

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

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Our reference: FOI2018/05265

Date: 22 October 2018

Dear Carole Keith

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received on 4 October.
You asked:

Can you tell me will transitional protection in the managed migration of universal credit extend to the child element for more than two children or will families with more than two children not receive payment for them unless they were born before a certain date.

DWP Response:

The Government has committed to protecting claimants who move from legacy benefits to Universal Credit who receive support for their children. This support is separate to the transitional protection arrangements which will be brought in for those the Department moves, in a process known as managed migration, from legacy benefits to Universal Credit. This support is part of the transitional provisions and relies on The Universal Credit (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2014.

Any claimant who moves from a legacy benefit to Universal Credit (either due to a change of circumstances or as part of managed migration) will continue to receive child support for the same number of children they were previously, so long as they remain responsible for the same children and entitled to benefit (disregarding any breaks in claim of less than 6 months). This is regardless of the number of children in their household or the date of birth of the children.

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

Yours sincerely,

DWP Central Fol Team

Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act

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