

UNIVERSAL CREDIT AND WELFARE REFORM

Christopher Pope
Lucy Cobern



UC AND WELFARE REFORM WORK SHOP

WHAT IS UNIVERSAL CREDIT?

 The largest shake up in welfare payments since the 1940's.

 For working age claimants only:

 Universal Credit will replace the following benefits:

 Child Tax Credit

Housing Benefit

 Income Support
Allowance (JSA)

Income-based Jobseeker's
Working Tax Credit


 Income-related Employment and Support
Allowance (ESA)


UC AND WELFARE REFORM WORK SHOP

WHEN IS UC COMING TO WINCHESTER?

 The areas that are linked to the Southampton and Eastleigh Job Centre's are already UC areas.

 Winchester Job Centre will go to Full Service UC in July 2018.

 Cosham Job Centre (Denmead & Hambledon) will go live in September 2018

 Fareham Job Centre (Wickham) will go live in November 2018.



PLANNING FOR UNIVERSAL CREDIT

You will need the following items to claim for UC:

- A bank account
- An email address
- Your National Insurance Number
- Access to the internet
- How much is your rent charge including any service charges? You do pay rent even if you claim Housing Benefit.

- The Housing Element will form part of your monthly payments from UC
- You will be responsible for paying your full rental charge no matter how much Housing Element you receive.
- You will be paid monthly in arrears. Do you have savings to help you while you wait five weeks for your first payment?
- Do you have debts? Rent is a priority and UC should be used to pay your rent. Support is available.



- You cannot backdate a UC claim so submit a claim URGENTLY
- Takes around 30-40 minutes to complete a claim
- You will need to submit a separate claim for Council Tax Support direct to Winchester City Council.



ANY QUESTIONS?

