

Labour will abolish the rape clause

A Labour government led by Jeremy Corbyn will abolish the Tories' abhorrent 'rape clause' policy across the UK.

The 'rape clause' forces women who have conceived a child as a result of rape to fill out an eight-page form to claim tax credits if it's the woman's third child.

Last month, Scottish Labour leader Kezia Dugdale used a Holyrood debate to read out the powerful and moving testimony from a woman who conceived a child following rape.

But Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson has repeatedly defended the 'rape clause'.

Labour's UK manifesto states: "The cuts to work allowances in Universal Credit (UC), and the decision to limit tax credit and UC payments to the first two children in a family, are an attack on low-income families and will increase child poverty.

"Labour will reform and redesign UC, ending six-week delays in payment and the 'rape clause'."



UK Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn said: *"Labour will end the abhorrent rape clause across the UK.*

"Kezia Dugdale's powerful speech in the Scottish Parliament demonstrated the heart-breaking reality of the rape clause.

"Theresa May and Ruth Davidson should be ashamed of this policy.

"Only a Labour government that works for the many, not the few, can bring this policy to an end."