

## Housing Benefit Circular

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## Universal Credit live service closure New Burdens payments

### Background

1. On 24 November David Gauke MP, Secretary of State for the Department for Work and Pensions announced the closure of the Universal Credit live service to new claims from 31 December 2017.
2. From 1 January 2018 any claim to Universal Credit live service is being directed to claim one of the following benefits appropriate to their circumstances; Employment and Support Allowance, Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Support and/or Housing Benefit (HB). HB, in the majority of cases, can be taken as part of the data gather for the above benefits through the benefit systems. Where this is not appropriate claimants need to be signposted to the local authority to make a claim. In addition, claimants may also need to claim Child Tax Credits with HM Revenue & Customs.
3. The LA Practitioners' Operational Group has been consulted and it was agreed that there are New Burdens associated with implementing this change.

### Funding and payment details

4. Although LAs will receive a single payment, in order to provide transparency, a breakdown of the total funding is given below and detailed in Annex A.

Area of activity	Total amount	Comments
Changes to websites, online claims forms and leaflets	£750,000	Based on previous New Burdens paid for this one off cost
Learning and Development	£145,700	Money will be allocated to each LA according to HB caseload size

5. Each LA will receive their allocation payment the week commencing 12 February 2018.

## Allocation New Burdens funding

Local authority	Amount
Aberdeen City	£2,445
Aberdeenshire	£2,304
Adur	£2,086
Allerdale	£2,153
Amber Valley	£2,191
Angus	£2,231
Argyll & Bute	£2,166
Arun	£2,268
Ashfield	£2,250
Ashford	£2,204
Aylesbury Vale	£2,248
Babergh	£2,102
Barking and Dagenham	£2,682
Barnet	£3,001
Barnsley	£2,586
Barrow-in-Furness	£2,114
Basildon	£2,391
Basingstoke and Deane	£2,251
Bassetlaw	£2,192
Bath and North East Somerset	£2,236
Bedford	£2,287
Bexley	£2,443
Birmingham	£5,461
Blaby	£2,077
Blackburn with Darwen	£2,329
Blackpool	£2,516
Blaenau Gwent	£2,200
Bolsover	£2,142
Bolton	£2,679
Boston	£2,119
Bournemouth	£2,477
Bracknell Forest	£2,164
Bradford	£3,178
Braintree	£2,231
Breckland	£2,203
Brent	£3,210
Brentwood	£2,072
Bridgend	£2,317
Brighton and Hove	£2,738
Bristol,	£3,133
Broadland	£2,117
Bromley	£2,552
Bromsgrove	£2,084
Broxbourne	£2,166
Broxtowe	£2,147

Burnley	£2,212
Bury	£2,351
Caerphilly	£2,430
Calderdale	£2,451
Cambridge	£2,204
Camden	£2,959
Cannock Chase	£2,165
Canterbury	£2,252
Cardiff	£2,895
Carlisle	£2,177
Carmarthenshire	£2,372
Castle Point	£2,102
Central Bedfordshire	£2,360
Ceredigion	£2,106
Charnwood	£2,200
Chelmsford	£2,232
Cheltenham	£2,170
Cherwell	£2,194
Cheshire East	£2,500
Cheshire West and Chester	£2,568
Chesterfield	£2,247
Chichester	£2,175
Chiltern	£2,084
Chorley	£2,147
Christchurch	£2,059
City of London	£2,000
Clackmannanshire	£2,132
Colchester	£2,309
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar	£2,016
Conwy	£2,236
Copeland	£2,112
Corby	£2,116
Cornwall	£3,196
Cotswold	£2,096
Coventry	£2,788
Craven	£2,036
Crawley	£2,270
Croydon	£2,926
Dacorum	£2,271
Darlington	£2,253
Dartford	£2,154
Daventry	£2,070
Denbighshire	£2,219
Derby UA	£2,578
Derbyshire Dales	£2,067
Doncaster	£2,716
Dover	£2,232
Dudley	£2,675
Dumfries & Galloway	£2,341

Dundee City	£2,542
Durham	£3,409
Ealing	£3,065
East Ayrshire	£2,355
East Cambridgeshire	£2,099
East Devon	£2,187
East Dorset	£2,075
East Dunbartonshire	£2,105
East Hampshire	£2,108
East Hertfordshire	£2,173
East Lindsey	£2,310
East Lothian	£2,156
East Northamptonshire	£2,099
East Renfrewshire	£2,092
East Riding of Yorkshire	£2,485
East Staffordshire	£2,167
Eastbourne	£2,256
Eastleigh	£2,149
Eden	£2,036
Edinburgh	£3,092
Elmbridge	£2,164
Enfield	£3,134
Epping Forest	£2,186
Epsom and Ewell	£2,072
Erewash	£2,191
Exeter	£2,228
Falkirk	£2,360
Fareham	£2,096
Fenland	£2,180
Fife	£2,911
Flintshire	£2,253
Forest Heath	£2,075
Forest of Dean	£2,123
Fylde	£2,104
Gateshead	£2,590
Gedling	£2,161
Glasgow City	£4,634
Gloucester	£2,255
Gosport	£2,153
Gravesham	£2,186
Great Yarmouth	£2,215
Greenwich	£3,008
Guildford	£2,163
Gwynedd	£2,211
Hackney	£3,510
Halton	£2,283
Hambleton	£2,089
Hammersmith and Fulham	£2,656
Harborough	£2,053

Haringey	£3,084
Harlow	£2,221
Harrogate	£2,149
Harrow	£2,531
Hart	£2,056
Hartlepool	£2,291
Hastings	£2,268
Havant	£2,204
Havering	£2,462
Herefordshire	£2,297
Hertsmere	£2,174
High Peak	£2,130
Highland	£2,389
Hillingdon	£2,672
Hinckley and Bosworth	£2,109
Horsham	£2,141
Hounslow	£2,572
Huntingdonshire	£2,206
Hyndburn	£2,165
Inverclyde	£2,229
Ipswich	£2,333
Isle of Anglesey	£2,125
Isle of Wight	£2,303
Isles of Scilly	£1,975
Islington	£3,090
Kensington and Chelsea	£2,573
Kettering	£2,145
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	£2,248
Kingston upon Hull,	£2,919
Kingston upon Thames	£2,278
Kirklees	£2,908
Knowsley	£2,480
Lambeth	£3,356
Lancaster	£2,210
Leeds	£3,933
Leicester	£2,939
Lewes	£2,164
Lewisham	£3,230
Lichfield	£2,105
Lincoln	£2,238
Liverpool	£3,697
Luton UA	£2,477
Maidstone	£2,244
Maldon	£2,063
Malvern Hills	£2,094
Manchester	£3,813
Mansfield	£2,233
Medway	£2,561
Melton	£2,036

Mendip	£2,143
Merthyr Tydfil	£2,141
Merton	£2,388
Mid Devon	£2,102
Mid Suffolk	£2,092
Mid Sussex	£2,141
Middlesbrough	£2,523
Midlothian	£2,173
Milton Keynes	£2,587
Mole Valley	£2,093
Monmouthshire	£2,122
Moray	£2,140
Neath Port Talbot	£2,391
New Forest	£2,225
Newark and Sherwood	£2,174
Newcastle-under-Lyme	£2,202
Newcastle upon Tyne	£2,836
Newham	£3,123
Newport	£2,379
North Ayrshire	£2,449
North Devon	£2,160
North Dorset	£2,080
North East Derbyshire	£2,163
North East Lincolnshire UA	£2,384
North Hertfordshire	£2,197
North Kesteven	£2,120
North Lanarkshire	£2,957
North Lincolnshire	£2,309
North Norfolk	£2,164
North Somerset	£2,360
North Tyneside	£2,508
North Warwickshire	£2,078
North West Leicestershire	£2,115
Northampton	£2,436
Northumberland	£2,671
Norwich	£2,434
Nottingham	£3,008
Nuneaton and Bedworth	£2,244
Oadby and Wigston	£2,038
Oldham	£2,561
Orkney Islands	£2,005
Oxford	£2,298
Pembrokeshire	£2,246
Pendle	£2,156
Perth & Kinross	£2,234
Peterborough	£2,466
Plymouth	£2,694
Poole	£2,242
Portsmouth	£2,589

Powys	£2,203
Preston	£2,297
Purbeck	£2,051
Reading	£2,381
Redbridge	£2,594
Redcar and Cleveland	£2,376
Redditch	£2,148
Reigate and Banstead	£2,180
Renfrewshire	£2,488
Rhondda Cynon Taff	£2,560
Ribble Valley	£2,025
Richmondshire	£2,028
Richmond upon Thames	£2,280
Rochdale	£2,566
Rochford	£2,073
Rossendale	£2,108
Rother	£2,138
Rotherham	£2,653
Rugby	£2,112
Runnymede	£2,101
Rushcliffe	£2,093
Rushmoor	£2,176
Rutland	£2,014
Ryedale	£2,043
Salford	£2,759
Sandwell	£2,930
Scarborough	£2,244
Scottish Borders	£2,227
Sedgemoor	£2,176
Sefton	£2,632
Selby	£2,089
Sevenoaks	£2,145
Sheffield	£3,440
Shepway	£2,239
Shetland Islands	£2,003
Shropshire	£2,444
Slough	£2,348
Solihull	£2,351
South Ayrshire	£2,280
South Bucks	£2,057
South Cambridgeshire	£2,149
South Derbyshire	£2,104
South Gloucestershire	£2,333
South Hams	£2,116
South Holland	£2,116
South Kesteven	£2,200
South Lakeland	£2,092
South Lanarkshire	£2,770
South Norfolk	£2,155

South Northamptonshire	£2,061
South Oxfordshire	£2,141
South Ribble	£2,117
South Somerset	£2,256
South Staffordshire	£2,125
South Tyneside	£2,530
Southampton	£2,642
Southend-on-Sea	£2,455
Southwark	£3,155
Spelthorne	£2,134
St Albans	£2,162
St Edmundsbury	£2,156
St. Helens	£2,419
Stafford	£2,147
Staffordshire Moorlands	£2,088
Stevenage	£2,188
Stirling	£2,138
Stockport	£2,487
Stockton-on-Tees	£2,467
Stoke-on-Trent	£2,692
Stratford-on-Avon	£2,145
Stroud	£2,145
Suffolk Coastal	£2,153
Sunderland	£2,886
Surrey Heath	£2,069
Sutton	£2,310
Swale	£2,290
Swansea	£2,607
Swindon	£2,348
Tameside	£2,566
Tamworth	£2,120
Tandridge	£2,088
Taunton Deane	£2,174
Teignbridge	£2,206
Telford and Wrekin	£2,428
Tendring	£2,344
Test Valley	£2,148
Tewkesbury	£2,101
Thanet	£2,398
Three Rivers	£2,112
Thurrock UA	£2,336
Tonbridge and Malling	£2,171
Torbay UA	£2,369
Torfaen / Tor-faen	£2,234
Torridge	£2,098
Tower Hamlets	£3,291
Trafford	£2,364
Tunbridge Wells	£2,162
Uttlesford	£2,069

Vale of Glamorgan Council	£2,235
Vale of White Horse	£2,140
Wakefield	£2,831
Walsall	£2,753
Waltham Forest	£2,760
Wandsworth	£2,935
Warrington UA	£2,318
Warwick	£2,166
Watford	£2,178
Waveney	£2,224
Waverley	£2,141
Wealden	£2,166
Wellingborough	£2,128
Welwyn Hatfield	£2,219
West Berkshire UA	£2,207
West Devon	£2,065
West Dorset	£2,153
West Dunbartonshire	£2,332
West Lancashire	£2,168
West Lindsey	£2,152
West Lothian	£2,436
West Oxfordshire	£2,116
West Somerset	£2,051
Westminster	£2,879
Weymouth and Portland	£2,147
Wigan	£2,659
Wiltshire	£2,709
Winchester	£2,139
Windsor and Maidenhead	£2,174
Wirral	£2,831
Woking	£2,126
Wokingham	£2,107
Wolverhampton	£2,758
Worcester	£2,181
Worthing	£2,174
Wrexham	£2,305
Wychavon	£2,164
Wycombe	£2,226
Wyre	£2,182
Wyre Forest	£2,195
York	£2,262