



East Renfrewshire Citizens

Advice Bureau Weekly Update

10/06/2022

Cost of Living Support -

In recent weeks the UK Government have announced they will be providing an additional £15billion towards the current Cost of Living Crisis; totalling government support to over £37billion.

Energy Bills Support Scheme - £400

Direct Debit/Credit - Money credited to their account.

Pre-payment - Money applied to their meter or paid via a voucher.

Cost of Living Payment - £650 (split over two payments)

First Payment – July.

Second Payment – Autumn.

This is only for those who receive means tested benefits.

Pensioner Cost of Living Payment - £300

People will be eligible for this payment if they are over State Pension age between 19 – 25 September 2022.

This is a top-up to the annual Winter Fuel Payment.

Disability Cost of Living Payment - £150

This will be paid in September to those who receive a qualifying Disability Benefit.

Full info can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-living-support.

NHSGGC – Royal Alexandra Hospital

Local radio station Paisley FM 107.5 has teamed up with NHSGGC to bring back hospital radio to Paisley RAH.

Beginning this week, staff, patients and members of the public can listen in every Wednesday between 12 – 1pm via paisleyfm.co.uk/radio.

The Royal Alexandra Hospital Radio Show will provide hospital updates and will even allow loved ones of patients and staff to dedicate special messages and song requests by emailing rahradio@paisleyfm.co.uk.

Melanie McColgan of NHSGGC said: “We are thrilled that this partnership with Paisley FM will allow us to bring patients, staff and visitors a new radio show.

“The RAH is at the heart of the community in Paisley and this gives us another avenue to engage with the public and bring a bit of joy to people during perhaps stressful and uncertain times.”

For full details go to: www.nhsggc.scot/hospital-radio-makes-return-to-rah

MyEastRen – Online Portal

Access Council services from your computer, phone or tablet, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with our new customer portal MyEastRen.

Services now available include: Council Tax, report missed bins or road and lighting faults and Parentsportal. Registration and sign-in checks who you are and allows you to use a single account to access a range of Scottish public services online.

For more information, please go to:

www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/myeastren

Free School Meals & Clothing Grant Update –

The Scottish Government has announced funding for children currently in receipt of Free School Meals (FSM) to receive an additional one-off payment for the summer break.

£222.50 will be paid for each child P1 to S6 and includes the £130 Summer Bridging Payments.

Please note this will not apply to children transitioning to P1 from August 2022 or Early Years establishments.

Clothing Grant payments will be made automatically for families who are currently in receipt of Council Tax Reduction and their children are detailed on their claim. You do not need to re-apply.

Grants are paid directly to bank accounts. If your details have recently changed then please update these with East Renfrewshire Council.

All payments will be made from Friday 17th June with the exception of S5 & S6 will receive the Clothing Grant payments once the schools have returned.

East Renfrewshire Council 2022/23 applications will be open soon and can be accessed via: eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/article/1221/Free-school-meals-and-clothing-grants

Clients can also get in contact with the bureau via:

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