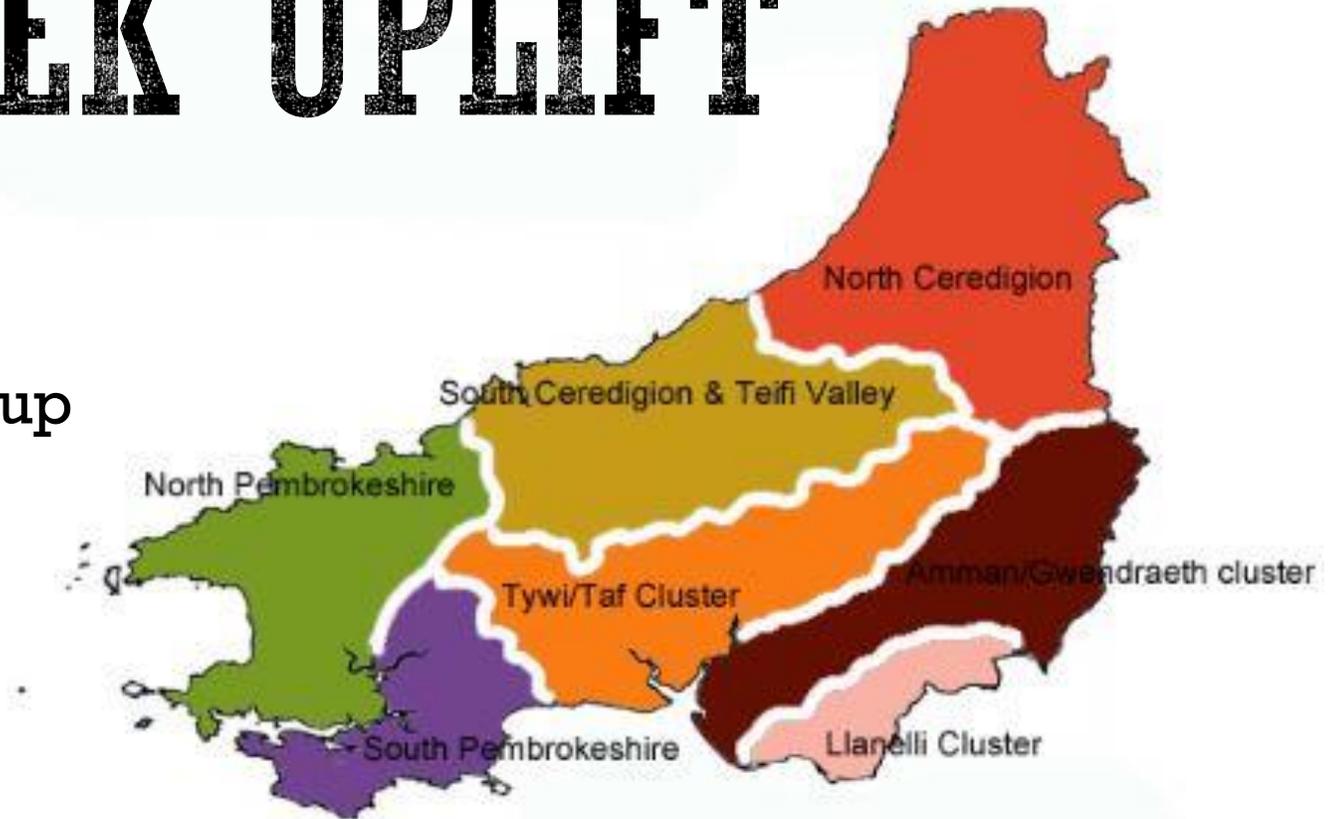


# UNIVERSAL CREDIT £20 PER WEEK UPLIFT

Hywel Dda Welfare Reform Group

March 2021



# WHAT PANDEMIC?

- Poverty
  - Rural impact
  - PIP wrong communication
  - LA practices differ
  - Rent & Service Charge reviews
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- £20 per week temporary UC uplift (£86.67 pm)
  - DWP Communication
  - Preparedness



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# WE THINK WE KNOW / BUT DO WE?

- Surveys (93 responses)
- Case studies
- Levels of UC cases since the pandemic



# SIMPLE BUT COMPELLING QUESTIONS

- What has the £20 extra per week meant for you?
- What would it mean for you if it was taken away?



# REALITY

- 51% would struggle to make ends meet
- 33% will struggle with increased household costs
- 26% would struggle with food
- 43% were unaware that the uplift was temporary



The extra money has helped me pay for increased energy costs. The extra money has meant I haven't had to go the food bank.

Half of my UC payment goes on bills and DD for payments which leaves me with less than £400 for remainder of expenses per month to cover electric, gas, transport, food, stuff for kids. £80 less would make a big difference to me!"

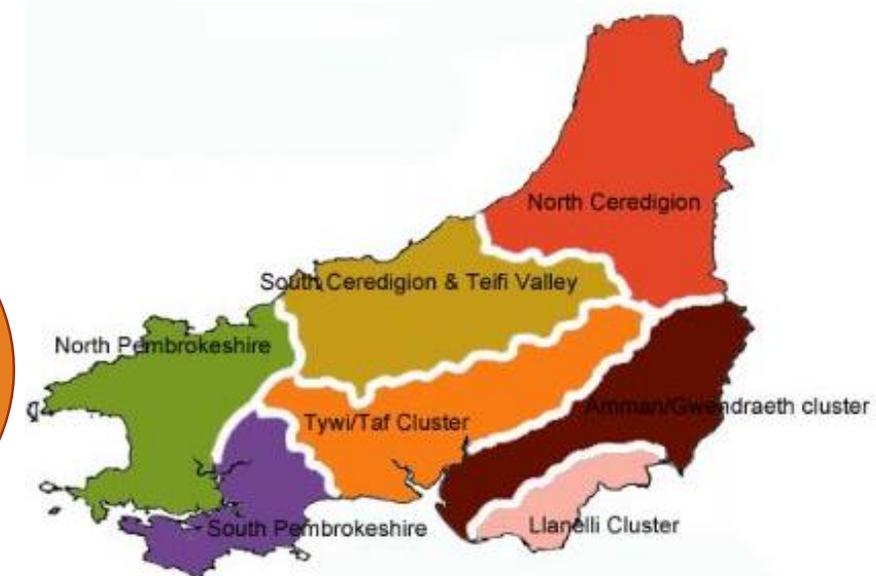
# REALITY

The extra £20 all. Its meant I have been able to manage a bit better, not having to constantly borrow money from friends to cover the basics gas elec food.

The extra £20 all goes on Electric. If Lost it, then the family would have less heating.

Wasn't aware of it - Would be horrendous to lose that much money per month as income is low already. Struggling to find a job at present

Would be a huge difference to lose the extra income. Children at home, home household costs have increased.



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## UNIVERSAL CREDIT CLAIMS IN THE REGIONAL GROUP

Organisation	UC claims
ATEB	744
Barcud	226
Bro Myrddyn	297
WWHA	190
FHA	201
POBL	278
Total	1936

- **£38,720** Weekly loss
- **£167,786** Monthly loss
- **£2,013,440** Annual loss



# ACTIONS NOT WORDS

- Lobbied 4 Local MP/AS
- Responses from 2 MP/AS supporting the extension to the £20 per week uplift:
  - Steven Crabb MP/AS
  - Jonathon Edwards MP/AS



# WHAT NEXT?

- Joint Communication Campaigns
- DWP preparedness
  - Communication
  - Adapting Budget advice
- Join forces with 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties to further lobby for retaining the uplift





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**IDEAS??????**



# THANK YOU



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Family Housing

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Wales & West Housing

Coastal Housing

**ateb** *better living solutions*

 **barcud**

