

Welfare Reform Forum

West Event (Glasgow)

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Topics for Today

1. SHN Updates (SHN)
2. Universal Credit Implementation (DWP)
3. Welfare Reform & Housing and Social Security Bill (Scottish Government)
4. SFHA Updates (SFHA)
5. Welfare Reform & Digital Participation (SCVO)
6. Welfare Reform Impact Measures: Project Update (SHN)

SHN Updates

- Staff Changes
- Pre-action Requirements for rent recovery
- Universal Credit Programme Scottish Landlord Forum
- Universal Credit Business Case (DWP June 2018)
 - 200k increase in employment (60k due to 'simplicity/smoothing'?!)
 - Total investment expenditure in UC £2bn
 - £19.8bn savings over 10yrs (welfare budget)
- Private Landlord Engagement on UC

Measuring Impact of Welfare Reform: SHN Indicators

- Assist landlords to measure impact
- Reviewed SFHA, Cosla data, SHN Forum feedback, local landlord reporting
- Drafted paper & 'long' list of indicators
- ALACHO, SFHA meeting & further comments
- Revised current set of 21 indicators (core/non-core)
- Quarterly 'snapshot' data


Measuring Impact of Welfare Reform: SHN Indicators

- Next stage to 'test' indicators – landlord volunteers?
- 'Full Service' focus
- Indicator roll-out timetable

Welfare Reform Impact: Revised Indicators

SHN Revised Indicator set (June 2018)	Indicator examples
Welfare reform & housing costs	UC housing cost numbers, DHPs
Universal Credit & Rental Income	Arrears – UC numbers, average arrear & cash value and comparison with HB/no assistance tenant population MPTLs – total number & reason
Universal Credit & Support for Tenants	Evictions – UC numbers Support – referrals and receipt for PBS/DS, receiving housing support number

Discussion

- Homelessness
 - Availability of data
 - Tenant population comparisons – i.e. HB/UC/no assistance
 - Context
 - How to compare between landlords and learn
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Open Forum Topics

- Pre-action requirements
- Engagement with private landlords on welfare reform?
- GDPR & Welfare Reform
- Scottish Government flexibilities in practice – what do landlords need to know?

2018/19 Forum Dates

2018/19	June 2018	Oct/Nov 2018	February 2019
East (Edinburgh)	Tues 19/06/18	Tues 30/10/18	Wed 20/02/19
West (Glasgow)	Thurs 14/06/18	Thurs 01/11/18	Thurs 21/02/19
North (Inverness)	Thurs 21/06/18	Thurs 08/11/18	Thurs 28/02/19