



Nottinghamshire  
County Council

Nottinghamshire Welfare Rights Service

# Having a baby

## Are you receiving your correct entitlements?

### Child Benefit

Child Benefit is paid to all parents for each child. For first time claims or to inform Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) about a new addition to your family call the Child Benefit helpline.

Telephone – 0845 302 1444      8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week

Website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

### Tax Credits

This is extra money to help bring up children. It can also be paid on top of earnings from low paid work.

For first time or additional claims call the Tax Credit helpline.

Telephone – 0845 300 3900      8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week

Website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

### Health in Pregnancy Grant

A one off grant to help with the costs of having a baby, which is paid regardless of your income or savings. The grant must be claimed **before** the expected due date.

Telephone – 0845 366 7885      8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week

Website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

### Child Trust Fund

This is a one off payment with which to open a savings account for your child. For information on how to apply and how to invest contact The Child Trust Fund helpline.

Telephone – 0845 302 1470      8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week

Website – [www.hmrc.gov.uk](http://www.hmrc.gov.uk)

## Sure Start Maternity Grant

Financial help for families on a low income to help towards the cost of having a baby. This is a one off payment which must be claimed before your child is 3 months old. You or your partner must be in receipt of either:-

Income Support  
Income based Job Seekers Allowance  
Income related Employment and Support Allowance  
Pension Credit  
Working Tax Credit with a disability or severe disability element  
Child Tax Credit at a higher rate than the family element

Contact Social Fund on:-

**Telephone – 0845 608 8543**

(Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe)

or:-

**Telephone – 0845 608 8538**

(Ashfield, Mansfield, Bassetlaw, Newark & Sherwood)

## Healthy Start Vouchers

Vouchers for milk, fruit, vegetables and infant formula milk are available for people in receipt of:-

Income Support  
Income based Job Seekers Allowance  
Income related Employment and Support Allowance  
Child Tax Credit

To find out more contact the Healthy Start Issuing Unit on:-

**Telephone – 0845 607 6823**

## All other welfare benefit enquiries

Telephone Nottinghamshire Welfare Rights Service Advice Line between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., Monday to Friday on:-

**Telephone – 0845 601 5943**