

Welfare Reform Forums

West, East & North Events

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Topics for Today

1. SHN Updates (SHN)
2. Welfare Reform & Social Security in Scotland (Scottish Government)
3. SFHA Welfare Reform Updates (SFHA)
4. Open Forum Discussion

SHN Updates

- Digital Forum arrangements
- DWP representation
- Scottish Govt CV-19 Guidance Housing
<https://www.gov.scot/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance/#housing>
- 6 month eviction 'protection' (PRS & Social Housing)

Universal Credit Official Statistics

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/universal-credit-29-april-2013-to-9-april-2020/universal-credit-29-april-2013-to-9-april-2020#people-on-universal-credit-1>

- In UK 4.2m **people** on UC as at April 2020 (2.6m households)
- 40% increase in 1 month due to CVD-19
- February 2020 – 230,213 households in Scotland on UC
- 94% in payment & 6% not in payment
 - 53% single no child
 - 3% couple no child
 - 29% single with child dependent
 - 9% couple with child dependent
- Recent UC changes – increase in standard allowance etc

Open Forum - Discussion Points

- Current situation & impacts
 - No. of tenants claiming UC
 - Rental income (DWP payments etc)
 - Communication with DWP
 - Service delivery i.e. UC support & advice
 - Staff (working arrangements, IT access absence etc)
 - Scottish Choices
- Feedback on forum & future

Next Forum Dates

Location	Oct/Nov 2020	Feb 2021
East (Edinburgh)	Tues 27/10/20	Tues 16/02/21
West (Glasgow)	Thurs 29/10/20	Thurs 18/02/21
North (Inverness)	Thurs 05/11/20	Thurs 25/02/21