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Information request

The recent announcement of further roll out areas for Universal Credit gives a vague and half-baked statement that it will be implemented between May - July 2015.

Please supply the actual dates that Universal Credit claims will begin being taken in the Local Authority areas mentioned.

DWP response

It may be helpful to know that “The Freedom of Information Act 2000” provides people with a right of access to recorded information held by public authorities such as DWP. The Act does not extend to requests for views, comments or questions about a particular matter. Your request can be in the form of a question, but DWP does not have to answer if this would mean creating information that is not already held in a recorded form.

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act allows us to direct you to information which can be considered reasonably accessible to you. The latest planning assumption of those Local authority and Jobcentre areas that will begin to deliver Universal Credit is available in the public domain, and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-national-expansion>