

what you need to know

The Universal Credit Full Service is being rolled out across the UK and is in your area now!

- £ Universal Credit is replacing the following benefits
- £ Job Seeker's Allowance/Employment and Support Allowance
- £ Income Support
- £ Working Tax Credits/Child Tax Credits
- £ Housing Benefits

Universal Credit gives you one monthly payment instead of different benefits paid on different dates. The payment might include help with your rent.

What does this mean for you?

If you make a new claim for benefits or have a change in circumstance you may go on Universal Credit. A change in circumstance could include the following:-

- £ a new baby being born
- £ a child turning 5
- £ being found fit for work
- £ relationship breakdown

Currently families with 3 children or more, pensioners and people in supported accommodation are not affected but this could change in the future. The housing element of Universal Credit is paid directly to you to help you pay your rent. This means you will be responsible for making sure your rent is paid.

Getting Your Rent in Credit

In order to minimise the impact of Universal Credit being paid 4-6 weeks in arrears, we are asking all

tenants to pay an additional £3.70 per week to get your rent in advance, in line with the terms of your tenancy agreement.

If you go on to Universal Credit or are currently receiving Universal Credit and have not let us know, please contact **Mosscares St Vincent's (MSV) on 0161 226 4211**

If we are aware of your change in circumstances, we can guide you through the process. Please fully read the enclosed **MSV Universal Credit - Get the Facts** guide. It contains several key tips to help you with any future Universal Credit claim



when will this happen?

Universal Credit Full service already in operation

Warrington, Calderdale (Halifax and Todmorden), Trafford (Altrincham and Stretford), Chorlton, Didsbury, Longsight, Rusholme, Newton Heath, Openshaw

February

Accrington/Hyndburn
Blackburn with Darwen

March

Tameside (Ashton under Lyne and Hyde)

May

Rochdale, Heywood and Middleton

July

Bury, Cheetham Hill,
Wythenshawe,
St Helens

September

Salford, Eccles, Irlam, Worsley

November

Bolton, Pendle, Nelson, Ribble Valley, Clitheroe, Rossendale and Stockport