

Financial Support

What Financial Support is available?

Staff can explore financial support when they go into half pay or nil pay.

Gov.uk

There is a benefits calculator available for staff on gov.uk [Benefits calculators - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators) to understand what benefits you could be entitled to.

You could be entitled to:

Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

You can apply for 'new style' Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) if you're under State Pension age and you have a disability or health condition that affects how much you can work.

You can apply for 'new style' ESA up to 3 months before your SSP ends. You'll start getting 'new style' ESA as soon as your SSP ends.

Universal Credit

Universal Credit is a payment to help with your living costs. You may be able to get universal credit if you're on a low income, out of work or you cannot work.

If you have a health condition or disability you might get an extra amount of Universal Credit if you have a health condition or disability that prevents you from working or preparing for work.

Your monthly payment is based on your circumstances, for example your health condition or disability, income and housing costs.

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) can help with extra living costs if you have both:

- a long-term physical or mental health condition or disability
- difficulty doing certain everyday tasks or getting around because of your condition

Disability First

There is also support or advice available at Disability First, based at the Carers Centre. They can be contacted on 01253 472201 or 01253 472202 (phone lines open 9:30am – 3pm Monday to Friday) or email admin@disabilityfirst.org.

Further advice and support is available through Citizens Advice on 0800 144 8848.

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