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Get a money health check in time for Christmas

With just nine weeks to go till Christmas, it's not too late for you to get your finances in order with a free independent money health check.

Simply log on to www.moneyadviceservice.org.uk, answer some straightforward questions about you and your money and at the end you'll get a personal action plan that includes some simple steps that you can take.

The Money Advice Service also have a range of hints and tips to get you on the right track to managing your finances.

- Start budgeting now for Christmas – start putting some money aside this week and by Christmas you'll have a nice little pot.
- Check what interest rate you're getting on your savings accounts and use comparison tables to compare different savings accounts. The higher the rate the more you'll have by Christmas.
- If you've got credit card debt, get to grips with it now – don't wait until the Christmas bills start rolling in. Find out what rate of interest you are paying and compare what else is available.

If you can't get online, you can speak to a trained adviser on 0300 500 5000.

Divisional Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services Neehara Wijeyesekera said: "We urge all residents to log on to the Money Advice Service to get unbiased advice on how to manage their money. Its important that as we prepare for Christmas, residents prioritise the important bills such as rent".

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