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Energy Bills Support Scheme will doubled Households will get £400 of support with their energy bills through an expansion of the Energy Bills Support Scheme

£650 one-off Cost of Living Payment for those on means tested benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit
- Child Tax Credit
- Pension Credit

46%
of carers say



rising energy bills will
negatively impact their health
or of the person they are caring for

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One-off £300 Pensioner Cost of Living Payment

An additional one-off payment for pensioner households who receive the Winter Fuel Payment

£150 Disability Cost of Living Payment

One-off payment of £150 in September:

- Disability Living Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Attendance Allowance
- Scottish Disability Benefits
- Armed Forces Independence Payment
- Constant Attendance Allowance
- War Pension Mobility Supplement

83%

of carers are

**worried how they will
manage their monthly expenses**
if living costs continue to rise



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£500m increase and extension of Household Support Fund

This scheme does not operate in Scotland. Therefore the Barnett formula provides a share of this funding to the Scottish Government so they can decide how to provide support.

Support for carers?

Carers Allowance not included in cost of living payments

Many carers don't receive social security benefits

14%

of carers

are in arrears
with their utility bills



What we are calling on the Scottish Government to do

- Pay a double Carer's Allowance Supplement payment in 2022, as provided in 2020 and 2021
- Ringfence part of the Cost of Living Support for carers (Household Support Fund)
- Extend eligibility to unpaid carers and ringfence hardship funding through the Scottish Welfare Fund.
- Extend and increase the £3m Winter Recovery Funding delivered through Carers Centres
- Scrap care charging as soon as possible: in the meantime require all councils to including heating and additional costs of living for disabled and older people within disability related expenditure.
- Strengthen the proposals around Scottish Carers Assistance

What action can we take

- Support Carers UK #CostOfLiving Campaign
- Write to MSPs asking them to ringfence resources for carers
- Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary, Humza Yousaf
- Using social media and the press
- Carer case studies – how cost of living increases have impacted on you