

Press Release

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AdviceUK calls on MaPS to PRESS RESET

Today AdviceUK has called on the Money and Pensions Service (MaPS) to engage in a full and meaningful consultation on the future of debt advice with debt advice providers, frontline debt advisers, debt advice membership organisations and wider stakeholders.

This follows the successful campaigns led last year by AdviceUK, the Institute of Money Advisers, the Money and Mental Health Policy Institute, the Unite Debt Advice Network and We Are Debt Advisers that resulted in MaPS pausing its plans to commission regional debt advice services in England. MaPS has since announced that it will be reversing its proposed cuts to regional debt advice and entering into 10 month agreements with existing providers.

However, there are issues with the proposed 10 month agreements and deeper, longer-term problems remain with MaPS's debt advice strategy and the way in which it works with the debt advice sector. In partnership with the Unite Debt Advice Network and We Are Debt Advisers, AdviceUK has therefore also published today a set of 14 demands that address these concerns.

Executive Director Chilli Reid said: -

"MaPS must change and engage fully with debt advice providers; they are closest to people who desperately need support and debt advice. Now is the time to press reset. Now is the time for change."

For further information and the 14 campaign demands see our [PRESS RESET Campaign Page](#).

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Notes for editors: -

1. AdviceUK is a charity supporting independent organisations that give free advice to members of the public. Established in 1979, with 786 members we are the largest network of independent advice centres in the UK.

2. Our members work in some of the poorest parts of the UK, often with marginalised communities, helping people to solve their legal and social welfare problems.
3. For more information on AdviceUK please visit the AdviceUK website at www.adviceuk.org.uk
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