

## Angus SEN Bulletin

Hello all.

What strange times we are operating in at the moment. All the norms and rules are changing daily and keeping up with it all is tricky, especially when many of you are also providing crucial front line services.

Help is at hand. There are so many schemes – most of which are not up and running yet – but they are there to help.

Senscot and Senscot Legal are offering support with your questions. First of all Senscot has a COVID 19 web page. It is being created but here is the link <https://senscot.net/covid-19-resources/> All the links that you need. It includes Guidance on the Job Retention scheme – Burness Paull link on the Senscot webpage.

There are to be more briefings and free webinars from other third sector and private sector businesses, on legal and employment law, which we can share once we have the information.

SCVO Community support is also a good source of information, including daily blogs and updates. <https://scvo.org.uk/>

OSCR - <https://www.oscr.org.uk/contact-oscr/> are looking to how to support you too. Contact them with any inquiries.

**Funding support** – the main funders are all working together to try and support those that they fund and are being sympathetic to your needs. Get in contact if you have a question for them.

First Port are offering this support - Are you worried about your and your team's ability to work remotely? Don't know which tools to use? There are many organisations (see below) providing free support to help. [SCVO's John Fitzgerald](#) is offering free 15 min calls to help charities with remote working, and Ross McCulloch from [Third Sector Lab](#) can help if you are looking into taking your support, information or advice services online using livechat, video calls, webinars, WhatsApp Business and other tech. Our own IT provider [Illuminate IT](#) is happy to provide free advice regarding tools and procedures to work from home safely and effectively.

First Port will be managing The Third Sector Resilience Fund which will be open soon and this is for charities, social enterprises and other groups in the third sector.

Check out Martin Lewis funding offer. [www.moneysavingexpert.co.uk](http://www.moneysavingexpert.co.uk) for a link to the £1M emergency fund. It closes on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – so get applying.

Mortgages, VAT and Tax

The HMRC help pages are good. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>

Banks and lenders are being compensated by the government and so if you say that you are affected by COVID 19, they should then be able to offer assistance. Landlords and Rents – similar support is available so contact your landlord now and have an honest conversation.

Please get in contact with Susan at Angus SEN through email, or phone. As information becomes available all the time. [Info.angussen@gmail.com](mailto:Info.angussen@gmail.com) or 07928688207 .

I may not have the answer but I can try and find out!

Keep Safe.