



Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December 2024

On Zoom

Hosted by UC Notes (Housing Systems)

AGENDA

Day 1: Thursday 5 December 2024 (1.00pm to 4.00pm)

- 1.00 **Introductions and welcome**
Alan Markey, NAWRA chair
- 1.10 **Enhanced Support Journey**
Tanya Hodnett, Head of Stakeholder Engagement, DWP

Tanya will give an overview of the Enhanced Support Journey and an update on how this has worked with the 'ESA500' cohort who were selected for early managed migration back in the summer.
[Slido #2511715](#)
- 2.00 **Break**
- 2.10 **Complex needs in vulnerable claimants**
George Coffey & Lara Christie (Inverclyde Council)

UC, complex needs and conditionality - getting the right information into the UC claim and challenging decisions.
[Slido #1800741](#)
- 3.10 **Break**
- 3.15 **The Winter Extras - Winter Fuel Payments and more**
UC notes (Housing Systems)

Join in a fun Kahoot quiz to refresh your knowledge on the extra help available during the winter months.
- 4.00 **Close**

Day 2: Friday 6 December 2024 (9.30am to 12.30pm)

- 9.30 **Welcome and introductions**
Alan Markey, NAWRA chair
- 9.40 **Discrimination and DWP**
Nick Whittingham (Kirklees Law Centre)

Nick is a director of Kirklees Law Centre and recently closed out the case of [Rimmer v DWP](#), securing £50k in damages, including exemplary damages, before the Employment Tribunal.

Nick is leading Law Centres Network's new discrimination and DWP working group which aims to litigate and campaign against discriminatory practice by DWP.
[Slido #2520435](#)
- 10.40 **Break**
- 10.50 **PIP case law update**
Carri Swann (Child Poverty Action Group)

Autumn 2024 has been a busy period for upper tribunal decisions on personal independence payment appeals. Carri will summarise the latest decisions and highlight how advisers can use them in practice.
[Slido #1100858](#)
- 11.30 **Break**
- 11.40 **Benefits updater**
Daphne Hall (rightsnet), Tom Messere (Big Book) and Gareth Morgan (Ferret)

A whistle-stop tour of some of the key budget and other changes that are likely to impact your clients over the coming months.
[Slido #3663797](#)
- 12.10 **Information Exchange**
[Slido #2709986](#)
- 12.30 **Close**

The conference is free to attend but open to NAWRA members only.

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