

# Green Party: Government must refund Universal Credit helpline bills



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**The Green Party has called on the Government to refund all bills racked up by people calling the Universal Credit helpline.**

**Jonathan Bartley, co-leader, made the call in response to news today the Government will scrap the 55p-a-minute charge for calling the line.**

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

“The Government’s Universal Credit phonenumber has been little short of fining vulnerable people for seeking help. It is shameful it took this long to make the line free. The Government must refund all bills racked up by the phonenumber immediately as a first step towards undoing the damage it has inflicted.”

ENDS.

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/universal-credit-helpline-call-charges-dwp-55p-work-corbyn-labour-pensions-benefits-david-gauke-a8006346.html>

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