

Additional Support

We are always here to help if you are struggling with your payments, but there may be times when you would benefit from specialist, independent support.

There are many organisations who can offer free, impartial advice on a range of topics, and you can find some of these listed below.

If you have any additional support needs, for example, if you would like correspondence in large print, please contact us by telephone or in writing, so we can see how best we can support you.

Health

Such as conditions or illnesses that may impact day to day tasks

| Disability | Illness | Hearing or visual impairments | Mental health | Addiction |

NHS Web: www.nhs.uk

The NHS provides information on a range of conditions, symptoms and treatments, what to do, and when and where to get help.

RNID Web: www.rnid.org.uk

The Royal National Institute for Deaf People works to make life inclusive for deaf people and those with hearing problems.

Tel: 0808 808 0123

Text: **07360 268 988**

Relay UK: 18001 then 0808 808 0123

RNIB Web: www.rnib.org.uk

The Royal National Institute of Blind People offers practical and emotional support to registered blind or partially sighted people.

Tel: 0303 123 9999

Mind Support and help for people living with mental health conditions in England and Wales. Tel: 0300 123 3393 Web: www.rethink.org Web: www.rethink.org
Wales.
Rethink Mental Illness Web: www.rethink.org
Support and help for people living with mental health conditions in England. Tel: 0808 801 0525
SAMH Web: www.samh.org.uk
The Scottish Association for Mental Health - support and help for people living with mental health conditions in Scotland.
Inspire Web: www.inspirewellbeing.org
Support and help for people living with mental health conditions in Northern Tel: 0808 189 0036 Ireland.
Samaritans Web: www.samaritans.org
Charity aiding people in emotional distress Tel: 116 123
Drinkaware Web: www.drinkaware.co.uk
Advice and information about the impact of alcohol on individuals, their family, and friends
GamCare Web: www.gamcare.org.uk
Free information, advice, and support for those affected by gambling Tel: 0808 8020 133
Adfam Web: www.adfam.org.uk
A national organisation working with families affected by drugs and alcohol

Capability

Such as lower knowledge or confidence in financial matters, or relevant areas such as literacy or digital skills

| Financial matters | Literacy & numeracy | English language | Digital skills |

MoneyHelper	Web: www.moneyhelper.org.uk
A government-backed service that can help people find a way forward. Whether it is living on a squeezed income, working out how to prioritise bills and payments, or access to free, expert debt advice.	Tel: 0800 138 7777
Citizens Advice	Web: www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Independent support and advice on debt, benefits, employment, housing, and many other issues	Tel: 0800 144 8848 (England) Tel: 0800 702 2020 (Wales) Tel: 0800 028 1456 (Scotland)
StepChange	Web: www.stepchange.org
A leading UK debt charity	Tel: 0800 138 1111
Age UK	Web: www.ageuk.org.uk
Support and advice for older people	Tel: 0800 055 6112
GOV.UK	Web: www.gov.uk/improve-english-maths-it-skills
Information on improving your English, maths, and IT skills	Tel: 0800 100 900

Life events

Such as experiencing bereavement or a relationship breakdown

| Caring responsibilities | Bereavement | Traumatic experience | Life-shock |

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Cruse Bereavement Support	Web: www.cruse.org.uk
Free practical information and emotional support following a bereavement	Tel: 0808 808 1677
Samaritans	Web: www.samaritans.org
Charity aiding people in emotional distress	Tel: 116 123

Resilience

Such as a lower capability to withstand financial shocks

| Low or irregular income | Debt | Bankruptcy |

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Turn2us	Web: www.turn2us.org.uk
Help accessing welfare benefits, charitable grants, and other financial help	Tel: 0808 802 2000
National Debtline	Web: www.nationaldebtline.org
A debt advice charity run by the Money Advice Trust providing a free, confidential, debt advice service for people in England, Wales, and Scotland	Tel: 0808 808 4000
Business Debtline	Web: www.businessdebtline.org
A charity run by the Money Advice Trust providing a free debt advice service for the self-employed and small businesses in England, Wales and Scotland	Tel: 0800 197 6026

Advice NI

Free, confidential, and impartial debt and money advice

Tel: 0800 915 4604

Shelter

Web: www.shelter.org.uk

Housing advice, as well as advice and information for people facing eviction

Tel: 0808 800 4444 (England & Scotland)
Tel: 08000 495 495 (Wales)

Housing Rights

Web: www.housingrights.org.uk

Tel: 028 9024 5640