

## Benefits Adviser

If you are a Property and Financial Affairs Deputy, you have a responsibility to ensure the person for whom you are acting is receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled and that you review the position on a regular basis. If the person you are acting is receiving all the benefits to which they are entitled and that you review the position on a regular basis. If the person you are acting for is not receiving benefits to which they are entitled, or is receiving the wrong benefits, it may result in a loss of income.

Information regarding benefits is available via the new Government website [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk). Here you can find a guide to benefits and specific information about benefits for individuals with a disability, low income or who reside in a care home. A benefit check is also available via the link [www.gov.uk/benefits-adviser](http://www.gov.uk/benefits-adviser). By simply answering the questions, and inputting the details of the person for whom you act, you will be given a list of possible benefit entitlements. Information is also provided about Pension Credit and Housing Benefit.

Once you know which benefits the person may qualify for, you can follow the link entitled 'How to claim your benefits'. If you do not have internet access or would rather speak to someone directly you can contact the Job Centre Plus on 08000556688 or the Benefits Enquiry Line which provides advice and information for disabled people and carers on the range of benefits available on 0800882200. You may need to have information to hand relating to the person for whom you act including their National Insurance number, details of rent or mortgage, details of past or present employment and details of other income and savings.