

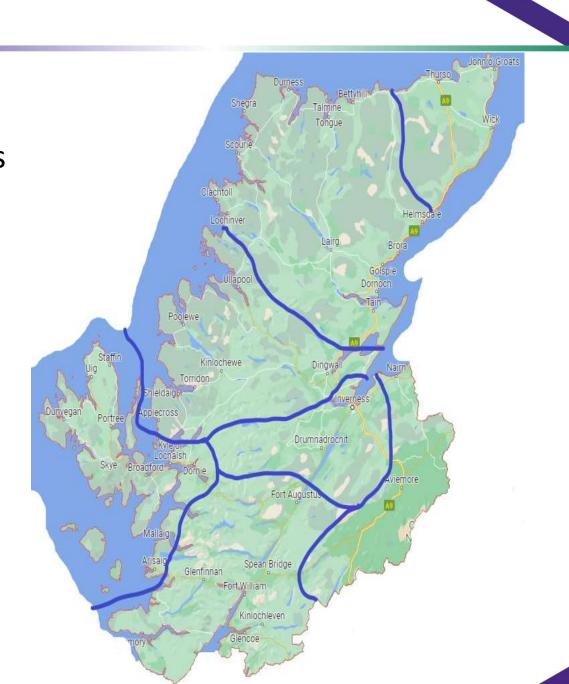
## **Welfare Support Team**

**Welfare Support Manager** 

#### The Team - Area



10 Welfare
Support Officers
2 Intensive
Support Officer



### How we can help clients

The team can provide comprehensive checks to make sure clients are getting everything they are entitled to. We check for all benefits and entitlements, this includes means tested and non means tested benefits. Any information clients provide us is treated as private and confidential and we will not share it with 3rd parties without their consent. All our services are free and clients do not have to give us any information they aren't comfortable sharing

## How we can help clients

- Holistic Approach
- Benefit Checks/Income Maximisation
- •Support/Complete applications (online/Paper)for applying for benefits/discounts/grants etc
- Support with all aspects of Universal Credit
- •Professional advice on Personal Budgeting Income/Expenditure
- Home Visits
- Disablement Band Reduction checks
- Advice and Support for all Benefits and Entitlements

#### What we don't do

- •Bankruptcy cases (these are referred to other agencies where appropriate e.g The Citizen's Advice Bureau
- Provide Support to carry out day to day tasks
- Provide support not related to benefits/entitlements

## We assist and apply for benefits administered by:

- The Highland Council- Single Financial Assessment- Apply once
- Department for Work & Pensions

Social Security Scotland

## **Highland Council**

## Blue Badge

Garden Aid

Free School Meals / School Clothing Grant

Discretionary Housing Payment

## Council Tax Reduction

Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions Education Maintenance Allowance

Housing Benefit

Second Adult rebate
Disablement Band Reduction

#### **DWP Benefits**

Appeals

Job Seeker's Universal Credit
Allowance Pension Credit

**Employment Support Allowance** 

Attendance Allowance Carer's Allowance

Disability Living Allowance

Mandatory Reconsiderations

## **Social Security Scotland**

#### 5 Family Payments

Scottish Child Payment Best Start Grant School Age

**Payment** 

Best Start Grant Pregnancy and Baby Payment

**Best Start Foods** 

Best Start Grant Early Learning Payment

#### Disability Benefits

Adult Disability Payment

> Child Disability Payment

#### **Carer Benefits**

Carer's Young Carer
Allowance Grant
Supplement

Carer Support Payment

## **Social Security Scotland**

Heating Benefits

Child Winter Heating Payment

Winter Heating Payment

#### Other Benefits

Funeral Support Payment

Job Start Payment

# The Scottish Welfare Fund Benefits

Community Care Grant

Crisis Grant

#### Other

Warm Home Discount

## One off Grants

Inverness Winter Payment

MFR Cash for Kids

TV License

#### **Welfare Support Team video**



#### The Team – Contact Info

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