Welfare at a (Social) Distance:
A resource for understanding the benefits system during Covid-19

Lightning talk for data dive
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A rapid response project, with data that you can access today

YouGov survey of >7,000 benefit claimants

- New & existing claimants, collected May/June 2020

Includes:

- Details of claim (e.g. advances, deductions)
- Problems encountered with process
- Attitudes to benefits
- Employment situation
- Financial situation (strain, how getting by)
- Background (e.g. age, gender, disability, ethnicity)
Verdict on the benefits system coming soon, but already...

Rapid reports:
– #1: Connected to the labour market?
– #2: Who are the new benefit claimants?
– #3: At the edge of the safety net

Also blogs (conditionality, Kickstart...)

But much left to explore!
This is just the start of multiple data deposits – coming soon:

**Non-claimant survey**, to look at reasons for not claiming & comparison to claimants

**Future waves in Jan & Jun 2021**, following-up claimants to examine change

**General population surveys**, to compare attitudes/financial strain to claimants

**Qualitative data**: 75 longitudinal interviews
To find out more, check out the following /// speak to Rob de Vries

Existing publications
UKDA entry
User guide
Questionnaire
Contact information

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