

CIPD Coronavirus webinar series

Supporting employees' financial wellbeing

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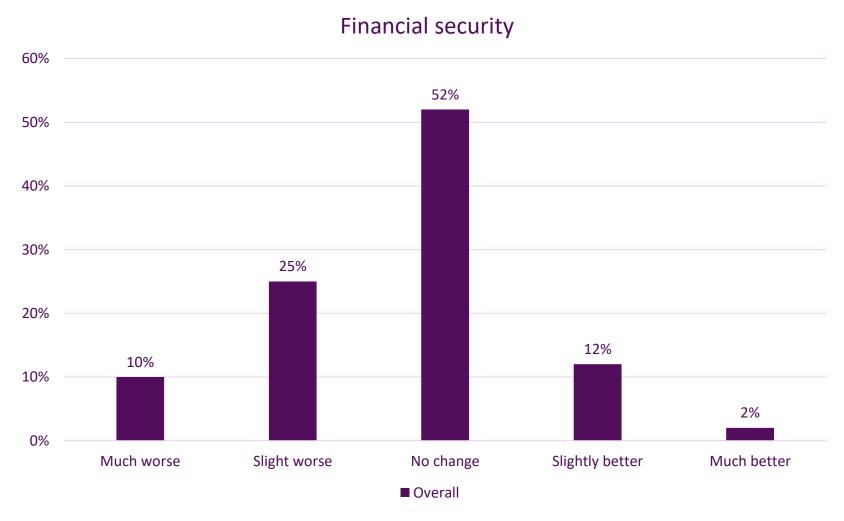


Context

Respondents to the <u>2020 CIPD Reward Management Survey</u> say COVID-19 and the subsequent economic crisis on:

- organisations 80% say it's having a very (32%) or a slightly (48%) negative financial effect. Just 9% say it's improved
- employees 68% believe it's having a very (17%) or a slightly (51%) negative financial effect. Just 13% think it's been beneficial.

Impact of COVID-19 on working lives (April to August 2020)

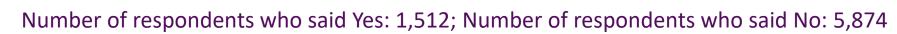


Financial security by furlough

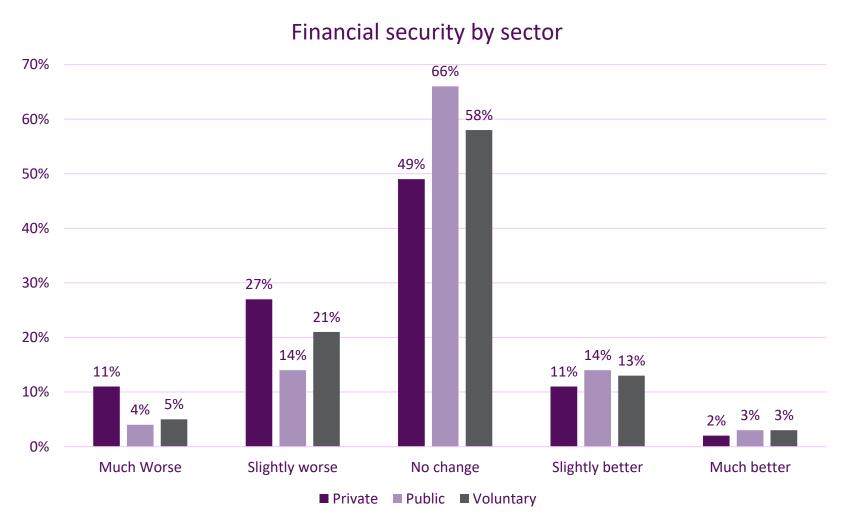
Financial security	On furlough	Not on furlough
Much worse	15%	4%
Slightly worse	37%	18%
No change	38%	61%
Slightly better	9%	14%
Much better	2%	3%

Financial security by change in caring responsibilities

Financial security	Yes	No
Much worse	13%	9%
Slightly worse	31%	23%
No change	44%	54%
Slightly better	11%	12%
Much better	2%	2%



Financial security by sector



Number of private sector respondents: 5,973; Number of public sector respondents: 1,215; Number of voluntary sector respondents: 256

Financial security by gender

Financial security	Female	Male
Much worse	11%	8%
Slightly worse	27%	23%
No change	49%	54%
Slightly better	11%	13%
Much better	2%	2%



Financial security by disability

Financial security	Yes	No
Much worse	13%	9%
Slightly worse	29%	24%
No change	49%	53%
Slightly better	8%	13%
Much better	2%	2%

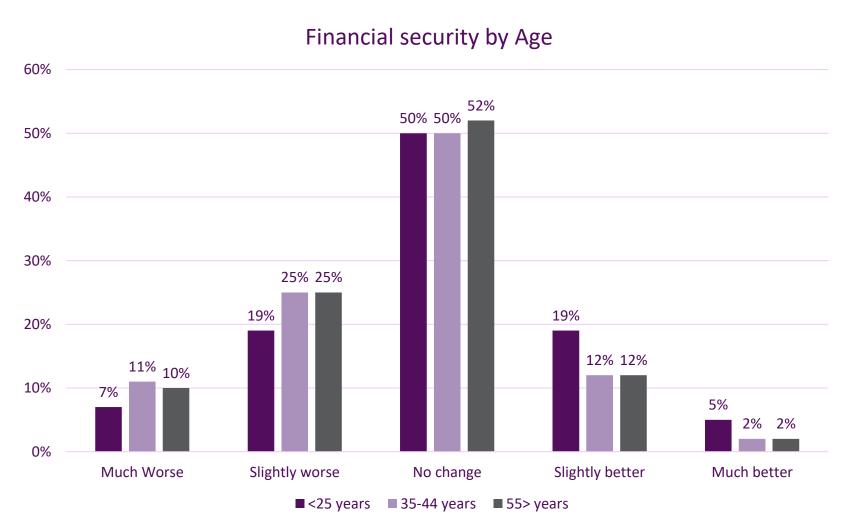


Financial security by ethnicity

Financial security	White	black and minority ethnic
Much worse	10%	10%
Slight worse	25%	24%
No change	52%	50%
Slightly better	12%	11%
Much better	2%	5%



Financial security by age





Financial security by work location

Financial security	Change in work location	No change in work location
Much worse	7%	7%
Slight worse	22%	21%
No change	54%	59%
Slightly better	15%	11%
Much better	3%	2%



The consequences for employees

<u>CIPD research (2017)</u> finds employee money worries can result in:

- fatigue due to lack of sleep
- difficulty in concentrating at work
- time spent dealing with financial problems (both at and away from the workplace) and
- poor physical and mental health.

Overall, 25% of workers said money concerns had affected their ability to do their job.

The consequences for

Society:

- demand for foodbanks
- risk of fraud, especially pension scams and financial deceptions
- domestic abuse and economic abuse
- poor mental health

Employers:

- workplace productivity
- product quality
- customer service
- creativity and innovation
- the bottom line.

Employer responses

The 2020 CIPD Reward Management Survey finds that:

- 24% are exploring how their people have been impacted financially by COVID-19 and the economic crisis (such as through surveys, exit interviews, etc)
- another 18% plan to do this by March 2021
- 12% have either introduced a formal employee financial wellbeing policy, are implementing one, or have made plans to do so by next March
- 31% already had a formal policy in place.

However, 48% don't have a policy

Reasons given, include:

- creating one isn't a priority right now (42%)
- the organisation sees the need but just doesn't have the time, money or expertise to create one (21%)
- not sure if employees want it (20%)
- not convinced that having one will help with employees' wellbeing (16%)

What HR can do

The most important elements of financial wellbeing according to employees:

- earning a wage sufficient enough so I and my loved ones enjoy a reasonable lifestyle
- being able to save for the future
- being rewarded for my efforts in a fair and consistent manner
- being able to comfortably pay off existing debts.

What HR can do

How to pay more?

- Paying a liveable wage, especially to key workers, will have cost implications.
- However, if we focus on improving employee productivity through job, work and organisational redesign then greater productivity can help pay for higher wages

What HR can do: Benefits of a living wage

The 2020 CIPD Reward Management Survey finds the most common benefits of being an accredited living wage employer are it:

- supports the employer brand
- improves employee engagement
- supports the customer brand
- reduces employee turnover
- helps when bidding for work

What HR can do: Pay fairness

In theory, paying people fairly shouldn't have cost. However, most aren't starting fresh. People professionals may need to persuade their organisation to:

- audit legacy reward processes and outcomes, to check if there are problems that need fixing before starting to talk about fair pay
- invest in communication skills, especially if line managers have a role talking about the reward offer and what people need to do to get it
- create a definition of 'fair' to help make and explain reward management decisions
- invest in new systems regarding how jobs are valued, grades created and people progressed
- spend on HR analytics capability by investing in technology and training.

What HR can do: One easy win

Help improve employee financial capability through:

access to an inhouse financial awareness programme; and/or

 signposting people to sources of information and help (such as the Money & Pensions Service).



Who we are



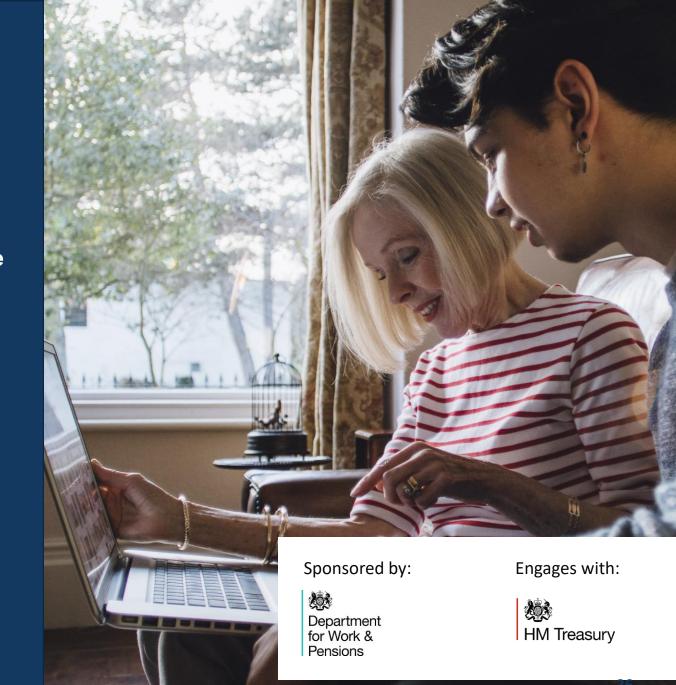


The PENSIONS Advisory Service

We bring together three respected financial guidance brands:

- The Money Advice Service;
- The Pensions Advisory Service; and
- Pension Wise;

to help people throughout the UK access the guidance and information they need to make effective financial decisions over their lifetime.



What we do



We deliver financial guidance and support across five core functions:

Pensions guidance

We provide information to people about workplace and personal pensions.

Debt advice

We provide people in England with information and advice on debt and are the biggest funder of free debt advice.

Money guidance

We provide information designed to enhance people's understanding and knowledge of financial matters and day-to-day money management skills.

Consumer protection

We will work with government and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) in a new remit to protect consumers against financial scams.

Strategy

We will focus the efforts of everyone working on financial capability with children and young people and delivering debt advice.

We are the largest single funder of free debt advice in England and we also work alongside partners across the UK to make debt advice easier and quicker to access, and to improve standards and quality across the sector.

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What is financial wellbeing?

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"Knowing you can pay the bills today, can deal with the unexpected and are on track for a healthy financial future"

Secure

Confident

Empowered

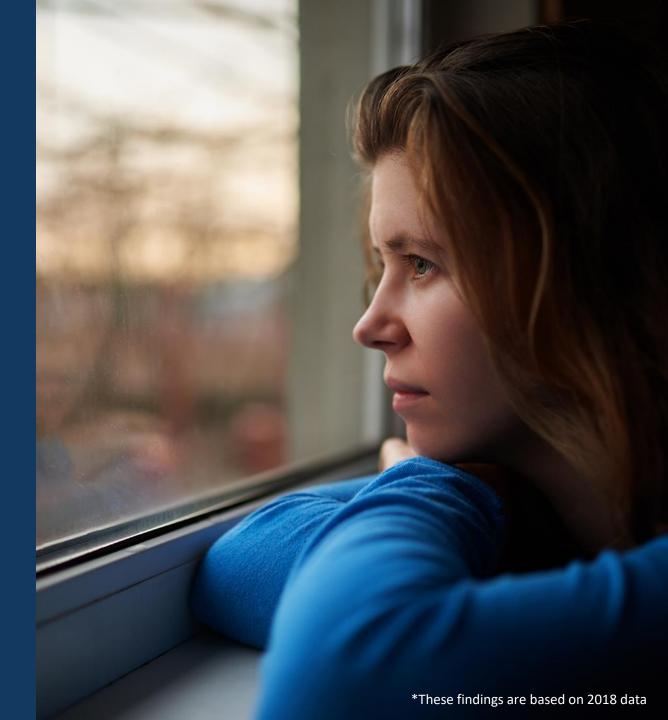
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Financial wellbeing

State of play

We know that poor financial wellbeing, affecting tens of millions of people, is holding the UK back. There are 52 million adults in this country, of whom:

- 9m adults are either missing payments or feeling like keeping up with their bills is a heavy burden*
- 11.5 million have less than £100 in savings;* and
- 24 million do not feel confident making decisions about financial products and services*.



The case for financial wellbeing in the workplace

%

94%

69%

of UK employees admit to worrying about money, and of these - 77% say that money worries impact them at work (2019). of UK employers believe their employees' job performance is negatively affected when they are under financial pressure (2018).

Six out of 10 employees consider financial wellbeing to be the responsibility of their employer. 2019

£1.56 billion is the estimated cost of low financial wellbeing each year as a result of absenteeism and presenteeism.

Money worries facing employees

- For those who have debt, the average amount is £7,555, around a third of their annual salary.
- 36% say they sometimes or often struggle to pay off credit cards.
- 45% run out of money between pay cheques.
- One in three people have £1,000 or less in savings.
- One in four people don't save regularly and of those that do, the most common amount saved is less than £50 each month.
- One in four people would be able to cover their regular expenses for less than a month if they lost their income.





National Strategy including the Agendas for Change

National level

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UK Strategy for Financial Wellbeing



2030 goals

Financial Nation Better Credit **Future Foundations** of Savers **Debt Advice** Counts **Focus** All adults Children, young people Working-age 'struggling' People who often use People 2030 Who and 'squeezed' people credit for food and bills who need debt advice and their parents **National National Goal National Goal National Goal National Goal National Goal** Goals 2m more 2m fewer 2m more 2m more 5m more We encourage Goal children and young people working-age 'struggling' people often using credit people accessing debt people understanding getting a meaningful for food & bills. advice. enough to plan for, organisations and 'squeezed' people of all sizes and financial education. and in, later life. saving regularly. from all sectors to help deliver People will access and Children and young people People will get the savings More people will access People will engage these goals receive high quality debt will get a meaningful habit, build cash reserves affordable credit, and with their future and be advice when they need it. to help with short-term more people will make empowered to make financial education so that because of stronger and they become adults able emergencies and have informed choices about informed decisions for. Outcome -> earlier engagement, and to make the most of their a clearer future focus in borrowing. and in, later life. because funding, supply money and pensions. their financial lives. and services more closely match need. Cross-cutting lens: gender Cross-cutting lens: mental health

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MaPS employer offer

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What we offer



We offer a range of **free and impartial products and services** to help you support your employees and customers:



Library of online articles and videos



Printed guides for you to share with your staff and audiences



A suite of guidance, tools and calculators



Free pensions support incl. bespoke appointments



Join one or more of our programmes



Customer guidance and support via phone and web



Our content syndicated on your internal & external channels



MaPS speakers / reps at your staff events

Supported by a dedicated local regional/partnerships manager

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Guidance content

200+ pieces of guidance content have been developed or modified from existing guides. Includes:

- Getting back on track after a payment holiday
- Getting back on track after an income drop
- Managing your money when you're self employed
- Preparing for redundancy
- Keeping on top of mortgage and rent payments
- What to do if you're worried about future bills and payments
- What to do if you've missed bills and payments (priority and non-priority debts)
- If you're thinking about cancelling insurance
- If you're thinking of borrowing money
- If you're thinking about using your pension pot or equity in your home to pay off debts
- If money worries are affecting your mental health.



What we cover



We cover a wide range of money and pension topics:

Debt & Borrowing

Homes & Mortgages

Budgeting & Saving

Work & Benefits

Pensions & Retirement

Family & Care

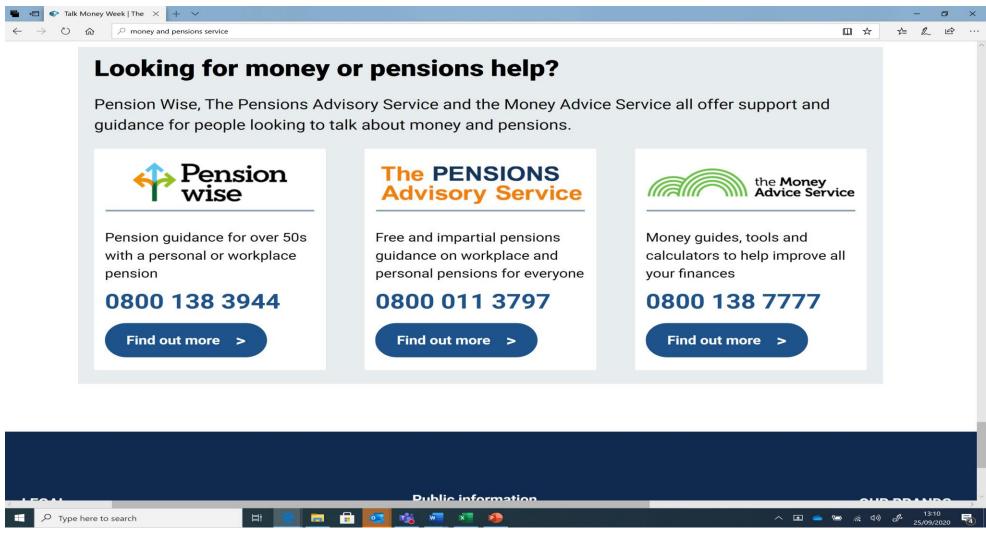
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Insurance

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Telephone support

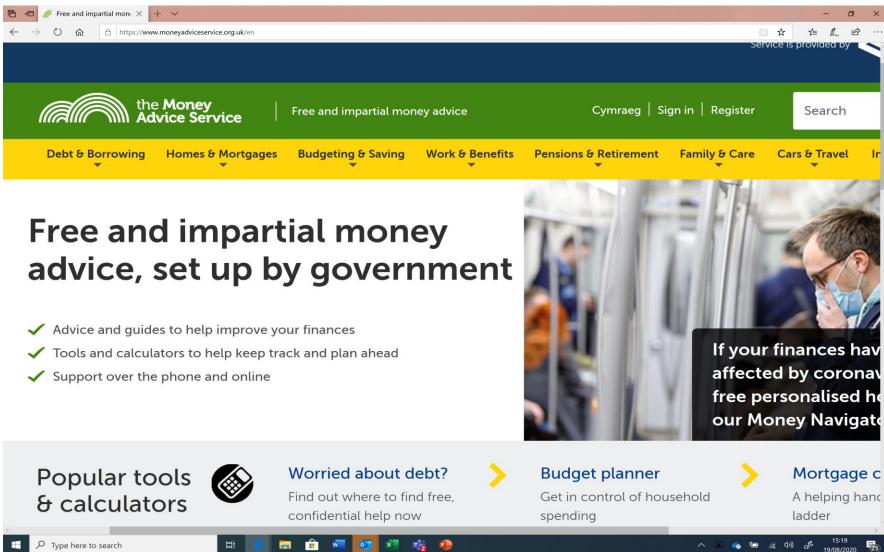




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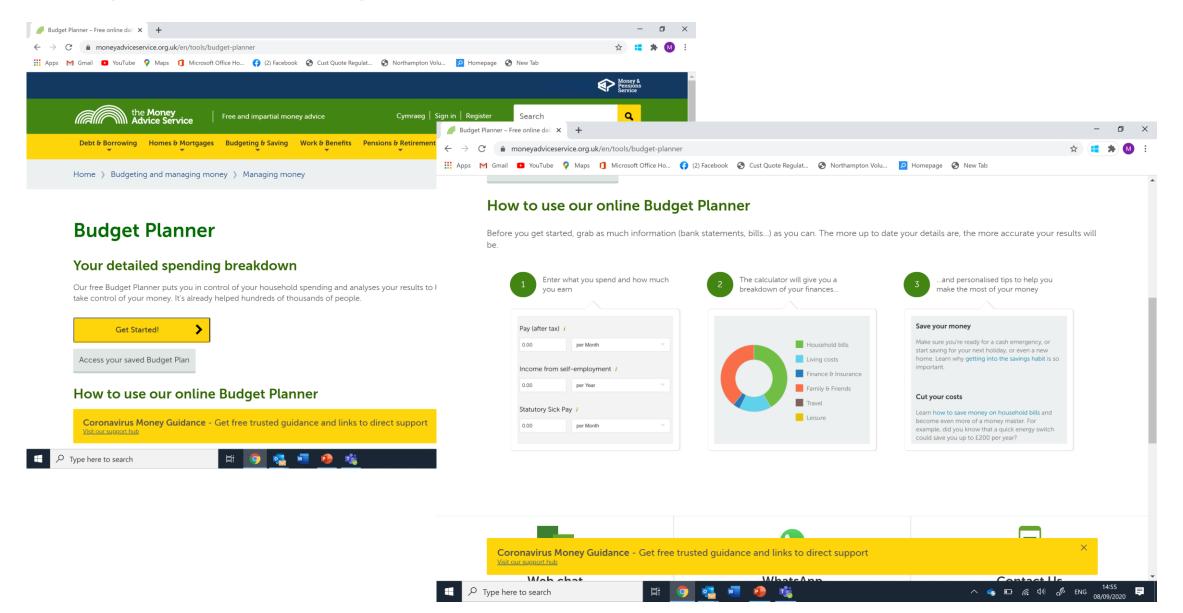
Calculators & resources





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Budget Planning



Money Navigator Tool

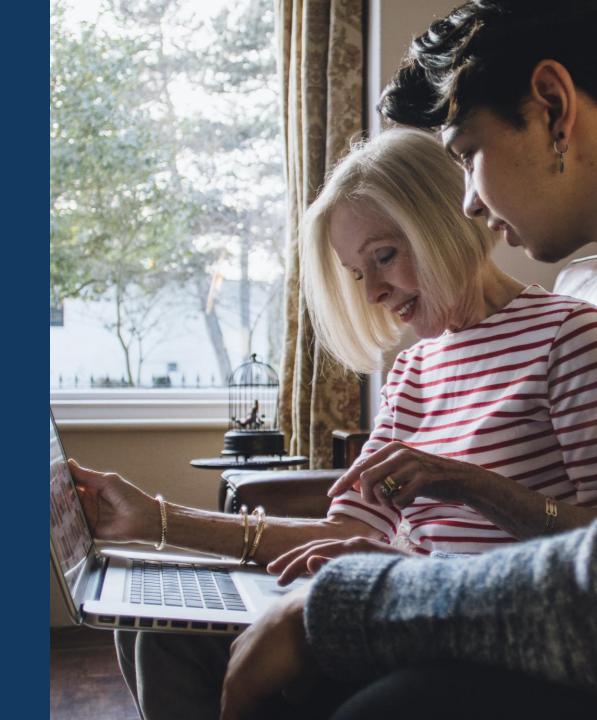
A simple online diagnostic

Together we have developed a tool that helps people find all the guidance they need if their finances have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.

In answering a series of questions the tool will provide a tailored result page that will direct them to partners that can help.

This means consumers will:

- Recognise the impact on all areas of their finances
- Know what they're entitled to, for example benefits, grants and payment holidays
- Understand where to go for free support across all financial matters



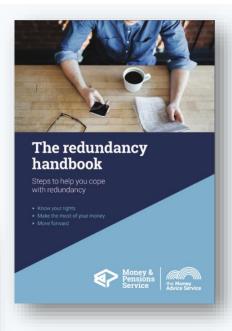
Popular printed guides











What we offer

Tailored support and guidance

We can help you champion financial wellbeing in your workplace:

Use our insights



Survey your staff



Establish a strategy



Run a pilot with us...





North East Karleen Dowden

Northern Ireland
Margaret McCloskey

North West James Kelly

West Midlands
Tiana Pathmanathan
(Lead RM North of England)

Wales Rhian Hughes

London West Victoria Copeland

South West Paul Fox



Scotland Kevin Duffy

Yorkshire & The Humber Jenny Wright

East Midlands

Dawn Cummins

East of England
Alan Nicholls

London East Monica Kaur

South East
Lee Appleyard
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or visit
https://moneyandpensionsservice.org.uk/fin
ancial-wellbeing-in-the-workplace/

Insight

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Questions

Please submit your questions for:

- Charles Cotton, Senior Policy Advisor -Performance and Reward, CIPD
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Please use the Q&A function to submit your questions



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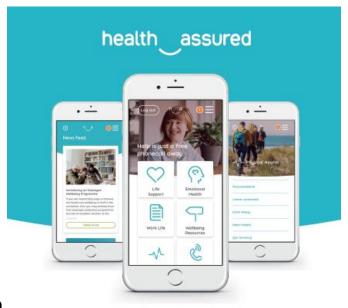
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New Wellbeing Resources



- We've partnered with Health Assured to support members mental health and wellbeing
- Unlimited free 24/7 confidential telephone helpline, online portal & Health e-Hub app
- The resource provides:
 - Legal information
 - Debt and financial information
 - Manager consultancy and support
 - Information on work and home issues
 - Factsheets, advice, information and self-help tools
 - Links to specialist support organisations
 - A resources area with; programmes, videos, webinars, medical information and mini health checks.



Health e-Hub from Health Assured Support in the palm of your hand

Download the Health e-Hub now

Further information

NEW wellbeing helpline for CIPD members

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CIPD Coronavirus (COVID-19): redundancy guide

CIPD community

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