



Summary Minutes

Title of meeting:	DWP / Practitioners' Operational Group
Date/timings:	24 September 2020 – 10:30 – 14:00
Location:	Skype & Audio
Attendees:	DWP: Darren Baker (chair), Carolyn Pollard (Secretariat), Alan Brown, Sheena Parker, Paul Selby, Jonathan Bottomer, Adrian Shooter, Jo Wood, Joanne Hawkins, Adrian Landeg. LAs: Matthew Evans (Wrexham), Gwyn Thomas (Westminster), June Deans (Glasgow), Paula Doherty (D&G), David Kinnair (Bham), Lisa Fuller (Renfrewshire), Chris Boylett (Newham), Mark Gillmore (EK services), Pam Richardson (Gateshead), Helen Paine (Gateshead)
Apologies	Amanda Sowerby (DWP), Adrian Mills (Ang Revs), Paul Ellary (RBK&C), Mandy Fathers (West Oxford)
<p>1. Welcome and Introductions:</p> <p>Darren Baker opened the meeting.</p> <p>2. Matters Arising (POG action points, previous POG minutes)</p> <p>The following Practitioners' Operational Group (POG) minutes were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• POG – 16 July 2020• Extraordinary POG - changes to applicable amounts in pension age Housing Benefit (HB) from April 2021 – 14 August 2020 <p>Action points were discussed.</p> <p>3. Update: LA-PED recovery plan</p> <p>Darren Baker provided an update on the LA-PED recovery plan.</p> <p>4. Update: Performance Management</p> <p>Jonathan Bottomer provided the update.</p> <p>5. Update: SDP Gateway removal</p> <p>In January 2019, a Severe Disability Premium (SDP) gateway was introduced for claimants who were entitled to the SDP to ensure they remained on their legacy benefit including Housing Benefit (HB).</p> <p>6. Update: Re-start of Fraud investigations and compliance</p> <p>The Department for Work and Pensions Counter Fraud, Compliance and Debt Directorate (CFCD) provided the update.</p>	

7. AOB

- shared accommodation rate changes
- Savings Credit uplift

Meeting closed

Date of next POG	The date of the next Practitioners' Operational Group is 19 November 2020
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