

# **Key Messages and Signposting**

### Housing

- Having a suitable home is important for your health & wellbeing - look after it and it'll look after you
- 2. DON'T let issues build up, delay seeking advice, or think that you have no control over the situation
- 3. Make sure you look into all your options to find suitable housing.

### Money

- Don't put off dealing with debt
- 2. Take control of your finances using budgeting and planning
- 3. If you can't manage, get advice. There's plenty of support available locally

### **Employment**

- 1. Being employed is good for your wellbeing
- Get advice on the types of skills and qualifications you need for the job you are interested in and how to make a strong application.
- 3. If you can't manage, get advice. There's plenty of support available locally.

### Health

- 1. Ask for help early; it can prevent things from getting worse.
- 2. You're more likely to successfully stop smoking if you do it with the Stop Smoking Service. It's never too late!
- 3. One in four of us will have problems with our mental health at some point in our lives. You're not alone.

### Signposting: 3 key places

MECC areas of focus: Housing, Money

#### SHINE

- One stop shop to tackle fuel poverty and reduce seasonal deaths and hospital admissions. Delivers interventions to improve seasonal health and wellbeing.
- Advice and support on energy efficiency, general housing quality, income, social isolation, fuel debt, making trust fund applications and negotiating payment plans with energy companies.
- Visit <u>www.islington.gov.uk/shine</u> or call 020 7527 2121

## MECC areas of focus: Employment

#### **iWork**

- Islington Council's employment service offering one-to-one intensive/personalised support to help unemployed residents get into work using coaching and mentoring techniques
- Helps people find suitable training, volunteering, work placement or apprenticeship and other support services suitable
- Call 020 7527 2706; send an email to <u>iwork@islington.gov.uk</u>, or visit one of our local children's centres.

### MECC areas of focus: Health

#### One YOU

- National healthy living campaign tools, support and encouragement to help people be healthier
- Comprehensive information and advice covering: smoking, drinking, eating, moving, sleep, stress, diabetes, sexual health and weight loss
- Visit www.oneyouislington.org