

Are you worried about money or about being in debt?

no money



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.

**ask for
information**



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

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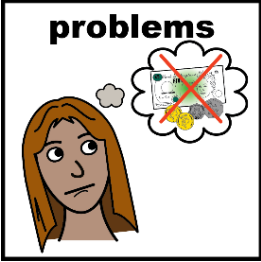










Crisis Grant

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 North Lanarkshire Council or Citizens Advice or Cumbernauld Poverty Action






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	<p>Cumbernauld Poverty Action Phone – 01236 729 520 Email – admin@cumbernauldpovertyaction.org.uk Website – www.cumbernauldpovertyaction.org.uk</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Contact North Lanarkshire Council or Citizens Advice or Home Energy Scotland or Cumbernauld Poverty Action</p>
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	<p>Home Energy Scotland Phone – 0808 808 2282 Website – www.homeenergyscotland.org</p>
	<p>Cumbernauld Poverty Action Phone – 01236 729 520 Email – admin@cumbernauldpovertyaction.org.uk Website – www.cumbernauldpovertyaction.org.uk</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Contact North Lanarkshire Council or Citizens Advice or Christians Against Poverty</p>

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<p>address and telephone</p> 	<p>Christians Against Poverty Phone – 0800 328 0006 Website – www.capuk.org/get-help</p>
<p>money advice</p> 	<p>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 back.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact North Lanarkshire Council or Citizens Advice or Cumbernauld Poverty Action</p>
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	<p>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.</p> <p>Contact North Lanarkshire Council or Citizens Advice or Cumbernauld Poverty Action</p>

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<p>amount of money</p> 	<p>If you get a hardship payment for Universal Credit you will need to pay this money back.</p> <p>If you get a hardship payment for Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment support allowance, you do not need to pay this money back.</p>
<p>urgent advice</p> 	<p>Challenge a decision</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Contact North Lanarkshire Council or Citizens Advice or Cumbernauld Poverty Action</p>
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	<p>For a crisis grant Contact – Scottish Welfare Fund Phone – 0300 555 0405 Email – swf@northlan.gov.uk Website – www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/swf</p>


	<p>You may be eligible for support from Social Security Scotland</p> <p>Contact – Social Security Scotland Phone – 0800 182 2222 Website – mygov.scot/benefits</p>
	<p>For housing advice and benefit checks to North Lanarkshire Council tenants in Motherwell, Bellshill and Wishaw</p> <p>Contact – North Lanarkshire Rents Teams Phone – 01698 524 811 Email – southrents@northlan.gov.uk</p>
	<p>For housing advice and benefit checks to North Lanarkshire Council tenants in Airdrie, Coatbridge, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth</p> <p>Contact – North Lanarkshire Rents Teams Phone – 01698 524 811 Website – northrents@northlan.gov.uk</p>
	<p>For links to mental health information, advice and help</p> <p>Contact – Lanarkshire Mind Matters Website – www.lanarkshiremindmatters.scot.nhs.uk</p>
	<p>For information, advice and active referrals, including your rights as an unpaid carer</p> <p>Contact – North Together Phone – 01698 404 055 Email – enquiries@carerstogether.org Website – www.carerstogether.org</p>

	<p>For information, advice and support for carers</p> <p>Contact – Lanarkshire Carers Phone – 01236 755 550 Email – info@lanarkshirecarers.org.uk Website – www.lanarkshirecarers.org.uk</p>
	<p>For practical assistance to improve health and wellbeing</p> <p>Contact – North Lanarkshire Disability Forum Phone – 01698 275 710 Email – info@nldforum.org.uk</p>
	<p>For anyone feeling low, anxious or depressed</p> <p>Contact – Breathing Space Phone – 0800 838 587 Website – www.breathingspace.scot</p>
	<p>For information and financial support</p> <p>Contact – Turn2Us Phone – 0808 802 2000 Website – www.turn2us.org.uk</p>
	<p>For debt advice and money management</p> <p>Contact – StepChange Phone – 0800 138 1111 Website – www.stepchange.org</p>
	<p>For advice on any aspect of debt</p> <p>Contact – Debt Advice Foundation Phone – 0800 043 4050 Website – www.debtadvicefoundation.org</p>

	<p>For advice to help improve your finances</p> <p>Contact – MoneyHelper Phone – 0800 138 7777 Whatsapp – 0770 134 2744 Website – www.moneyhelper.org.uk</p>
	<p>For support getting information you need and putting across your choices to other</p> <p>Contact – Independent Advocacy Website – www.siaa.org.uk/find-an-advocate</p>
	<p>For information and advice for Migrants with No Recourse to Public Funds</p> <p>Contact – North Lanarkshire Council Tackling Poverty Team Phone – 01698 332 551 Email – TPTeam@northlan.gov.uk</p>
	<p>For information, support and advice to people seeking asylum and refugees</p> <p>Contact – Scottish Refugee Council Phone – 0808 196 7274 Website – www.scottishrefugeecouncil.org.uk</p>
	<p>For housing and money advice for families with children facing severe poverty or homelessness because they have No Recourse to Public Funds</p> <p>Contact – Project 17 Phone – 07963 509 044 Website – www.project17.org.uk</p>

	<p>For legal services on human rights, immigration, asylum, employment discrimination and social welfare law support</p> <p>Contact – Ethnic Minorities Law Centre Phone – 0141 204 2888 Email – admin@emlc.org.uk Website – www.emlc.org.uk</p>
	<p>For support to have No Recourse to Public Funds condition removed if applicable</p> <p>Contact – The Unity Project Email – info@unity-project.org.uk Website – www.unity-project.org.uk</p>

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