

Summary: Welfare Benefit Reform Impact Bristol

Implementation date	Measure to be implemented	Households affected (Bristol)	Losses annually (Bristol)
Nov-Dec 2015	Universal Credit is introduced for single jobseekers without children who make a new claim for benefit (approximately 2,600 claimants for 2015/16)	1,800 per annum with housing costs (based on new claims analysis)	N/A
April 2016	The family premium in HB will be removed for new claims or new births	1,100 per annum	£630k
	Backdating for HB reduced from six months to four weeks	400 per annum	£370k
	Most working age benefits and tax credits (including Local Housing Allowance) frozen for four years	35,000 out of work benefits 27,000 HB working age caseload 30,000 tax credit caseload	'loss' through increases in private rent and other living costs
	Work allowance in UC is reduced to £2,304 per annum for those with housing costs and removed altogether from non-disabled households without children	20,000 (based on current working tax credit caseload and working households receiving child tax credit)	N/A
	1% reduction in social rents for four years	40,000 council and social tenants	'gain' for tenants through reduced rent
November 2016 onwards	Overall benefit cap is reduced from £26,000 to £20,000 per annum and lower cap for single person households (phased implementation)	919 households	£2.5million
March 2017	UC rollout is extended to all new claims for 'legacy' benefits (i.e. those replaced by UC) and households types	4,000 new claims anticipated in 2017/18	N/A
April 2017	Child element for tax credits and UC will be limited to two children for new claims and births after 6 th April 2017	476 (based on households accessing HB for support with housing costs)	Over £1million
	Family element in tax credits and first child element in UC will be removed for new claims. Six months protection applies for those previously receiving tax credits	2,200 (based on households accessing HB for support with housing costs)	Over £1million
	New claims for Employment and Support Allowance will not include the Work Related Activity component, making rates the same as if for jobseekers	4,200	£6million
	Automatic entitlement to Housing Costs for 18 to 21 year olds will stop. This will not apply to parents, certain vulnerable groups and those who cannot return to live with their parents	436	£1.5million
2018/19	Managed migration to UC (est)	Transitional protection provided but does not cover a change in circumstances	N/A