**Information on National and Local Covid -19 Financial and Community Assistance Opportunities for Individuals**

List as of April 2020. The UK Chagos Support Association will update this list as new sources for individuals become available.

**ALL NATIONAL**

Please note that the government has announced a complete ban on eviction for all private and social renters:

**Coronavirus information and support:** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/complete-ban-on-evictions-and-additional-protection-for-renters>

Local COVID-19 Mutual Aid Groups – these are local groups of volunteers who can help with a variety of basic tasks for those needing assistance

<https://covidmutualaid.org/>

Your local council will also have a list of support available – find your local council’s website here: <https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

**Find a Food Bank** – Food Banks can give you free food – you may sometimes need a referral from

Trussell Trust: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/>

Independent Food Bank Network: <https://www.foodaidnetwork.org.uk/>

**Get a grant:** Turn 2 Us – You can search for other organisations who can provide grants on this website <https://www.turn2us.org.uk/>

You can search for available grants here : <https://grants-search.turn2us.org.uk/?_ga=2.118434186.2028893780.1585809797-725675490.1585809797>.

St Vincent de Paul – A charity linked to the Catholic Church who can provide support for those in financial hardship – apply on the website <https://www.svp.org.uk/request-help> or ask at your local church

Art council for any individuals working in the cultural sector

<https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/arts-council-england-emergency-funding-package>

**Get advice:**

Citizens Advice – Free advice service, including information on benefits you are entitled to. Find your local service here <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/> or call the national helpline on 03444 111 444

Age UK – for general (non-financial) help and support

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/information-advice/coronavirus/>

Christians Against Poverty – Local groups all over country who can offer advice, support and in some cases grants - <https://capuk.org/>

The Law Centres Network – Legal advice on a range of areas including disability rights, benefits and immigration. Find your local Law Centre here: <https://www.lawcentres.org.uk/i-am-looking-for-advice>

Shelter – Advice on housing - <https://england.shelter.org.uk/get_help> or call

0808 800 4444

NHS

Voluntary Support Organisations

**CRAWLEY**

Crawley Citizens Advice Bureau

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/about-us/contact-us/contact-us/search-for-your-local-citizens-advice/local-citizens-advice-details/?serialnumber=101011>

Crawley Hubs to Help the Vulnerable

<https://www.crawleycommunityaction.org/covid-19/crawley-hubs-to-help-the-vulnerable/>

Information on Crawley Benefits changes

<https://www.crawleycommunityaction.org/poverty-homelessness/changes-to-benefits/>

Crawley Council – advice on financial help e.g. council tax, food, local support, shopping help and community hubs

<http://crawley.gov.uk/coronavirus/supporting-community/financial-support>

<http://crawley.gov.uk/coronavirus/supporting-community/local-support-organisations>

Crawley Wellbeing Service

Crawley has a wellbeing service for those that need help with food and medicine deliveries.

<https://crawley.westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/>

Please call the following number: 01293 438000 and select option 2 for the Help Hub. Ben Cochrane is the Wellbeing Advisor and the general number for Crawley Wellbeing is 01293 585317.

Crawley Open House – A local charity who provide advice and support for anyone in financial difficulty or at risk of homelessness. They also run a food bank where you can get food <https://www.crawleyopenhouse.co.uk/>

Crawley Mutual Aid Group – This local group of volunteers can offer support with basic tasks - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/664329407675639/>

Christians Against Poverty Debt Advice Centre Crawley – They can offer free advice about managing debt <https://elim-church.org.uk/cap>

Carers’ Support West Sussex – If you are caring for a friend or relative, they can offer advice on the support you are entitled to - <https://www.carerssupport.org.uk/>

**MANCHESTER**

Greater Manchester Facebook COVID-19 Mutual Aid Group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/312651239683325/>

Manchester Community Central – This group brings together volunteers from across Manchester <https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/>

Manchester City Council Central Hub – Coronavirus support for those who are in need with no other source of support - <https://www.manchestercommunitycentral.org/news/central-hub-launches-manchester-support-citys-most-vulnerable-residents> or call 0800 234 6123

Main information from Manchester City Council on Coronavirus and support available

<https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500361/coronavirus/7928/coronavirus/2>

Discretionary Housing Payments Manchester – Short term help with your rent

<https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/200008/benefits_and_support/1342/get_discretionary_payments_dhp_and_dctp>

General information on voluntary organisations and community groups who may be able to offer support in Manchester

<https://www.manchester.gov.uk/community>

Manchester City Council Benefits and Support information

<https://www.manchester.gov.uk/benefits>

Giving World – Free Supplies to individuals

<https://www.actiontogether.org.uk/free-supplies-through-giving-world>

NHS-related charities in Greater Manchester – The NHS has a range of related charities who may be able to provide support – full list here <https://www.gmmh.nhs.uk/voluntary-support-organisations/>

**London**

**Support Services in London**

Croydon Council urgent support – Croydon Council are offering a range of support services to those facing hardship Visit <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/healthsocial/phealth/coronavirus-information/support-for-hardship-or-difficulties> or call 020 8604 7787

(Most other London councils will have similar services available – [contact your local council for more information](https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council))

Croydon Voluntary Action are offering a range of support to those facing urgent difficulties due to Coronavirus <https://cvalive.org.uk/coronavirus/>

**Debt & benefits advice services**

Croydon Debt Advice – Croydon Council has a list of local free advice services on debt management <https://www.croydon.gov.uk/advice/benefits/welfare-benefits/wrtdebt>

Debt Free London (various branches across London) <https://www.debtfree.london/>

Oasis Debt Advice (Southwark & Lambeth) <https://www.oasisuk.org/adviceandsupport>

Meridan Money Advice (Greenwich & Lewisham) <https://www.greenwichcommunitydirectory.org.uk/kb5/greenwich/directory/service.page?id=l3zCPXuYF5I>

The Sherriff Centre (Brent) <https://thesherriffcentre.co.uk/the-charity/>

Christians Against Poverty Debt Advice Centres (various branches across London)

Toynbee Hall (Tower Hamlets) <https://www.toynbeehall.org.uk/free-advice/>

Limehouse Project (Tower Hamlets) <https://limehouseproject.org.uk/our-advice-services/>

Island Advice Centre (Tower Hamlets) <http://www.island-advice.org.uk/>

Crosslight Debt Advice (West London) <https://www.crosslightadvice.org/>

The Cardinal Hume Centre (Westminster) <https://www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk/need-help/>

Mary Ward Legal Centre (Westminster) <https://www.marywardlegal.org.uk/>

Zacchaeus 2000 Trust (Westminster) <https://www.z2k.org/get-help/>

The Passage (Westminster) <https://passage.org.uk/information-support/>

Advice4Renters (Brent) <https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-community/community-directory/advice-4-renters-brent-private-tenants-rights-group/>