









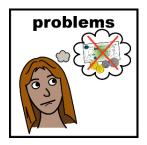
Are you worried about money or about being in debt?



There may be lots of reasons why you are worried about money. You may suddenly have no money, be in debt, owe money, or you have to choose to spend money on food or heating or paying bills. Or you may be waiting on benefits payments.



Here is some information on the ways to contact people for help and advice with your money problems if you live in Angus.



Crisis Grant

If you are experiencing a crisis or disaster and you have difficulties coping with unexpected expenses, you may be able to get a Crisis Grant.

Contact Angus Council or Citizens Advice



Angus Council Welfare Rights Service

Phone - 03452 777 778

Text – Angus to 60040 (standard text charges apply)

Website – www.angus.gov.uk/welfarerights

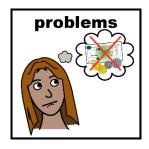


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Making your money go further

Anyone who is worried about money can get a free benefit check. This will make sure you are getting the right amount of money and get advice on other ways to save money. For example, cheaper gas or electricity or free school meals.

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Debt advice

If you are in debt or owe money, you can get help and advice about ways to pay off your debts each month.

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Benefit help

If you have made a new claim for benefits you might be able to get money in advance to pay for things like rent or food. This money is a loan and must be paid be back.

It will be taken from your benefits once they start, so make sure you talk to someone before you ask for an advance benefit payment.

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Hardship payment

If you have had money stopped from your benefits, you may be able to get a hardship payment from the DWP (Department of work and Pensions). These payments are not made straight away and not everyone will be able to get one.

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If you get a hardship payment for Universal Credit you will need to pay this money back.

If you get a hardship payment for Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment support allowance, you **do not need** to pay this money back.



Challenge a decision

You can challenge a decision about your benefits. This may be because they have been stopped or reduced. Or you have been refused benefits or told you have been overpaid. You will have to make this challenge within one month.

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For a crisis grant

Contact - Scottish Welfare Fund

Phone - 03452 777 778

Website - www.angus.gov.uk/swf



You may be eligible for support from Social Security Scotland

Contact - Social Security Scotland

Phone - 0800 182 2222

Website – mygov.scot/benefits



For employment support if you are unemployed

Contact – Remploy

Phone - 0300 456 8085

Website – www.remploy.co.uk



For energy efficiency advice to help save on bills

Contact - Home Energy Scotland

Phone - 0808 808 2282

Website – www.homeenergyscotland.org



For housing advice

Contact - Shelter

Phone - 0808 800 4444

Website - scotland.shelter.org.uk



For mental health support

Contact - Breathing Space

Phone - 0800 83 85 87

Website - www.breathingspace.scot



For information and support about welfare benefits and charitable grants

Contact - Turn2Us

Phone - 0808 802 2000

Website – www.turn2us.org.uk/Get-Support



For free, digital advice on debt/money, energy, welfare rights and more

Contact – Advice Direct Scotland Phone (Energy) – 0808 196 8660

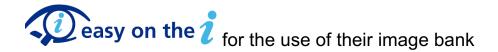
Phone (Debt/Money) - 0808 196 2316

Email (Energy) – enquiries@energyadvice.scot

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Website - www.advicedirect.scot/contact

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You can access the Worrying about Money leaflets at www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/cash-first-leaflets
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