Support, discounts and offers for Solihull care workers

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Get Help - The Care Workers Charity

To support the financial, professional and mental wellbeing of social care workers by making grants, signposting to resources and providing access to services.

Discounts For Carers: Exclusive Discounts, Offers & Codes

Available for all care workers across social care, sign up for FREE! Discount for carers have a huge range of discounts, money-saving deals and vouchers!

Child care support:

Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK

Government help with childcare costs for parents. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support. Find out more!

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals | solihull.gov.uk

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme:

The Solihull HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme provides a range of activities and a nutritious meal, for children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals during school holidays.

These are free of charge to the parent/carer of eligible children with a maximum number of sessions that can be booked per holiday period.

Find out more about the Solihull HAF on the Solihull Council website.

You can also sign up to the HAF newsletter to ensure you are aware of updates and useful information about the programme. You'll find more information on the <u>parents</u> and carers section of the HAF webpage.

Financial support and advice:

Care Workers Charity - Solihull fund

Solihull Council has set up a crisis fund to support care workers who are experiencing financial hardship to remain in the care sector.

The fund, administered by The Care Workers' Charity, will offer grants to care workers living or working in the borough who are currently employed in the sector. These could be workers providing care to people in their own homes or in a Solihull care home. The grants will be up to £1,000 for current care workers and up to £500 for new starters who meet certain criteria.

Free and impartial help with money, backed by the government | MoneyHelper

For free guidance on benefits, everyday money, family and care, homes, money troubles, pensions and retirement, savings and work

An Access to Work grant can pay for: special equipment, adaptations or support worker services to help you do things or help with transport and getting to and from work. *See section on work support below*

StepChange Debt Charity - Free Expert Debt Advice.

Help in a short-term crisis | Help in a short-term crisis | Birmingham City Council

Birmingham - Worried about Money? (worryingaboutmoney.co.uk)

Food support and discounts:

Help with food (solihull.gov.uk)

If you need assistance with getting food, fuel or essential household items, such as clothes or white goods for yourself or your family, Solihull Council can help.

Membership (companyshopgroup.co.uk)

Free membership for NHS, care workers and public services to the company shop situated in Yardley on the Coventry Road (old Somerfield unit) – heavily discounted surplus groceries.

Find a Food Bank - The Trussell Trust

Work support:

Access to Work: get support if you have a disability or health condition: What Access to Work is - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

If you're disabled or have a physical or mental health condition that makes it hard for you to do your job, you can: talk to your employer about changes they must make in your workplace or get extra help from Access to Work.