



Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	DWP/ LA Welfare Steering Group
Date/timings:	14th February 2019 - 11:00 – 14:00
Location:	Room G.35, Caxton House, London
Attendees:	<p>DWP: Darren Baker (chair), Carolyn Pollard (Secretariat), Kay Bendell Nic Vaughan (DI), Dave Edwards, Graham Roberts, Lavinia Browne (DI) Sara Mason, Rebecca Bowers, David Bailey (DI), Diana Lusikila (DWP)</p> <p>Scottish Gov: Kirsty Le Grice (DI), Linda Davies (DI)</p> <p>LAs: Sam Ashton (London Councils), June Deans (Glasgow), Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Rose Doran (LGA) Lisa Hayward (WLGA), Tim Savill (Bham), Andy Cameron (Leeds), Thomas Okech (Hackney), Andrew Croucher (Hackney)</p> <p>Dial in: Adrian Mills (Anglia Revenues), Sarah Price (Merthyr Tydfil, Andrew Stevens (East Kent), Pamela Richardson (Gateshead), Helen Paine (Gateshead), Michael McClements (COSLA), Howard Mason (Manchester), Peter Meehan (COSLA), Martyn Lindsay (SG), Ian Brown (Wiltshire), Linda Davies (WG)</p>
Apologies	Clare Elliott (DWP), (DWP), Susan Johnson (DWP), Karen Polston (DWP), Alan Fairweather (DWP), Simone Hines (N&B), Natalie Keogh (DWP), Ian Adams (Islington), Ian Jones (Hackney), Jennifer Wynter (Hackney), Andrew Stevens (East Kent), Susan Donald (Aberdeenshire), Jayne Henderson (Newcastle), Asha Vyas
1. Welcome and Introductions:	<p>Darren Baker opened the meeting. Introductions were made round the table and for those dialing in.</p>
2. Matters Arising	<p>The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p> <p>Action Points discussed and agreed.</p>
3. Universal Credit Statistics	<p>The latest UC statistics were published on 22 Jan 2019 and the headline analysis shows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1.6 million claimants now on UC – an increase of 10%• Of these, 580,000 (37%) were in employment at 13 December 2018 compared to 41% in December 2017.• Of these people, 53% (830 thousand) were female, compared to 45% in December 2017.

We can also confirm that as of today: we have:

- 26 UC Service Centres
- All 637 Jobcentres now in Universal Credit Full Service (rollout comp 12/12)

Landlord Portal

As of 11 Feb 2019 there are now 651 landlords enrolled on the Portal, including 15 from Northern Ireland.

LA Full Service Support Pack

The UC LA full service support pack Version 19 was issued in September 2018. And work is underway on Version 20 which we hope to issue by the end of March 2019.

4. Managed Migration

A recap on Migration activities to date:

The high level planning of the pilot was then walked through.

5. LGA feedback from meetings with CAB

Constructive meetings with CAB at Borough and local level were discussed.

DWP Departmental Planning and Performance provided a brief update on the spending review:

The information shared at this stage was limited however the SR announcements and process were discussed. Steering Group members welcomed the offer of a further update once more information is known.

6. SR Housing costs meeting from 30th January update

The roundtable on 30th January with some key stakeholders from across the sector such as Shelter, Crisis, Centre point was discussed.

Date, time and location of next LAWSG	The next LA Welfare Steering Group is scheduled to take place on 4th April 2019, 11.00 – 14:00. Room 5.21 / 5.22, Caxton House, London
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