## citizens advice North Tyneside

## WORKING WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS



## ENERGY

Are you worried about your energy bills and in need of some support? Our specialist energy adviser can review your bills and provide energy efficiency advice.

## BENEFITS



Have your circumstances changed? Do you know whether you're receiving everything you're entitled to? Have you applied for a disability benefit and been turned down? Do you need help to challenge the decision? We can provide advice and support with these issues.

**Client story** – We recently completed a benefit check for a couple who thought they were receiving the correct amount of benefits, however their universal credit was missing a child disability element. This element is £456.89 per month. We assisted our client in applying for this and challenged the DWP's decision to not backdate it. This was successful and they received a backdated payment of almost £9000, which has dramatically improved their financial circumstances.

If you would like a check of your benefit entitlement or any other advice please call 01912704464 and ask for Caren or Sarah or email <u>caren.thompson@ntcab.org.uk</u> <u>sarah.skipsey@ntcab.org.uk</u>