

Welfare Reform Forum

North Event (Inverness)

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Topics for Today

1. SHN Updates (SHN)
 2. Universal Credit Implementation (DWP)
 3. Universal Credit 'Help to Claim' (CAS)
 4. Social Security Developments (Social Security Scotland)
 5. SFHA Updates (SFHA)
 6. Open Forum
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SHN Updates: DWP Landlord Newsletter

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-landlord-engagement-newsletters>

- Set up email alerts
- Information on 'managed migration' pilot (Harrogate from July 2019)
- Universal Credit Statistics (170k in Scotland)
- Fife, Glasgow, North and South Lanarkshire (top 4!)
- UC rented housing guide, disclosure guide etc
- Metro campaign:

<https://creative.dailymail.co.uk/universalcredit/uc-uncovered/index.html>

SHN Updates – Scottish Choices

- Scottish Government Stats on “Scottish Choices” (as at February 2019)
- LA breakdown also available now

<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Social-Welfare/SocialSecurityforScotland/UCMIFeb2019>

SHN Updates: Scottish Choices (as at Feb 2019)

Total of 133,480
given 1 or 2 offers
(more frequent or
direct to landlord)

54% offer of more
frequent payment
only

45% offer of both
frequent payment
& direct landlord

<1% offer of
direct landlord
payment only

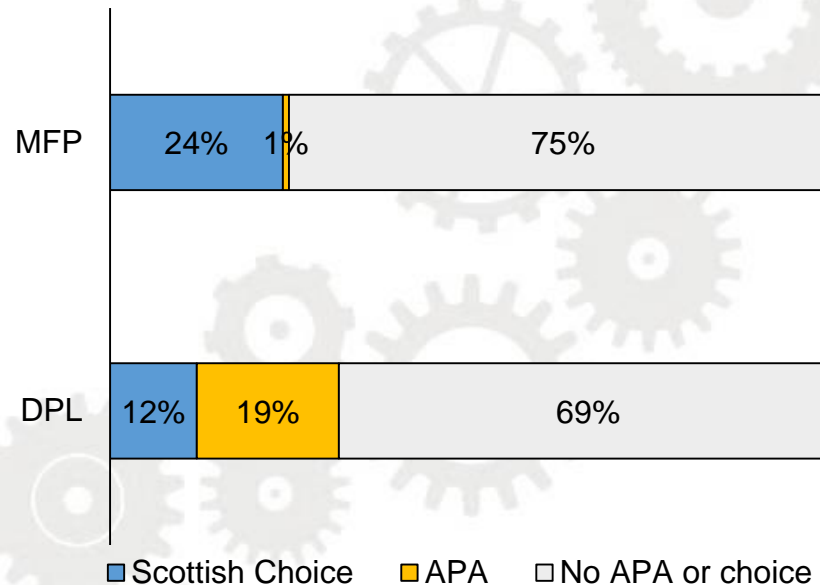
47% overall
acceptance rate of
offer

40% accepted
more frequent
payment

37% accepted
direct payment to
landlord

Scottish Government Statistics on Scottish Choices

- Chart shows Scottish households (total 134,882) in payment of UC to end February 2019
- 69% no DPL (either choice or APA)
- APAs still more important (26,299 compared to 16,070 Scottish Choice direct landlord payments)



SHN Updates: Scottish Choices (as at Feb 2019)

Area	Number with MFP	Number with DPL
Scotland	31,986	16,070
Aberdeen City	523	213
Aberdeenshire	606	251
Angus	981	420
Argyll and Bute	265	79
City of Edinburgh	608	172
Clackmannanshire	663	367
Dumfries and Galloway	689	512
Dundee City	2,002	868
East Ayrshire	1,620	1,160
East Dunbartonshire	327	143
East Lothian	627	239
East Renfrewshire	134	50
Falkirk	1,283	755
Fife	3,739	1,652
Glasgow City	2,088	876
Highland	1,514	850
Inverclyde	860	467

SHN Updates: Scottish Choices (as at Feb 2019)

Area	Number with MFP	Number with DPL
Midlothian	657	396
Moray	391	155
Na h-Eileanan Siar	47	12
North Ayrshire	1,700	1,071
North Lanarkshire	2,932	1,788
Orkney Islands	47	37
Perth and Kinross	588	277
Renfrewshire	643	319
Scottish Borders	569	313
Shetland Islands	39	6
South Ayrshire	850	336
South Lanarkshire	2,932	1,319
Stirling	635	284
West Dunbartonshire	243	66
West Lothian	1,180	609

Forum Discussion Topics

- UC support for tenants & interaction with 'help to claim'
- Experience of working with partnership managers
- Scottish Choices (direct payment to landlords) – approaches by landlords
- Current UC priorities and issues for landlords

Next Forum Dates

Location	Oct/Nov 2019	February 2020
East (Edinburgh)	Tues 29/10/19	Tues 18/02/20
West (Glasgow)	Thurs 31/10/19	Thurs 20/02/20
North (Inverness)	Thurs 07/11/19	Thurs 27/02/20