



East Renfrewshire Citizens

Advice Bureau Weekly Update

02/09/2022

Good News Story – Benefits

A client attended the bureau in June 2021 for assistance completing his PIP renewal form. The client was particularly vulnerable and since his last PIP review, health had deteriorated significantly. One of our benefits advisers was able to arrange an appointment to assist with this form.

Recently we heard back from our client who let us know that the DWP has now increased the clients Daily Living Component (DLC) to the enhanced rate and have also maintained his standard Mobility (MOB) award.

The DWP will pay the client **£1,443.84** in backdated payments and a total of £13,509.60 (DLC) and **£3697.20** (MOB) over the next three years.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) has been replaced by Adult Disability Payment (ADP) for residents of Scotland. Any new claims should be made via Social Security Scotland only. Existing PIP claimants will eventually be transferred over to ADP from PIP in the next few years. If you have any questions call our bureau on [01418812032](tel:01418812032) or visit www.mygov.scot/adult-disability-payment.

ERC Talking Points –

If you would like an informal chat about how to get help for any area of health and wellbeing related to yourself or a loved one - Talking Points can help.

Talking Points work with over sixty organisations, including the East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), to help you get the information you need quickly.

During September, you can visit Talking Points Monday to Friday between 10am and 3pm at:

**The Market Place, Newton Mearns Shopping Centre.
Or**

The Market Place, 56 Kelburn Street, Barrhead, G78 1LR.

Pop in to have a conversation about what matters most to you. The Talking Points staff will either help you directly or will signpost you to the right health and social care service, organisation or group who can.

You can contact Talking Points by calling [0141 876 9555](tel:01418769555) or by emailing talkingpoints@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk.

ERCAB Drop-In –

Monday & Thursday between 10am – 2pm.

**The James McGuire Building
124 Main Street
Barrhead
G78 1SG**

Advisers -

**Mark Parsons – Money Talk Project
Caitlyn – HERO Project**

Energy Bills Support Scheme –

The Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) is a non-repayable discount of £400 from the government that every household with a domestic electricity connection will start to receive from October 2022 to help offset the higher energy bills.

You don't need to apply for the scheme. You'll automatically see a discount of £66 applied to your energy bills in October and November, and £67 a month from December to March 2023. Each energy supplier has been asked to pay customers who have an electricity supply.

This is one of many schemes that the government have set out in order to assist with the Cost of Living crisis. They hope to provide support to those hit worst by the high cost of living, such as pensioners and low income households.

The cost of this Energy Bills Support Scheme will be partly covered by a windfall tax on oil and gas company profits, which should raise about £5 billion over the next year.

This will cover some of the bill; however the Treasury will need to use other funds to pay for this too.

More information on EBSS is available at Gov.uk website: www.gov.uk/government/news/energy-bills-support-scheme-explainer

Clients can also get in contact with the bureau via:

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

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