

Benefits and money advice

View the following options on where to find help on benefits and money advice.

North Lanarkshire Council Financial Inclusion Team

The Financial Inclusion team can assist residents throughout North Lanarkshire with benefit and money advice. The team includes a combination of welfare rights officers and debt advisers. They provide representation on all aspects of the benefit system.

To access this and other services please visit: <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/benefits-and-money>

Social Security Scotland

In Scotland the benefits system is changing, there may be benefits or grants you or the person you care for is entitled to.

To find out more visit: <https://www.socialsecurity.gov.scot/benefits>

Self Direct Support

Self Directed Support (SDS) allows you to receive the support you need from a provider you have chosen, helping to increase the flexibility, choice and personal control of your care arrangements.

For more information on SDS, direct payments and more visit:

<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adults/self-directed-support-for-adults>

Carers Allowance

Carers allowance is the main benefit for carers looking after someone for 35 hours or more a week.

To find out if you are entitled to this benefit visit: <https://www.gov.uk/carers-allowance>

To download a factsheet on Carer's Allowance and other benefits please visit:

<https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/get-resources/our-factsheets>

Council Tax Exemption

If the person you care for has a condition such as dementia, Parkinson's disease, severe learning difficulties, physical disabilities or had a stroke they MAY be entitled to apply for a council tax reduction.

For more information visit: <https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/council-tax>