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YMCA referred around 5,000 young people to food banks last year

New report highlights that almost four out of five referrals are as a direct result of delays in benefit and sanctions

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£1.5 billion cut from statutory payments for women and parents in 12 months

New report from Mat that cuts are exacerbating poverty among new families

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5.6 per cent of lone parent income support claimants sanctioned in year up to June 2014

New DWP statistics show that 42,300 sanctions applied to 29,100 claimants in that period

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£104 million allocated by Scottish government to tackle impact of Westminster welfare reforms

Draft budget for 2015/2016 includes £38 million for the Scottish Welfare Fund

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Almost 1.5m sanctioned jobseeker's allowance new regime began

New DWP statistics a 50,000 sanctions are