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Reforms will ensure work pays

Christian Guy, Managing Director at the Centre for Social Justice, today said the introduction of Universal Credit will tackle "decades of welfare failure".

He said: "Britain's welfare system is broken and the need for radical reform could not be clearer. The current system acts as one of the biggest barriers into work and has left millions of people wasting their talents on the benefits scrapheap.

"Whilst a debate around the implementation of Universal Credit is important, many of the concerns raised by this collation of responses are out of date or already being addressed by ministers.

"Nothing should detract from the fact welfare reform and the broad proposals set out are essential if we are serious about changing lives. The launch of Universal Credit will ensure that work pays and that people in employment keep more of their money. It will drive right to the heart of decades of welfare failure.

"A number of pilots will be run in the coming months to work through precisely some of the legitimate implementation points raised - we have all the evidence we need to get this right. The process and partnership of planning effective delivery is well advanced."