



Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	Extraordinary - DWP / Practitioners' Operational Group
Date/timings:	14 August 2020 – 10:30 – 13:00
Location:	Skype & Audio
Attendees:	DWP: Alan Brown (chair), Carolyn Pollard (Secretariat), Jo Wood, Sarah Turner, Eamonn Davern, Ursula Brennan, Patrick Togher LAs: Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Gwyn Thomas (Westminster), Paula Doherty (D&G), Lisa Fuller (Renfrewshire), Mark Gillmore (EK services), Pam Richardson (Gateshead), Mandy Fathers (West Oxford), June Deans (Glasgow), Andrew Rose (Ang Revs)
Apologies	Adrian Mills (Ang Revs), Helen Paine (Gateshead), Darren Baker (DWP), Sheena Parker (DWP), Liam Parker (DWP), Sue Shillito (DWP), Paul Ellary (RBK&C), David Kinnair (Bham), Chris Boylett (Newham)
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and seek feedback from Practitioners' Operational Group members regarding the forthcoming changes to applicable amounts in pension age Housing Benefit from April 2021. The changes will affect claimants reaching pension age from or after that date.</p> <p>2. Overview of forthcoming changes to applicable amounts in pension age Housing Benefit from April 2021</p> <p>The background was discussed and POG members were consulted.</p> <p>3. AOB</p> <p>Discretionary Housing Payments guidance refresh</p> <p>The recent Discretionary Housing Payment guidance was discussed.</p> <p>Meeting closed</p>	

Date of next POG	The date of the next Practitioners' Operational Group is 24 Sept 2020
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