



# FURTHER SUPPORT

## FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

### RENFREWSHIRE FOOD, FUEL AND FINANCE

For a local directory of support and resources in response to issues that arise from the rapidly increasing costs-of-living, please visit the Renfrewshire Food, Fuel and Finance Resource -

[www.engagerenfrewshire.org/resources/renfrewshire-food-fuel-and-finance-resources](http://www.engagerenfrewshire.org/resources/renfrewshire-food-fuel-and-finance-resources)

This resource can be used to signpost families onto the correct service or support.

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### THE RENFREWSHIRE TOY BANK

The Renfrewshire Toy Bank works with charities, non-profit groups, NHS, schools, nurseries and other official group to provide new gifts for local children at Christmas who need it most. To find out more information please visit [www.facebook.com/renfrewshirechristmastoybank/](https://www.facebook.com/renfrewshirechristmastoybank/)

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### HOUSING SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE ADULTS - RENFREWSHIRE

The Housing Support Team will support adults of all ages regardless of tenure, whose housing situation is vulnerable due to:

- being homeless, or at risk of homelessness
- learning disabilities
- addiction(s) issues
- mental ill issues
- age
- convictions
- domestic abuse.

To make a referral, please visit: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/8232/Housing-Support-Services](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/8232/Housing-Support-Services) for more information, or call **0141 618 5795**.

## CARERS ALLOWANCE

Pregnant women / people, parents and carers could get **£69.70** a week if they care for someone at least 35 hours a week who gets certain benefits.

Please be aware that Carer's Allowance can affect the other benefits that you and the person you care for get. For this reason, we would recommend that you speak to a Money Advisor before applying.

Please contact Advice Works on 0300 300 1238 to make a telephone appointment to speak to one of their advisors (Mon – Thurs 8:45am to 4:45pm, Fri 8:45am to 3:55pm).

For more information on Carers Allowance or to apply, please visit [www.gov.uk/carers-allowance](http://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance)

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## COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION

To claim council tax reduction the person:

- must be the person who pays the council tax for the property, if not they can't claim this reduction
- must live in the property they are applying for

To apply online please visit: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3356/Apply-for-a-council-tax-reduction](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3356/Apply-for-a-council-tax-reduction)

For more information or support please phone **0300 300 0204** or email [benefits.finit@renfrewshire.gov.uk](mailto:benefits.finit@renfrewshire.gov.uk)

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## HOUSING BENEFIT

Someone may be eligible to put in a new claim for Housing Benefit if they're in supported, sheltered or temporary housing. They can make a new claim if:

- they're living in temporary accommodation, such as a B&B arranged by their council
- they're living in a refuge for survivors of domestic abuse
- they're living in sheltered or supported housing (such as a hostel) which provides them with 'care, support or supervision'

For more information or to apply please visit: [www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3291/Housing-Benefit](http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/article/3291/Housing-Benefit)

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All pregnancy, maternity and early years staff resources can be found in a helpful webpage, please visit [www.engagerenfrewshire.org/resources](http://www.engagerenfrewshire.org/resources) or scan the QR code below:

