

Citizens Advice Wakefield District

Debt Advice Newsletter

May 2017

2016/17

£7.7 million debt presented

**57% of clients presented
priority debt**

4128 individual debts presented

**Clients living with disabilities or long
term health conditions presented £2.7
million of the overall debt**

1716 clients assisted

**Top 5 Priority Debt
(issues presented)**

Council Tax Arrears

Rent Arrears

Magistrates Court Fines

Electricity Arrears

Gas Arrears

**Top 5 Non-Priority Debt
(issues presented)**

Unsecured Personal Loans

Credit/Store Cards

Benefit Overpayments

Catalogues/Mail Order

Overdrafts

**Increases also seen in income tax debt,
mortgage arrears, child maintenance
arrears, mobile phone contract arrears and
water arrears**

Top 5 Recorded Outcomes

Financial situation stabilised

Financial planning for future

Repayment rescheduled

High/Magistrates/County Court advice given

Improved health/capacity to manage

**£258,000 of debt
written off via
negotiations or
insolvency**

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advice**

**Wakefield
District**

**Our debt service is available to anybody living in Wakefield
District regardless of income/assets or level/type of debt. It
is free, confidential and independent.**

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