and indicators.

Launch of Disability Confident campaign



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

October 2013



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)

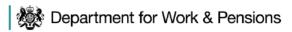
Pensions Bill, First Reading in Lords

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)





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

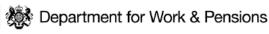
into WCA

Consultation on Freedom and Choice in Pensions (ends in June 2014)

March 2014

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.

Publication of response to Litchfield review





April 2014



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



May - September 2014

From June 2014

Expansion of Universal Credit to the rest of North West England

UC made available to new claims from couples in number of Jobcentres already delivering UC

July 2014

Launch of Disabled Young People's portal and improved Employer portal on gov.uk

First Genuine Prospect of Work assessments conducted

Treasury response to their consultation 'Freedom and Choice in Pensions'

August 2014

Collection charges are introduced for Child Maintenance Service cases using the 'Collect and Pay' service

May 2014

Pensions Act received Royal Assent

June 2014

Application fees and enforcement charges introduced to Child Maintenance Service, and CSA case closure process began.

July 2014

Start of implementation of Single Fraud Investigation Service

Publication of final report on LHA monitoring and evaluation research, and interim evaluation of Removal of the Spare Room Subsidy

August 2014

Launch of Accessible Britain Challenge

September 2014

Reform Timeline

Publication of Fulfilling Potential progress report





October - December 2014



October 2014

Waiting days extended from 3-7 days for new ESA and JSA claims

Start date for Supervised Jobsearch Pilots.

Autumn 2014

Roll out of digital jobcentres complete.

Expected start date for pilot in support of 18-21 year olds.

November 2014

Changes applied to Pension Credit new claims.

'Genuine Prospect of Work' assessment for EEA nationals with a right to reside status receiving JSA to take place after three months, instead of six months.

Late 2014 Launch of

Health and Work Service

October 2014

Minimum earnings threshold extended to Income Support, ESA new claims and rapid reclaims for JSA and Income Support (applied to Pension Credit new claims from December 2014) System that gathers information for the Habitual Residence Test extended to Income Support and ESA new claims made by any migrant or British National returning from living or working abroad.

From Autumn 2014

Expansion of UC live service to take claims from families.

November 2014

Social Justice Outcomes Framework progress report Expansion to further areas of reassessment of some DLA claimants to PIP

December 2014

First independent review of PIP reassessment published



2015 - 2017



January and February 2015

Expansion to further areas of reassessment of some DLA claimants to PIP

March 2015

Accessible Britain Challenge awards

June 2015

Automatic enrolment begins for small employers.

April 2016

The new State Pension will be implemented from April 2016

2016 - 2017

Majority of the remaining legacy caseload moving to Universal Credit

By April 2017

Bereavement Support Payment implemented

February 2015

Roll out of UC across the country begins for new single claimants Existing claims to incomebased JSA made before 1 January 2014 by an EEA national, will be notified that they will be subject to a Genuine Prospect of Work assessment in 3 months.

April 2015

Introduction of decumulation reforms

October 2015

Reassessment of private pension remaining Disability Living Allowance caseload for Personal Independence Payment begins. State Pension Top Up available to those of State Pension age.

2016

Jniversal Credit will be established across Great Britain with new claims to legacy benefits closed rom 2016 – with migration to follow hereafter.

All families claiming Universal Credit will receive childcare support up to B5 per cent of actual costs.

Changes to Pension Credit for Child Addition and mixed age couples come into effect.

May 2017

Automatic enrolment begins for new employers (established after April 2012).



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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



Welfare Reform Board

Any questions?

