# Where to get advice in Newcastle

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  Advice Services Working Together
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# Introduction

Please read these notes before you use this booklet

**Universal Credit support for Newcastle residents**. The services in this booklet and many others are providing advice and support with Universal Credit. That support is detailed in the special webpage: <a href="https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/UniversalCredit-supportinNewcastle">www.newcastle.gov.uk/UniversalCredit-supportinNewcastle</a>

**Cost of Living crisis**. For details of the support and advice in Newcastle, see the special webpage <a href="https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/cost-living-support">www.newcastle.gov.uk/cost-living-support</a>

This booklet lists organisations providing independent and free and non-commercial welfare rights, benefit and money advice in Newcastle. Offices are also included for Moneywise Credit Union. There are two sections — citywide advice services that deal with enquiries regardless of where you live in Newcastle and local advice services and outreach sessions that may only deal with enquiries from a certain area.

The advice organisations offer initial advice plus a full range of follow-up help, such as writing letters and so on. Some help with appeals. They advise on social security benefits, tax credits, debt and related issues. Some centres may offer advice on other problems, for example, housing. Please check the individual entry. We also enclose some national organisations that provide benefit advice via a national phone line. For advice on other problems, you can search this website: www.gov.uk/find-a-legal-adviser

If you are signposting someone to an advice organisation, please give them the address, telephone number and the session time. It may be worthwhile phoning the organisation to check that the details have not changed. Some organisations are appointment only, and some will only take referrals by telephone. Wrong referrals cause frustration and expense to the claimant.

Please note that there is no advice service at Newcastle Civic Centre.

This booklet has been produced by Newcastle City Council's Active Inclusion Service, which helps residents to secure the foundations for stability – somewhere to live, an income, financial inclusion and employment opportunities. If you need extra copies please email us at: <a href="mailto:activeinclusion@newcastle.gov.uk">activeinclusion@newcastle.gov.uk</a>

We cannot guarantee the quality of service provided by the organisations in this booklet. The information is as accurate as possible at the time of writing. The **latest version** is on the website: www.newcastle.gov.uk/benefitcontacts

# Citywide advice services:

# Age UK Gateshead in Newcastle

Also available to Newcastle residents

Phone advice: 0191 4773559 Monday - Friday: 8.30am – 4.30pm

E-mail: <a href="mailto:advice@ageukgateshead.org.uk">advice@ageukgateshead.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.ageuk.org.uk/gateshead">www.ageuk.org.uk/gateshead</a>

Provides information and advice service for people aged 50 and over, their carers, friends and family – including benefits advice

# Citizens Advice Newcastle (CAN) main office

#### **Drop-in sessions**

Monday - Friday 10am - 12noon

City Library, 33 New Bridge Street West, Newcastle, NE1 8AX

#### General advice:

Advice line 0808 278 7823, 10am – 4pm, Monday - Friday Make a self-referral: <a href="https://can.refernet.co.uk/self-referral/">https://can.refernet.co.uk/self-referral/</a>

Email: citycab@newcastlecab.org.uk

Webchat: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/ (under 'contact us')

Website: www.citizensadvice-newcastle.org.uk

#### **Universal Credit Help to Claim Service:**

Phone: 0800 1448 444

Relay UK: 18001 then 0800 144 8 444

Webchat: https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/universal-

credit/claiming/helptoclaim/

#### **Debt advice:**

Free Phone 0808 278 7823

Email: moneyadvice@newcastlecab.org.uk

#### Home energy advice:

Phone: 0370 145 1450, 9am - 5pm, Monday - Friday

Email: powergrid@newcastlecab.org.uk

"Citizens Advice Newcastle provides information and advice on a full range of subjects including debt and money management, benefits, tax credits, housing, employment and family issues. Whilst we can provide advice on challenging benefit decisions, we cannot represent claimants at tribunals."

# Citizens Advice Gateshead Great North Children's **Hospital Project**

#### Also available to Newcastle residents

Citizens Advice Gateshead Davidson Building Swan Street

Gateshead NE8 1BG

Phone: 0191 490 4199

Phone advice: Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Drop-in-service:

Tuesday and Thursday

10am - 1pm

Medicinema in RVI New

Victoria Wing

Email: GNCHfoundation@citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk

Website https://citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk/

Free advice and assistance for anyone who is receiving treatment under the Great North Children's Hospital at the RVI, including patients, carers and family members. Help includes benefits advice, help with money worries, grant applications, housing, and employment issues.

#### Citizens Advice Leukaemia Service

#### Also available to Newcastle residents

Gateshead Citizens Advice Davidson Building Swan Street Gateshead NE8 1BG

Phone: 0191 478 5100

Phone advice: Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

Email: leukaemiaservice@citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk

Website https://citizensadvicegateshead.org.uk/

Free advice and assistance for anyone affected by leukaemia, lymphoma or any malignant blood disorder including patients, carers and family. Help includes benefits advice, grant applications, financial issues, housing and employment.

# Debt and money advice services

Help with money problems like mortgage or rent arrears or bills you can't pay. Also see Citizens Advice above and advice services in the local advice services section

#### National debt advice services:

**National Debtline:** 

Phone: 0808 808 4000

Website: www.nationaldebtline.org/

StepChange:

Phone: 0800 138 1111

Website: www.stepchange.org/

#### **Newcastle Council's Money Matters Advice Line:**

Phone: 0800 1707 008. Monday - Friday - 8.30am - 12.30pm

Webpage: www.newcastle.gov.uk/debthelp

#### How to report a loan shark

People can report a loan shark in the following ways:

Phone: 0300 555 2222 (confidential, 24 hour helpline)

Website: www.stoploansharks.co.uk

Loan sharks can also be reported to Newcastle City Council's Trading Standards Team. They work closely with the National Illegal Money Lending Team to investigate suspected loan shark activity.

E-mail: tradingstandards@newcastle.gov.uk

Webpage: www.newcastle.gov.uk/tradingstandards

## **Disability North**

The Dene Centre, Castle Farm Road Newcastle NE3 1PH

Contact Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.00pm

Phone: 0191 284 0480 Fax: 0191 213 0910

Text: 018001 0191 284 0480

E-mail: reception@disabilitynorth.org.uk
Website: www.disabilitynorth.org.uk

In-depth information and advice on all aspects of disability for disabled people, their families and carers. Disability related benefit advice can include help with appeals and representation for tribunals.

#### Food banks and free food in Newcastle

There are a number of food banks which distribute free food to those who need it most in Newcastle. If you are struggling to afford to eat, food banks may be able to help. Please check this website which includes the latest on access due to coronavirus:

www.informationnow.org.uk/article/food-banks-in-newcastle/

#### **Karbon Homes**

Karbon Homes' Money Matters team provides an advice and information service for customers of Karbon Homes. Advice areas include welfare rights, financial wellbeing and energy advice aimed at maximising income and reducing outgoings. Customers of Karbon Homes can contact the team between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

Phone: 0808 164 0111

Email: moneymatters@karbonhomes.co.uk

# Mesothelioma & Asbestos Related Illnesses Welfare Advice Service

Phone: 0191 820 3104 Available:

Email: <a href="mailto:sarah.thomas@mesothelioma.uk.com">sarah.thomas@mesothelioma.uk.com</a>
Monday - Wednesday
Website: <a href="mailto:www.mesothelioma.uk.com">www.mesothelioma.uk.com</a>
8.30am - 4.30pm

PO Box 944, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE27 9DE

Free welfare benefit advice and assistance for anyone affected by mesothelioma (an asbestos-related illness) including patients, carers and family. This service covers the whole of the North East, including Tyne and Wear.

#### **Moneywise Credit Union**

'Social distancing rules are in place at our Byker Branch'

187 – 189 Shields Road Opening hours:

Byker, Newcastle NE6 1DP Monday – Friday 10.00am -

4.00pm.

Phone: 0330 165 5337 Closed for lunch 2.00pm –

Email: admin@moneywise.org.uk 2.30pm

Website: www.moneywise.org.uk

Moneywise Credit Union is a financial co-operative which offers savings, loans and related services to members. Anyone who joins must be part of a "common bond", this means everyone who lives or works in the Tyne and Wear region. Credit unions are a "not for profit" organisation which means that any surplus made is reinvested into the business, any additional profit is used to pay a dividend to members.

Moneywise Credit Union offers a range of loan options depending on how long members have been saving.

Credit unions such as Moneywise rely on members' deposits to provide loans so part of the commitment when joining a credit union will be to save regularly. This not only helps other members but also starts a regular saving habit.

Various local branches are in the local advice services section below

# **Newcastle City Council – Housing Services**

#### **Pathways Service**

This service provides a pathway to housing and support for customers;

- Coming out of hospital
- Moving on from supported accommodation
- Experiencing domestic abuse
- · Who are street homeless through a 'housing first approach'
- Experiencing mental health issues
- Benefits and managing your money
- Armed Forces support

#### Floating Service

This service supports YHN customers at any point, with the help they need to prepare for, set up and manage their tenancy successfully throughout their lives.

#### Refugee Service

This service supports newly granted refugees to access housing and support in order to prevent homelessness.

#### **Young People Service**

This service supports young people with practical and emotional support and access to housing to prepare them for independence and achieving their full potential, as well as offering emergency accommodation and semi-independent living. Find out more about the service.

#### To contact above teams:

Phone: 0191 278 8600

Make a referral online for yourself or as an organisation for someone.

Website for more details: Extra support to find a home or manage a tenancy |

**Newcastle City Council** 

# Newcastle University Students' Union (NUSU): Student Advice Centre

The Student Advice Centre provides either Face to Face or online Microsoft Teams (Chat/Audio/Video) appointments. Alternative arrangements (e.g. Zoom, face to face) may be provided if the student requires it. Book in through the online form at <a href="https://form.jotform.com/230252126138345">https://form.jotform.com/230252126138345</a>

You can read through the Service's useful advice information pages and book in at <a href="https://www.nusu.co.uk/sac">www.nusu.co.uk/sac</a>

Confidential and free advice and information for all current and some prospective students of Newcastle University. Includes help on academic issues, benefits, student funding and housing advice, including contract reviews.

# **Newcastle Welfare Rights Service team**

The council's Welfare Rights team provide a targeted service, only carrying out welfare benefits casework for Newcastle residents who are in the following groups:

- are pension age
- · with severe and enduring mental health problems
- who have a learning disability
- who have a social care package
- children with disabilities and their carer
- care leavers
- carers
- with a critical illness
- · with a registered sensory impairment, and
- who have been offered a job and require a 'better off calculation'

#### Public advice line:

Open to all Newcastle residents

Phone: 0191 277 2627 Monday - Friday 9.30am - 12.00noon

#### Professionals only consultancy line:

For consultancy and to refer people to the service.

Phone: 0191 277 2633 Monday - Friday 10.00am - 12.00noon

Public and professionals can also email: welfare.rights@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: www.newcastle.gov.uk/welfarerights

See also the ward funded Welfare Rights Services in <u>local advice services</u> section below

#### **North East Law Centre**

Weekly outreach and face to face advice sessions by appointment only

Newcastle Law Centre Monday – Friday MEA House, Ellison Place 9.30am – 4.30pm

Newcastle NE1 8XS Phone: 0191 230 4777 Mobile: 07932 036 619

For after hour emergencies, please call 07845127473

New text service 0748 134 4777

Fax: 0191 233 0295 Minicom: 0191 230 4777

E-mail: <a href="mailto:reception@newcastlelawcentre.co.uk">reception@newcastlelawcentre.co.uk</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.newcastlelawcentre.co.uk">www.newcastlelawcentre.co.uk</a>

The Law Centre normally offers specialist advice on welfare benefits in three local venues in Newcastle (school term only). See local advice section.

The Law Centre provides welfare rights advice and advocacy support at ReCoCo (Recovery College Collective) for enrolled students. To use the service, people must be enrolled with ReCoCo. To enrol call ReCoCo on 0191261 0948 or email info@recoverycoco.com. For further information on courses and groups, visit ReCoCo's website <a href="https://www.recoverycoco.com">www.recoverycoco.com</a>

**Universal Credit claim help:** They are also able to help people with Universal Credit claims especially those who are vulnerable, or English is not their first language.

They also offer family, immigration, asylum, discrimination, employment and education advice subject to funding restrictions. Second tier advice is also provided to other voluntary and statutory agencies.

# North of England Refugee Service

2 Friars St.

Newcastle, NE1 4XA Phone: 0191 245 7301

Email: newcastle@refugee.org.uk
Website: www.refugee.org.uk

The service provides information, confidential advice and support on matters relating to asylum seekers and refugees, for example, asylum support, welfare benefits, housing, health, education needs, employment skills, immigration and assisted voluntary return. Phone advice or home visit can be arranged.

# **Northumbria University - Student Law Office**

Contact by telephone, email or the website.

Phone: 0191 2273909 Monday -Thursday 9.00am -

5.00pm

Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm

Email: <u>la.studentlawoffice@northumbria.ac.uk</u>

Website: www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/academic-

departments/northumbria-law-school/study/student-law-office

The Student Law Office at Northumbria University School of Law offers a free, independent and confidential legal advice service to the public. The service is carried out by supervised law students who can offer initial advice through to representation at tribunals and court hearings in appropriate cases (representation is not guaranteed). A range of areas are covered, for example, family, housing, consumer, crime and general civil disputes although this does vary. Contact the office to see if assistance can potentially be provided.

They do not charge for advice and assistance, but any expenses such as court fees are paid by the client. They cannot guarantee assistance on every enquiry and new enquires are only taken from October to April.

They are 'happy to consider enquiries that come in but cannot guarantee we can assist'

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# Northumbria University - Welfare, Immigration and Funding Team

For information and advice, applicants/non-students may contact Ask4Help. Current students please use their <u>Student Portal</u>

Web: https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/contact-us/

Phone: 0191 227 4646.

Email: ask4help@northumbria.ac.uk

Welfare, Immigration and Funding Team Student Life and Wellbeing, Student Central, University of Northumbria City Campus Library, Newcastle NE1 8ST

Phone: 0191 227 4127

E-mail: <a href="mailto:sv.welfareandInternational@northumbria.ac.uk">sv.welfareandInternational@northumbria.ac.uk</a>

Website: www.northumbria.ac.uk/study-at-northumbria/support-for-students/

Advice and information for all full and part time current and prospective students of Northumbria University. Includes help on benefits, student funding, student visa renewal (current / prospective students only).

#### **Shelter North East**

76 – 80 Clayton Street Newcastle NE1 5PG Phone: 0808 800 4444

Website and webchat: www.shelter.org.uk

Shelter North East provides advice service for people with housing problems, dealing with a range of issues including homelessness, evictions, repossessions and rent arrears, housing benefit, landlord and tenant issues, problems with rehousing and disrepair. Access is via referral from a professional, please gain consent for the referral to be made and then email with the details to <a href="mailto:shelter.org.uk">shelter.org.uk</a>

Monday – Friday

9.00am - 5.00pm

The office is open 9am-5pm Mon- Fri and we will endeavour to help anyone who is in urgent housing need e.g. homeless or going to be within the next 48 hours

There is also an in-house solicitor team who provide specialist legal advice and representation to eligible clients e.g. people who have received a notice of eviction, have court action taken against them by the landlord etc. An individual can make an appointment to speak with our Legal team on 0344 515 1877. Please note this number is for new legal appointments only.

Individuals can access online advice by visiting our website at <a href="www.shelter.org.uk">www.shelter.org.uk</a> which also has a webchat facility. As an individual needing housing advice (not involved with a professional who can make a referral) or in an emergency and out of office hours then our free helpline can be accessed on **0808 800 4444.** Calls are free from UK landlines and main mobile networks. Open: Monday to Friday 8.00 am - 8.00 pm and Saturday, Sunday and public holidays 9.00 am - 5.00 pm.

# Streetwise Young People's Project

Currently operating online and face to face, please refer to our website for further details www.streetwisenorth.org.uk

Unit 3 Blackfriars Court, Dispensary Contact Monday to Friday 9.00am – Lane, 5.00pm

Newcastle NE1 4XB.

Phone: 0191 2305533 Mobile: 07739 974817

E-mail: <u>mandy@streetwisenorth.org.uk</u> Website: <u>www.streetwisenorth.org.uk</u>

Streetwise provides a wide range of information, advice, counselling, mental health and sexual health and relationship support for young people aged 11 – 25 years who live, work or access education/training within the Newcastle area.

Providing 'wrap around' information, advice, support, guidance and counselling on issues that impact on young people's wellbeing including debt, money worries and employability.

# **TUC Asbestos Support and Campaign Group**

'Doing telephone interviews and home visits when needed'

West View Advice and Resources Centre The Community Centre Miers Avenue Hartlepool TS24 9JQ

Website: www.wvarc30.org.uk/

Phone: 01429 271275 to speak to a Macmillan Industrial Injuries Adviser

Monday to Thursday 10am – 4pm and Friday 9am – 1pm

Website: <a href="https://www.tuc.org.uk/news/northern-tuc-supporting-victims-asbestos">www.tuc.org.uk/news/northern-tuc-supporting-victims-asbestos</a>

Advice for people who have cancer caused by an industrial disease such as Mesothelioma or any other asbestos related disease.

#### Turn2us

Turn2us is a national charity that helps people gain access to welfare benefits, charitable grants and other financial help. <a href="www.turn2us.org.uk">www.turn2us.org.uk</a> has a free and easy to use Turn2us Benefits Calculator and a grants search database containing details of over 3,000 charitable funds.

# Tyne and Wear Centre Against Unemployment

11 Interchange Centre
West Street
Gateshead NE8 1BH
Phone: 0191 4772262

Monday – Friday 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Email: enquiries.twcau@gmail.com

'People can contact us via private message on our <u>Facebook page</u> but they will be checked only periodically and will endeavour to get back to anyone with help if possible.'

We also provide training for people on how to appeal a decision. This has been suspended due to coronavirus but if you want to go on a list for the training when we can do it again, send us a Facebook message.'

#### Facebook link address:

<u>www.facebook.com/Tyne-Wear-Centre-Against-Unemployment-1798477660409721/</u>

Welfare rights advice on the following:

- Benefits under threat of sanction
- Help in completing benefit claim forms
- Help with your Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) appeal
- Support with medical assessments for people claiming ESA or PIP
- Advice on how to prepare for a tribunal hearing and represent yourself or others

# Local advice services:

# **Central Newcastle**

# Citizens Advice Newcastle drop in

St Vincent Support Centre New Bridge Street Newcastle NE1 2TQ Thursday 12.30pm - 3.30pm

See page 1 for details about Citizens Advice Newcastle

#### **North East Law Centre**

St Vincents

New Bridge Street Newcastle

NE1 2TQ

Drop-in sessions:

Every two weeks on a Tuesday

11.00am – 1.00pm

See page 6 for details about North East Law Centre

# Search: Services for older people

Drop in at: The Grainger Market Grainger Street Newcastle NE1 5QQ Monday 10.00am – 12.30pm (except bank holidays)

See page 16 for more details about Search

## East Newcastle

# **Byker Community Trust**

'Our reception is now open Monday to Friday, BCT tenants can contact the office for all welfare benefit and housing related issues.'

**Byker Community Trust Offices** 

Monday - Thursday 9.00am - 5pm

17 Raby Cross

Friday

Newcastle NE6 2FF

9.00am - 4.30pm

Phone: 0800 5335 442 (option 3)

Email:

For benefits advice welfare@bykerct.co.uk

For housing advice/ASB customerservices@bykerct.co.uk

Website: https://bykercommunitytrust.org/

Advice for Byker Community Trust tenants on welfare reform (including Universal Credit) and help to sustain tenancies.

#### Shine On – Welfare benefits advice

Our advisor is available on Wednesdays for face-to-face appointments for clients aged 55 and over living in the East of Newcastle. Please contact our office. It is open 9:30am until 2.30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

St Gabriels Parish Centre St Gabriels Avenue Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5QN

Phone: 0191 261 5234

Email: contact@shineoncharity.org.uk

Website: Home | Shine On

We also offer face to face appointments on Tuesdays 9.30am - 2.30pm at the following address:

St Martins Centre Roman Avenue Newcastle NE6 2RJ

# Citizens Advice Newcastle drop in

City of God Christian Centre 25 Church Walk Walker Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 3DP Thursday 11.00am - 1.30pm

See page 1 for details of Citizens Advice Newcastle

#### **North East Law Centre**

**Wor Hoose Community Project** 

31 – 33 Hexham Avenue Drop-in sessions: Walker Wednesday

Newcastle NE6 3AL 10.00am – 1.00pm (term time

only)

Phone 0191 287 2885

See page 6 for details about North East Law Centre

# **Newcastle Welfare Rights Service**

Note: in addition to these sessions any Newcastle resident can ring the Welfare Rights Service Public Advice Line 0191 277 2627 Monday - Friday 9:30 - 12:00 (this line can be busy but keep trying and you will get through).

#### **Drop in sessions:**

**Walker Medical Group** patients can book a benefits advice appointment. Call the Surgery and ask for to see a Welfare Rights Officer. Appointments are available on Wednesdays 9.15am to 12pm.

**St Anthony's Health Centre** patients can book a benefits advice appointment. Call the Surgery and ask for to see a Welfare Rights Officer. Appointments are available on Mondays 2pm to 5pm.

# **West Newcastle**

# Citizens Advice Newcastle drop ins:

Action for Children Monday 9.00am – 12.00pm

Galafield Centre Newbiggin Lane Newcastle NE5 8BA

Action for Children Wednesday 10.00 – 1.00pm

Wesley House Appointments only

Bond Street Newcastle NE4 8BA

Action for Children Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00pm

The Haven Halewood Ave Kenton

Newcastle NE3 3RX

# Citizens Advice Newcastle: Advice for families with school age children who live in the NE4 area

Hawthorn Primary School Moorside Primary School St Marks Primary School St Paul's Primary School

Would you like to talk to someone about your benefits, money, housing issues or anything else?

Contact Gayle on 07771739620 gaylep@newcastlecab.org.uk

See page 1 for more details about Citizens Advice Newcastle

# **Newcastle Welfare Rights Service - For Kenton,** Blakelaw, West Fenham, Wingrove, Arthurs Hill, Elswick, Monument, Callerton and Throckley residents only

Note: in addition to these sessions any Newcastle resident can ring the Welfare Rights Service Public Advice Line 0191 277 2627 Monday - Friday 9:30 - 12:00 (this line can be busy but keep trying and you will get through).

#### **Drop in sessions:**

Fenham Hall Library Fenham Hall Drive

Fenham NE4 9XD

Blakelaw Neighbourhood Centre

Binswood Ave

Blakelaw NE5 3PN

Nunsmoor Centre Studley Terrace

NE4 5AH

Kenton Centre Hillsview Avenue

Kenton NE3 3QJ

Cruddas Park Library Cruddas Shopping Centre

Westmorland Road Cruddas Park NE4 7QY

Throckley Community Hall Back Victoria Terrace

Throcklev

Newcastle upon Tyne

**NE15 9EL** 

Monday 12:00noon - 2:30pm

Monday 9:30am - 12noon

Tuesday 9.30am - 12noon

First 5 arrivals seen - due to capacity

**Thursday** 10:00am - 12.30pm

**Thursday** 10:00am - 12:00noon (Now fortnightly from 10<sup>th</sup> October

2024)

Friday 9:30am-12noon

(Fortnightly from 15 November

2024)

Cruddas Park GP Surgery patients can book a benefits advice appointment. Call the Surgery and ask for to see a Welfare Rights Officer. Appointments are available on Tuesdays 9.30am to 12pm.

#### **North East Law Centre**

West End Women and Girls Stephenson Building 173 Elswick Road Newcastle NE4 6SQ

Wednesday (Women Only) 9.00am – 11.30am (term time only)

Drop in session:

Phone: 273 4942

See page 6 for details of North East Law Centre

# **Riverside Community Health Project**

Riverside Community Health Project Carnegie Building Atkinson Road Benwell Monday 9am – 3pm Tuesday 9am - 12pm (Czech & Slovakian clients) Wednesday 12.30pm - 3.30pm

Newcastle NE4 8XS

Phone: 0191 226 0754

Support with new applications and managing existing claims for Universal Credit, Tax Credits, Child Benefit, Personal Independence Payment (PIP), Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Carer's Allowance.

Specialist Advice – We can give you information on where to go for specialist advice, for DLA, Attendance Allowance, PIP and appeals etc.

Form Filling – We can help with applying for GP and Dentist Registrations, School Places, Free School Meals, National Insurance Numbers, Council Tax Reductions and Maternity Grants

Housing – We can help with queries around rent, repairs and housing packages (for housing application support please contact YHN on 0191 2788600)

More details: https://www.riversidechp.org.uk/welfare-rights/

# Search: Services for older people

#### **Drop-in sessions at:**

SEARCH Pop-In Centre 40 Adelaide Terrace Benwell Newcastle, NE4 8BL Monday and Wednesday

10am - 12.30pm

Unit B, the Grainger Market

Mondays

Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 5QQ 10am – 12:30pm

**Kenton Library, Kenton Centre**Hillsview Avenue

Tuesday
10am – 2pm

Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3QJ

**Fawdon Community Centre**Fawdon Park Road
Thursday
2pm – 4.00pm

Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 2PL

We continue to offer telephone advice Monday to Friday.

Advice and information for people aged 50+ and their carers living in the west of Newcastle. We can help with a wide range of issues including: full benefit checks, form filling, health costs forms, blue badge applications, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit, Council Tax reduction & exemption, Carers Allowance, Attendance Allowance, Personal Independence Payment, Universal Credit Work Capability forms.

**Energy Advice**. Our Energy Advisor is delivering energy and cost of living advice as well as helping West End residents whose homes have poor energy efficiency fit small energy efficiency measures for FREE (limited supply only – measures include down plugs, radiator foil, draft excluders etc). Please ring SEARCH 0191 2737443 to speak to our Energy Advisor.

Phone: 0191 273 7443

Email: <u>info@searchnewcastle.org.uk</u>
Website: www.searchnewcastle.org.uk

# The Hub Welfare Rights and Advice service

Information and advice for asylum seekers, refugees and other migrants

Drop-in advice session Tuesday 3.30pm - 5.30pm

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# West End Refugee Service

**Drop-in advice sessions** – The Support Work drop-in service will be reopening in June. At present we are not seeing new clients but are still providing advice and support on urgent issues. We will be prioritising those who have contacted us for urgent help during this period and until the drop-in

reopens. We look forward to welcoming back existing clients and to resuming our face-to-face support work in June

**Appointments for advice –** Mondays and Wednesdays 2am - 4pm – Advice and support by appointment

**Telephone support – Monday – Wednesday 10am - 1pm – 07826 117308** 

Note: Closed on Fridays

Safety: We are taking various measures to keep everyone safe. This includes using masks, screens, hand sanitizer, limits on numbers of people in the building, and regular cleaning.

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