



East Renfrewshire Citizens

Advice Bureau Weekly Update

28/10/2022

Good News Story – Benefits

Client has been a regular attendee of the bureau for a number of years. Following a significant deterioration in health, client was in need of benefit support. An appointment was set up with a benefits adviser to complete an application for Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Further support was provided with updating client's change of circumstance and uploading sick line's on to their Universal Credit (UC) account. We later had to complete a Work Capability Assessment Form (UC50) in the hope of having client relieved of all work activity as part of their claimant commitment.

After completing a healthcare assessment, client received a 3 year award of PIP Standard Rate Daily Living at **£61.85 weekly**, and also a one-off backdated payment of **£910.08**. This has given client an annual Client Financial Gain (CFG) of **£3,216.20**.

Last week we also heard back from Universal Credit who awarded client Limited Capability for Work and Work Related Activity (LCWRA) which means client is now relieved from all work activity and has an extra amount added onto his monthly UC payment of **£354.28** plus a one-off backdated payment of **£360.97** was also received. This has given an additional financial gain of **£4,251.36**.

The award of both benefits has given client a total annual financial gain of £7,467.56.

Barrhead Job Fair –

East Renfrewshire Council have organised a Jobs Fair on Thursday 3rd November 1-4pm at Barrhead Foundry, Main Street, G78 1SW.

Work EastRen, employability service, who are hosting the event, will have staff available to speak to about jobs advice, including tips for interviews, help with CVs and training opportunities.

In preparation for this event, Work EastRen are running some CV and job application workshops for jobseekers to prepare them for the jobs fair. For more information email worker@eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk or call **0141 577 8438**.

Further information on next week's job fair can be found at www.eastrenfrewshire.gov.uk/news.

Scottish Child Payment (SCP) –

Social Security Scotland are soon to begin the roll out of Phase 2 of Scottish Child Payment. Phase 2 will bring various changes such the eligibility criteria, payment, and exceptional circumstances.

From 14th November, SCP will open to families with children aged under 16 and payment will increase to £25 per child per week. You must be in receipt of, or have applied for a qualifying benefit; Universal Credit, Legacy Benefits and/or Pension Credit (full list is available at link below).

Applications can be made online www.mygov.scot/scottish-child-payment, via telephone **0800-182-2222** or by downloading a paper form and sending by post. All application forms are the same whether you are submitting a new claim or adding on an older child to your existing account.

Our benefits team can help families with both the application process and eligibility checks. To arrange an appointment please call us on 0141 881 2032 or pop in to the office.

Good News Story – Immigration

Client contacted ERCAB for support with a British Citizenship application back in June. Client was a victim of domestic violence and her ex-husband was prohibiting her from renewing her Indian passport and being able to obtain documents for her children, as his signature was required.

This week we were delighted to receive the news that our client was granted British Citizenship.

This means they can now obtain a British passport and further work will be done to try and obtain British nationality for her children in the future.

You can contact our EUSS adviser, Cara, by emailing: cara.mccarthy@eastrenfrewshirecab.casonline.org.uk.

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.

Facebook – **East Renfrewshire CAB** & Twitter **@EastAdvice**