

Circular Reference:		G10/2010	
Subject:	Off-Benefit recovery Working Benefit workshops LHA guidance and leaflets	Effective Date:	For Information
Off-Benefit Recovery			
<p>Shared Services Debt Management (DM) are looking at expanding to work with LA's in the areas of off-benefit recovery and recovery from the estates of deceased debtors. DM are looking for volunteers to carry out a feasibility study to determine if the existing methods carried out by LA's can be improved. Those LA's who wish to volunteer should contact;</p> <p>Ann Harrison, Senior Business Development Manager, 0161 873 4758, or Eleanor Bentley, Business Development Manager, 0161 873 4636 by 9th July 2010</p>			
Working Benefit workshops			
<p>The DWP are holding a series of Working Benefits workshops during the months of June and July 2010. The workshops are for those staff on the front line, who advise jobseekers on issues such as benefits, employment, budgeting or housing issues.</p> <p>Invitations have been sent out by e-mail to LAs, Jobcentre Plus and many other advice providers.</p> <p>More information on the workshops can be found on the DWP website under www.dwp.gov.uk/workingbenefits</p>			
LHA Guidance and leaflets			
<p>As of 21st June 2010, the DWP have launched a revised version of the LHA guidance manual along with good practice guidance on paying LHA and safeguards, and new LHA leaflets.</p> <p>The Good Practice guide supplements chapters 4-6 in the guidance manual and includes a number of case studies.</p> <p>These can all be found on the DWP website under Local Housing Allowance.</p>			
Additional Information			
<p>G10 also includes links to what's new on the DWP website and a list of circulars issued recently.</p>			
Suggested Action			
<p>Ensure all HB/CTB staff are aware of the LHA updates</p>			
Other References:			