

Covid-19 Support for Individuals - November 2020

The following list is not exhaustive but signposts individuals to some places where people can access support during the Covid-19 pandemic.

DEVON

Devon County Council has £600,000 available for hardship funds. The money is being distributed by the District Councils. A full list of these is available at:

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/support-for-people-and-families/>

There are a number of Foodbanks and Community larders in Devon. A full list is available at:

<https://services.pinpointdevon.co.uk/kb5/devon/services/results.page?qt=%22food+support%22>

Or phone the Community Insights Team at Devon Community Foundation 07923 230969

If you have been made redundant and might be interested in a career in Social Care, Devon has a lot of vacancies. There is a dedicated website at:

<https://www.proudtocaredevon.org.uk/>

EXETER

Wellbeing Exeter aims to help the 40% of people who go to their GP with problems such as stress and anxiety caused by social rather than medical issues. During the pandemic they are offering referrals to a Wellbeing Exeter Community Connector to help people stay connected to their local community.

<https://www.wellbeingexeter.co.uk/>

Exeter City Community Trust have set up a dedicated programme to reduce loneliness:

<https://exetercct.org/programmes/adults/tackling-loneliness-together/>

Exeter City Council and Wellbeing Exeter are jointly operating a Coronavirus support helpline on 01392 265000.

PLYMOUTH

Advice and help is being co-ordinated by Caring for Plymouth, a partnership between Plymouth City Council, Livewell South West and a wide range of voluntary and community organisations:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/coronaviruscovid19information/caringplymouth>

Plymouth Public Dispensary offers financial assistance for people in need who live in Plymouth and are unwell or convalescing to assist their recovery:

http://www.ppdtrust.co.uk/about_us.html

Or phone 01752 782758

TORBAY

Community support is available from a wide range of organisations:

<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/health-and-wellbeing/public-health/coronavirus/support-resources/>

Or phone the Torbay Community Coronavirus Helpline on 01803 446022 or 01803 857727

Torbay Food Alliance can help with groceries or food: <https://www.torbayfoodalliance.org/>

DORSET

Most of the hardship payments have been allocated, but Dorset County Council are providing advice and support through Dorset Citizens Advice:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/emergencies-severe-weather/emergencies/coronavirus/reaching-out/reaching-out-financial-and-emotional-support-during-covid-19.aspx>

Or telephone 0800 144 8848

CORNWALL

Cornwall County Council offers Crisis and Care Awards of up to £1500:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/crisis-and-care-awards/>

They also have a various resources available at:

<https://customer.cornwall.gov.uk/>

NATIONALLY

The Care Workers Charity offers a Covid-19 Emergency Fund for those who have to take time off work due to Covid-19 and a Crisis Grant Fund. These are open to people currently employed in the care sector:

<https://www.thecareworkerscharity.org.uk/grants/>

The Cavell Nurses Trust has grants to help healthcare assistants, nurses and midwives experiencing hardship.

<https://www.cavellnursestrust.org/?s=coronavirus>

Or phone 01527 595999

Hospitality Action have various grants to help people currently or recently employed in the hospitality sector. They include a Covid-19 Recovery Grant, Main Grants for on-going issues such as debt or unexpected costs and Winter Fuel Grants.

<https://www.hospitalityaction.org.uk/get-help/>

Or phone 0808 802 0282 (24/7)

The National Benevolent Charity provides funding for essential needs and housing for people aged over 50:

<https://natben.org.uk/apply-for-assistance-new-form>

The Talisman Charitable Trust helps people 'going short'. The application has to be submitted by a local council, citizens advice agency or similar:

<http://www.talismancharity.org/>

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GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

There is a £500 payment for people on low incomes who have to self-isolate:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support>

There is a website with advice and support for people who can't work due to coronavirus, have lost their job due to coronavirus or are self-employed and seen their work reduce:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/worker-support>

CATHOLIC AID

The Catholic Children's Society Plymouth continues to provide grants for children's essentials such as school uniforms, shoes, beds, warm coats and sometimes household items such as fridges and cookers. <https://www.ccsplymouth.org.uk/>

For more information on any of these options please contact:

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