

**Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)
Central Freedom of Information Team**

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Our reference: FOI2018/04452

Date: 7 November 2018

Dear Mark McCaree

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 24 September. You asked:

- 1. How are households selected to be moved to UC? I.e. are households selected at random or are they transferred according to the benefits they claim?*
- 2. Will the transfer of existing households be based on their geographical location (e.g. postcode or constituency) or based on which benefit group they belong to?*
- 3. In which order will the seven benefit groups be migrated to UC? I.e. which group(s) will be transferred early and which group(s) will be transferred later?*
- 4. Your report indicates that certain groups may be more complex to migration (WTC+CTC) than others (JSA), will this have any impact on the order by which households will be required to migrate to UC?*
- 5. Specifically about Tax Credits, which of the groups will be migrated first; a) WTC only, b) WTC+CTC less than 2 children, c) WTC+CTC 3+ children, d) WTC+CTC 3+ children with DLA and Carer's Allowance, or will the system make no distinction between these households?*
- 6. If none of the above methods is used to identify the sequence of households that will be migrated, which other methods/proposals are currently being considered?*

DWP Response:

We are still considering how households will be selected to move to UC and this will be informed by testing and discussion with stakeholders. We will take into account a wide range of factors but this may be based on their geographical location, benefit type or individual characteristics.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

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