

Care First

At some stage in their lives most people require advice and information on workplace and personal issues, but it can often be difficult to know where to start looking. The pressure of daily life can sometimes be stressful, but having access to the right advice and information can be helpful in combating such pressures.

As a member of the group insurance scheme you have access to an information and counselling helpline service which is available to you 24 hours a day. Expert advisors, trained by Citizens Advice are at hand to provide comprehensive answers and assistance on a wide range of issues which may affect your daily life.

The helpline provides you with instant support, advice and counselling. All Care First counsellors are accredited to the British Association for Counselling and Psychotherapy (BACP). The counsellors are available to provide support for any issues that you may wish to discuss, such as bereavement, relationships problems, stress and work-loads. The service is confidential and impartial, and no one will be informed that you have contacted Care First, you don't even need to give your name if you don't want to.

The Care First online service provides a library of resources, developed and maintained by a team of professionals. The online resource offers immediate information, answers and advice for a wide range of personal issues such as finance management, childcare and relationship advice, as well as health guides and tips. Resources for work related issues are also available, such as returning to work after illness, planning for retirement and working effectively.

Call: **0800 177 7894** to speak to a Care First counsellor

Or visit **www.arclegal.co.uk/carefirst** to access the Lifestyle Online Service using the log in details available from your Federation