



East Renfrewshire Citizens Advice Bureau Weekly Update

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New scheme aims to attract 60 young people on benefits into NHS jobs

A new scheme is being launched which will help 60 young people from across Greater Glasgow and Clyde into jobs in healthcare.

The Kickstart Scheme is a partnership between NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Renfrewshire Council employability service, Invest in Renfrewshire, and will provide support for 16 to 24 year olds who are in receipt of Universal Credit and living in the Greater Glasgow and Clyde area. Invest in Renfrewshire will act as the gateway provider across the NHSGGC catchment area, connecting with employability partners to raise awareness of this opportunity and recruit people into the roles.

Kickstart, a UK-wide Department of Work and Pensions initiative, is a key aspect of the Scottish Government's Young Person's Guarantee which aims to provide employability support to young people.

From November, 60 new, fixed term job opportunities will be created for young people in receipt of Universal Credit.

The employment and training programme will take place over a period of six months across NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde acute sites. The training sites that will be used are:

- Royal Alexandra Hospital
- Queen Elizabeth University Hospital
- Gartnavel General Hospital
- Glasgow Royal Infirmary

Those participating in the Scheme will have the opportunity to develop their knowledge, skills and experience in catering, domestic and portering duties along with training in key employability topics to support onward transition into NHS employment, or with other employers

Following the end of the programme, young people will have access to a guaranteed interview for facilities posts at any of our acute hospital locations.

The application route for this programme is only by referral through local DWP work coaches in the Glasgow and Clyde area and is now open to young people currently in receipt of Universal Credit.

People can find out more and register their interest through the jobs portal on the Invest in Renfrewshire website at www.ypguaranteerenfrewshire.com/employment

Good News Story – Back to School Bank

The School Bank provides children, in situations of poverty and hardship with a brand new school uniform. Child Poverty Action Group state that there is a direct correlation between poverty & educational achievement and the ethos of the School Bank is to change that, by providing clothing, gym kit, school bag, stationery: all items required for the school day.

The families remain anonymous to the charity that operates on a referral basis from ERCAB, schools and other local support agencies.

These last few months we have referred 10 families to the School Bank resulting in support for 20 children with a client financial gain of approximately **£3400**.

Each child's pack includes items such as blazers, socks, stationery, rain jackets & shoes. One little girl had asked for a specific style of skirt as *"that's what everyone is wearing"* and the school bank sourced this for this little girl who was delighted. Another client said *"I'm so amazed with what they have given us. We got loads more things that we weren't expecting, I'm so grateful and the kids are so happy too"*

Fire Safety for Home Owners

Every home in Scotland must have interlinked fire alarms by **February 2022**. Being interlinked means if one alarm goes off, they all go off.

If you are a homeowner, it's your responsibility to make sure your home meets the new fire alarms standard.

By February 2022 every home will need to have:

- one smoke alarm in the room you spend most of the day, usually your living room
- one smoke alarm in every circulation space on each storey, such as hallways and landings
- one heat alarm in the kitchen

All smoke and heat alarms should be mounted on the ceiling and be interlinked. For more information on this, contact the bureau on **0141 881 2032**.

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