

Job Opportunity:

Money Adviser (Trainee positions available)

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Derbyshire
Districts

Hours: Full-Time (37 hours per week)

Contract: 1-Year Fixed-Term (extension subject to funding)

Salary: £27,263 to £29,806 per annum, pro rata (depending on experience)

Location: Ilkeston (hybrid mix of home and office working with occasional travel throughout Erewash and Amber Valley)

About the role:

Providing both **face to face and telephone advice**, you will help people to overcome their debts and learn how to manage their budgets. With a desire to help coupled with an ability to manage a caseload and monitor deadlines, you could really make a difference to people's lives.

As a Money Adviser, you will deliver **high-quality, FCA-regulated money advice** to individuals in financial difficulty. You will join our friendly team, committed to helping people take control of their finances and build a more secure future through tailored **advice and casework**.

We welcome applications from experienced advisers, as well as those looking to train in this vital area of work. **Full training and support will be provided** for the right trainee candidates, including completion of the accredited *Money Advice Learning Plan*.

We welcome and encourage applications from people of all backgrounds. We are proud to be a **Disability Confident Employer** and hold the **Derbyshire LGBT+ Rainbow Accreditation**.

Who we are looking for:

The ideal candidates will have:

- Excellent **communication skills** – both written and verbal (essential)
- A **non-judgemental, empathetic approach** to people (essential)
- Strong **IT and digital skills**, with the ability to learn new systems quickly (essential)
- A commitment to working to **performance targets** and **KPIs** (essential)
- Experience in providing **FCA-regulated money advice** (preferred)
- A solid understanding of the **current welfare benefits system** (preferred)

What we offer:

We're proud to offer a comprehensive benefits package that supports your wellbeing, work-life balance, and professional growth:

- **Generous annual leave:** 35 days per year (pro rata), including all bank holidays and Christmas
- **Buy/sell leave scheme:** Flexibility to buy or sell up to one week of leave each year (pro rata)
- **Employee Assistance Programme:** Includes wellbeing support, free counselling, and lifestyle perks
- **Contractual sick pay:** depended on length of service
- **Long service rewards:** Extra leave and gift cards after five years of service and beyond
- **Workplace pension:** Auto-enrolment into our pension scheme
- **Hybrid working:** the option to work from home, if it works for you and for us

Successful candidates will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check.

To view and download the recruitment pack and to apply for the role visit:
www.citizensadvice.derbyshiredistricts.org.uk/staff/

Closing date: When suitable candidates are found
Interviews: TBC

Job Description

Money Adviser

Team: Money Advice

Reports to: Advice Service Manager

Role Purpose: To provide a comprehensive money advice service to clients and act as a specialist resource for other Citizens Advice staff. The postholder will deliver advice and casework across a range of money advice issues, support income maximisation, and contribute to the development and quality of the service.

Main responsibilities

Advice and Casework:

- Provide high-quality advice and casework across the full range of money advice issues.
- Act on behalf of clients by negotiating with creditors, drafting correspondence, and making telephone calls.
- Liaise with third parties such as creditors, landlords, and statutory bodies as appropriate.
- Maximise clients' income by identifying and supporting claims for relevant benefits.
- Prepare and present cases to appropriate statutory bodies, tribunals, and courts, where required.
- Address related client issues when integral to the money advice case, referring on to other advisers or specialist agencies when appropriate.
- Offer a multi-channel approach including face to face, telephone, email, webchat and where necessary outreach or home visits.
- Offer expert advice and support to other staff across the full spectrum of money advice topics.
- Ensure all advice and casework adheres to Citizens Advice quality standards, the organisation's policies, MaPS standards and any other relevant quality standards.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date case records for continuity, information retrieval, monitoring, and reporting purposes.
- Follow all internal systems and procedures in line with the organisations policies.
- Ensure any project KPIs are met, including client volumes and quality of advice.

Social Policy:

- Support social policy work by identifying issues arising from client cases.
- Provide statistical and narrative information on the number and nature of cases to management.
- Contribute to the creation of detailed case studies for impact monitoring.
- Alert colleagues to relevant local and national issues affecting clients.

Professional Development:

- Stay up to date with changes in legislation, case law, policies, and procedures relating to money advice, and undertake relevant training.
- Engage in self-directed learning, including reading relevant publications.
- Attend internal and external meetings as agreed with the line manager.
- Participate in supervision, team meetings and management meetings, as appropriate.
- Contribute to service development initiatives.
- Achieve a minimum of 16 Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points per year.

Administration:

- Review and suggest improvements to service delivery and operational procedures.
- Use IT systems for case recording, statistical reporting, and document production.
- Maintain an up-to-date understanding of internal policies and procedures.
- Develop and maintain effective working relationships with relevant external agencies.
- Represent the service at meetings with statutory and non-statutory partners as required.

Teamwork and Relationships:

- Maintain positive and professional working relationships with all colleagues.
- Participate in team meetings, training sessions, and service reviews as required.
- Attend away days, development days and events

Other duties and responsibilities:

- Carry out other tasks that may be reasonably required to ensure the effective delivery and development of the service.
- Uphold the aims and principles of the Citizens Advice service, including its commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.
- Support staff wellbeing and help to maintain a balanced and healthy working environment.
- Comply with all health and safety guidelines and take shared responsibility for personal and team safety.
- Identify and address personal learning needs in line with professional development goals.
- Work within all organisational policies and procedures.

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Person Specification

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Essential:

- Demonstrable knowledge and experience of money advice and welfare benefits.
- Strong oral communication skills, particularly in negotiating and representing clients.
- Effective written communication skills for correspondence, case reviews, and reporting.
- Effective IT skills for case recording and management.
- A methodical approach to casework, with the ability to follow and improve procedures.
- Understanding of the issues involved in interviewing and advising clients.
- Numeracy sufficient to carry out calculations involved in benefits and debt advice.
- Ability to prioritise tasks, meet deadlines, and manage a busy caseload.
- Competence in using IT for case recording, research, and report writing.
- Ability to give and receive feedback constructively and sensitively.
- Willingness to work as part of a team and support colleagues.
- Ability to monitor, maintain and reflect on personal standards of performance.
- Awareness of social trends and how they impact clients and service provision.
- Commitment to the aims and values of the Citizens Advice service, including a strong understanding of and commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion.

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