

## Community Impact Bucks' COVID-19 Briefing #18

### Government launch online portal to claim for furloughed workers

*Short regular briefing from Community Impact Bucks*

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Today the Government launched the [online portal](#) to claim 80% of furloughed employees' wages. The expectation is that payments will be made within 6 working days.

We understand from Charity Tax Group that:

- applications need to be completed in one session and will time out after 30 minutes of inactivity
- there will be no e-mail confirmation so take a screenshot/print the confirmation and make sure you retain calculation information in case HMRC needs to review it in future
- to access the system on GOV.UK you or your agent will need to have a Government Gateway ID and password and an active PAYE enrolment. If you do not have these, you can register for them at [HMRC services: register](#) and [PAYE Online for employers](#)).

[Charity Tax Group's](#) Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme guidance hub collates all the information you need to access the scheme.

#### GETTING TO THE RIGHT INFORMATION QUICKLY

Many of us are feeling overwhelmed by the mass of information on COVID-19. If you are looking for a way to quickly get up to speed on a specific issue, webinars can be a perfect medium for pulling together all the information you need in a concise and easily-accessible format. We have highlighted just two below but will keep you updated as more are announced.

Similarly, you can contact our Lead for Groups, Helen Cracknell, ([support@communityimpactbucks.org.uk](mailto:support@communityimpactbucks.org.uk)) who can advise you on all aspects of running your organisation and can talk you through the relevant guidance for the voluntary sector during the pandemic.

#### INSIGHTS ON HOW THE GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS AFFECT YOUR FINANCES

The Charity Finance Group (CFG) is hosting another free webinar '[Coronavirus and your charity's finances – update](#)' on Thursday (23rd April at 1pm). It will provide an overview of the latest government announcements, including the package announced by the Chancellor on 8 April and look at how it may affect your finances. If you have any questions for the expert panel, please email them to [policy@cfg.org.uk](mailto:policy@cfg.org.uk).

#### WEBINAR SERIES - HOW TO OPERATE ONLINE

Charity Digital's series of webinars help charities learn and adjust to operating online during the COVID-19 lockdown. Topics range from how to fundraise digitally to implementing accessibility technology – for more information, visit [Charity Digital](#).

#### #FundAlert: HOMELESS SUPPORT

The Morrisons Foundation has opened its COVID-19 Homeless Support Fund grant, offering up to £10,000 grants. Charities that care for the homeless can apply for support to cover three broad areas:

- Outreach and support for rough sleepers, including provision of essentials
- Delivery of services in hostels and shelters
- Information and advice

To apply and check eligibility, go to [The Morrisons Foundation](#).

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