



Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	DWP / LA POG
Date/timings:	12 September 2019 - 10:30 – 14:00
Location:	Room G.35, Caxton House, London
Attendees:	<p>DWP: Darren Baker (Chair), Carolyn Pollard (Secretariat), Kay Bendell, Sheena Parker, Amanda Sowerby, George Beresford, Andy Mclean, Adrian Shooter,</p> <p>LAs: Paul Ellary (K&C), Gwyn Thomas (Westminster), Mark Gillmore, June Deans (Glasgow), Adrian Mills (Anglia Revenues&Norwich)</p> <p>Dial in: Jo Wood (DWP), Nic Vaughan (DWP), Fiona Mcleish (DWP), Ursula Brennan (DWP), Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Pamela Richardson (Gateshead), Paula Doherty (Dumfries & Galloway), Barry Jardine (Renfrewshire)</p> <p>Cabinet Office: Nathan Nash</p>
Apologies	Joanne Hawkins (DWP), Paul Selby (DWP), Jonathan Bottomer (DWP), Julie Skelton (DWP), Chris Boylett (LB Newham), Lisa Fuller (Renfrewshire), Mandy Fathers (West Oxford), David Kinnair (Bham), Helen Paine (Gateshead), Sarah Price (MT)
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Darren Baker opened the meeting. Introductions were made round the table and for those dialing in.</p> <p>2. Matters Arising (Previous Minutes/Action Points, previous LAWSG Minutes)</p> <p>National Fraud Initiative Digital Economy Act pilot</p> <p>An overview of The National Fraud Initiatives (NFI) was provided.</p> <p>The NFI pilot was approved in November 2018 and involved 10 LAs in England.</p> <p>Previous POG and LAWSG minutes were agreed and action points were discussed.</p> <p>3. LA Welfare highlight report:</p> <p>The LA welfare highlight report was discussed.</p> <p>4. Move to UC</p> <p>An update on the Move to UC pilot in Harrogate was discussed.</p>	

5. SDP Transitional Payments

The LAWD Lite article for the SDP lump sum and ongoing payments is being finalised.

Duplicate HB Stop Notifications

All members confirmed they have seen a big improvement.

MGP1 Trial

An update following a MGP1 trial with 10 LAs was provided, thanks was given to those involved from POG.

6. Effective Management of HB Caseload and initiatives to improve accuracy

An overview of initiatives to improve the accuracy of HB awards was provided

7. Claimants move from UC to HB for pensioners

A request was made for POG members to share LA concerns/issues/experience.

Date, time and location of next LAWSG	The next Practitioners Operational Group is scheduled to take place on 14 November 2019, 10:30 – 14:00. Room G.35, Caxton House.
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