

# Scotland's Housing Network Welfare Reform Forums

East, West & North Events  
February 2022

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# Topics for Today

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

# SHN Updates

- Future Forums & SHN arrangements
- DWP increased activity on engagement with landlords

# Tony's thankyou List

- ✓ Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (Jeremy)
- ✓ Department of Work & Pensions (Lynn, Susan, Bill, Louise)
- ✓ Scottish Government (Pauline, Olive, Merlin, Leigh)
- ✓ Highland Council
- ✓ South Lanarkshire Council
- ✓ City of Edinburgh Council
- ✓ East Lothian Council
- ✓ River Clyde Homes
- ✓ And everyone else!

## SHN updates: UC Figures as at 09/12/21

Area	UC Number	%age working
East & North Scotland (44 Jobcentres)	226,058	36%
Central, West & Southwest Scotland (40 Jobcentres)	228,663	33%
Total Scotland	454,721	34%

- 5,678,072 people (454,721 in Scotland) in Great Britain on Universal Credit as at 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021
- Approx 2.164m (38%) of GB total are working
- In Scotland 31,529 more females on UC than males
- Over one year period Nov 2020-Nov 2021 Scottish UC caseload decreased by 3%
- In Scotland single people (no child) remain largest UC household group at just under 60% of total although single with child dependent group share increasing

Sources:

- [Universal Credit statistics, 29 April 2013 to 9 December 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/universal-credit-statistics-29-april-2013-to-9-december-2021)
- [Universal Credit Scotland dashboard 2021 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/government/statistics/universal-credit-scotland-dashboard-2021)

# Forum Discussion Points

- Tenant Hardship Grant Fund
  - General Landlord experiences
  - Application process & take-up – PRS & SRS
  - Monitoring & review
  - Future?
- Citizens Advice Scotland Help to Claim?
- Future agendas for forums

# Future WR Forums – June 2022

Location	Date
East (Edinburgh)	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
West (Glasgow)	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
North (Inverness)	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June 2022



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