

Move to UC 17 November 2022

- If don't move people to UC as quickly as previously planned, it results in savings for government - therefore ESA only or ESA/HB customers (about 1 million) deferred to 2028/9 - 4 year delay
- Change is nothing to do with vulnerability or not being ready! - it's all about savings - around £1 billion
- Anyone can still elect to move - and DWP will continue to work with small number of ESA claimants and move them over to help put plans in place for 2028
- IS, JSA and tax credit claimants will move over with existing plans
- Commitment to publish results of first cohort of discovery soon - DWP are looking at very small number of cases that didn't make claim after receiving migration notice to find out why not
- Results will 'surprise sceptics'!!

Question answers

- The elay measure will result in small amount of savings from not paying TP - but the majority of savings are from people not moving onto UC when would be entitled to more (LCWRA vs support group component)
- There are around 100,000 ESA and TC claimants who will be migrated in current plans
- Still working out what groups will be prioritised as managed migration steps up - but plans currently are to do by benefit type not geographically
- ESA and TC claimants not being delayed to 2028 cos HMRC keen to stop TCs asap - so anyone with TC claim will be in the group migrated by 2024/2025
- Currently around 2.4/2.5 million left in legacy system - around 1 million delayed by this measure
- Will take into consideration the risk to vulnerable people and stakeholder request to speak to adult care providers - DWP accepts that fraudsters coming in and taking advantage is a risk