



East Renfrewshire Citizens

Advice Bureau Weekly Update

09/09/2022

Good News Story –

Client is a single lady in receipt of state pension who was still working; although due to ongoing health issues this was proving very difficult for her and she had to give up her job. Client was understandably very worried about finances especially with Cost of Living rises.

After a face to face appointment with an adviser the client was made aware of benefit eligibility and supported in making applications for the following benefits: *Attendance Allowance, Pension Credit, and Council Tax Reduction & Housing Benefit.*

This week our client got back in touch with the good news that all of these applications have been successful.

Client has been awarded the following (weekly):
Attendance Allowance Higher Rate of £92.40.
Pension Credit of £33.59.
Full Council Tax Reduction of £19.96.
And Full Housing Benefit £85.84.

All of these benefits were backdated to date of claim too. Client will now also receive Cost of Living Payments of £650 and £150 Disability. This amounts up to a yearly client financial gain (CFG) of **£4380.38**. Both our client and bureau staff are delighted at this outcome.

At ERCAB we have a team of benefit advisers who are available to answer any queries you may have such as; applications, ongoing claims and benefit checks. Call our office on **01418812032** or pop in to make an appointment.

NHSGGC Update –

NHS Scotland has announced a new 'No smoking perimeter' as part of the Scottish Government's plan to create a tobacco free Scotland by 2034.

The Scottish Government's nation-wide ban came into effect on Monday 5 September.

You are now no longer allowed to smoking within 15 metres of a hospital building, and if caught doing so, you could receive a fixed penalty notice of £50 or a fine of up to £1,000 if your case goes to court.

Anyone looking for advice on giving up smoking can contact the NHS QuitYourWay Helpline on: 0800848484.

Disability Cost of Living Payment –

Those who qualify for the Disability Cost of Living Payment will begin to receive £150 *from* 20th September (2022).

This will help disabled people with the rising Cost of Living acknowledging the higher disability-related costs they often face, such as care and mobility needs.

This payment comes on top of other Cost of Living payments totalling £650 and £400 for all households to help with energy bills.

www.gov.uk/guidance/cost-of-living-payment

ERCC Events –

East Renfrewshire Carers Centre (ERCC) is a local organisation specialising solely in supporting carers and young carers.

Over the course of September, ERCC are hosting a number of events including:

FEMALE CARER'S GROUP - 15th & 22nd 10am - 12pm. To register email: bushra@eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk

BADMINTON SESSIONS - 12th & 19th 10.30-11.30am at Maccabi Sports Centre in Giffnock. Booking required, email: bushra@eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk

PREPARING FOR HOSPITAL (Online) – 19th 10-11.30am. To register please contact The Carers Centre.

MALE CARER'S GROUP 22nd: 1-3pm at Redhurst Hotel. Email mark@eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk for more info.

There are many more events and support groups available to carers and their families. You can find more information via:

Web: www.eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk

Email: enquiries@eastrenfrewshirecarers.co.uk

Tel: **0141 638 4888**

Clients can also get in contact with the bureau via:

Email - ere-bureau@eastrenfrewshirecab.casonline.org.uk

You can also keep up to date with recent news from ERCAB via our social media platforms. Please feel free to distribute the contact details for our advisers provided on our Facebook page.

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