As you will have heard in the media in recent times, the cost of living and energy prices are set to increase from April 2022.  As we find ourselves with less money, we must budget carefully to ensure that we can pay our bills and not accrue debt.  We felt it important to share some of the resources available to you and sources of support you can access.

* **Household Support Fund**

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/business-community/community-and-voluntary-sector/household-support-fund>

*support for households in immediate need who are struggling to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs (self-referral).*

* **Warm Homes Hub**

[- Warm Homes Hub](https://warmhomeshub.com/advicehub/)

*Warm Homes Hub provide a range of free & subsidised services for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire residents. Practical support and advice with energy costs and boiler repairs.*

* **Benefits check**

<https://www.entitledto.co.uk/benefits-calculator/Intro/Home?cid=0bc9a3b5-b651-4629-8583-35a233dda345>

*Free benefit calculator. To find out what you might be able to claim enter your details and you'll receive an estimate of your entitlement to benefits, tax credits and Universal Credit*.

* **Budget Planning**

[Budget Planner: how to manage your money - MoneySavingExpert](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/banking/budget-planning/#:~:text=%20It%27s%20easy%20to%20do%3A%20%201%20Step,standing%20order%20to%20feed%20the%20piggies%20More%20)

*Free household budget planner so you are prepared for rising costs*

* **Citizens Advice**

[What to do if you’re struggling to pay your energy bills - Citizens Advice](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/struggling-to-pay-your-energy-bills/)

*Don’t leave unpaid bills (they don’t go away) get the support and guidance you need to get back on track*

* **Local Care Leaver Offer**

[Notts Help Yourself](https://www.nottshelpyourself.org.uk/kb5/nottinghamshire/directory/home.page) – Care Leaver Offer

*A reminder from the 21Plus team of your local offer and access to services*

We hope you find this information useful and of course if there is anything further, we will let you know.

If you would like any additional support from the 21plus team please get in touch through our phone line or email

Kind regards,

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