



WELFARE AWARE RESOURCES

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Welfare Reform

Homeless Link

<http://homeless.org.uk/welfare-aware>

<http://homeless.org.uk/welfare-aware/factsheets>

Practical resources to prepare for change, factsheets in plain English and the latest news on welfare reform. Also see our training and events pages.

Department for Work and Pensions

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits/entitlement>

An index to some key DWP benefits entitlement information.

Money Advice Service

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/categories/other-benefits>

Information and tools about the changes.

Universal Credit

Department for Work and Pensions

<https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

A toolkit to inform organisations about Universal Credit and help them explain the changes to claimants.

<https://www.gov.uk/universal-credit>

Brief overview of UC including helpline numbers, eligibility, postcodes where UC has been introduced, how to claim and appeals.

<https://secureonline.dwp.gov.uk/universal-credit-preparation/>

Personal Planner tool for claimants about what might change for them under UC.

Money Advice Service

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/en/categories/universal-credit>

Information and tools for claimants about action planning, bank accounts and budgeting.

“Bedroom Tax”, Benefit Cap, Local Housing Allowance, Housing Benefit

Shelter

http://england.shelter.org.uk/get_advice/housing_benefit_and_local_housing_allowance

Information on Housing Benefit changes and the overall impact of these cuts, including a budget calculator.

Department for Work and Pensions

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/support-for-housing-benefit-claimants-to-meet-any-rent-shortfall>

Leaflets for social housing tenants about the impact of rent reforms, including information on renting spare rooms and claiming Discretionary Housing Payments.

Chartered Institute of Housing

<http://www.cih.org/howtobriefings>

A range of briefings including ‘How to support tenants to find a lodger’.

Personal Independence Payments & DLA

Depart for Work and Pensions

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/healthcare-professional/benefits-and-services/disability-living-allowance/>

An overview of the changes.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/specialist-guides/pip-toolkit/>

Toolkit for organisations working with DLA and PIP claimants.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/publications/specialist-guides/pip-toolkit/text-for-your-communications/>

Information and posters for services to use with clients.

Financial Capability

Money Advice Service

<https://www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk/>

A range of free, unbiased tools and resources on money management including a budget planner.

Maths4us

<http://maths4us.org/>

Tools and resources to help people improve their maths skills, with an app due for release in October.

BBC Skills Wise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/skillswise>

A free-to-access website for adult numeracy and literacy tutors and students, with printable worksheets and factsheets and online games, videos and quizzes.

Talking About Money

<http://shop.niace.org.uk/talking-about-money.html>

A free tool published by NIACE and piloted in homelessness services that helps workers to start conversations about maths and money, with links to further resources.

Barclays Money Skills Champions

<http://www.barclaysmoneyskills.com/en/Information/Our-projects/Barclays-Money-Skills- champions .aspx>

A peer education project designed to build the money management skills of young people aged 16-25, particularly those who are not currently in education, employment or training.

The Meaning of Money Workbook

www.thamesreach.org.uk/EasySiteWeb/GatewayLink.aspx?alld=22986

Research report and workbook looking at why homeless and vulnerable people see money as a route to security, respect and freedom, created by Thames Reach and Lemos and Crane.

Step Change

<http://www.stepchange.org/#>

Information on debt and debt counselling and free online debt advice tools

Pay Plan

<http://www.payplan.com>

Offers comprehensive advice, guidance and support for anyone struggling with debt

Association of British Credit Unions Limited

<http://www.abcuk.org/home>

Search for your local credit union, find out more about credit unions and information on setting up credit unions

Northern money

<http://www.northernmoney.org.uk/home>

Information on credit unions in North East and Cumbria

Money Saving Expert

<http://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>

Advice on budgeting and debt as well as money saving tips

Transact

<http://www.transact.org.uk/>

A national forum for financial inclusion, includes good practice case studies and a Useful Links section.

Money for Life

<http://www.moneyforlifeprogramme.org.uk/>

Lloyds Banking Group's programme to give individuals involved in community groups money management awareness, the skills to give one to one money management advice and financial capability workshops.

Money Mentors

<http://www.citizensuk.org/moneymentors/>

A programme aimed to equip communities with the core money management skills to tackle financial illiteracy.

How organisations are managing welfare reform – some examples

MOAT

<http://www.moat.co.uk/welfarereform/>

A video outlining the welfare changes to tenants, an online toolkit for clients on the impact of changes on their income, a dedicated welfare reform team, an offer to clients outlining MOAT's assistance, and a calendar of what they will be doing and when.

Spire Homes

<http://www.spire-homes.org.uk/benefitchanges>

A video for clients on welfare changes and provide information on setting up a basic bank accounts and a money guidance officer offering individual support to clients.

Midland Heart

<http://www.midlandheart.org.uk/welfarereform>

An awareness video on welfare reform, under-occupancy calculator and individual money advice sessions.

Broadway

<http://www.broadwaylondon.org/WhatWeDo/HousingandSupport/LambethTenancyRescueService.html>

The Lambeth Tenancy Rescue team Advise clients on the benefit changes and individual financial impacts, identify where clients would benefit from budgeting skills and money management in order to sustain their tenancy and support clients to identify suitable sharers for their property where appropriate.

<http://www.broadwaylondon.org/WhatWeDo/AdviceServices/WelfareRights.html>

Broadway has a dedicated Welfare Rights team offering support and training to clients and staff to increase promote financial inclusion

Pennine Housing

www.ph2k.org.uk/?page=phbenefitcalc

Pennine Housing have developed an online calculator for clients to see if they will be affected by the 'under-occupancy penalty', taking into account children living within the home.