

Zurich General Insurance Support Services



Our policies help bring peace of mind at a time when you need it most. But sometimes, financial security is only part of the solution.

What is Zurich General Insurance Support Services?

- Free and confidential health and wellbeing service
- Impartial help and support on a wide range of issues
- An independent service provided by our partner, Workplace Options
- Up to five sessions of professional counselling



How we support you: emotional support

If you need support on any personal, mental and emotional issues, Zurich General Insurance Support Services is here to help.

Examples of emotional issues

- Bereavement and loss
- Esteem and confidence
- Depression and anxiety
- Personal stress
- Addiction and dependence
- Relationships and family dynamics

Counselling



- Access to short-term counselling (up to 5 sessions)
- Provided by fully qualified and experienced counsellors
- Suitable counsellor will be appointed within 2 working days of initial assessment
- Appointment available within 5 working days of contact with counsellor
- Referrals to long-term support if needed beyond the 5 sessions
- Counselling available face to face, telephonic and through video

How we support you: **Practical support**

Zurich General Insurance Support Services is so much more than just a counselling service. We understand that there are things going on at home that can affect your work-life, and also things that are going on at work that affect your personal life. Zurich General Insurance Support Services aims to help you achieve a positive work-life balance.

Financial Services



- Retirement Planning: Annuities, estate planning, inheritance planning, personal pensions, SIPPs, workplace pensions, SERPS, drawdown
- Mortgages: Advice for new purchases, remortgages, buy-to-let, payment protection insurance (MPPI)
- Protection: Building and contents insurance, life insurance, critical Illness cover, income protection, private medical insurance, redundancy cover
- Savings: General savings and investment advice, investment bonds, investment trusts, individual savings
- Debt and Money Management: Assessing income and expenditure, prioritising debts, working out payment plans, tips for ongoing budgeting

Family caring



Childcare support and referrals

- Information, resources, and support from pre-conception or adoption, right through to children leaving the nest including information on education, local schools and support on teenager issues
- Tailored searches to identify available childcare vacancies
- Telephonic consultation to explain childcare options and how the childcare system works regarding specific carers and vacancies



Elder care support and referrals

- Support and practical strategies for caregivers of people with strokes, dementia and Parkinson's disease
- Information on a wide range of issues including benefits, community care and in home support aids
- Tailored searches for elder care accommodation and community resources

Daily living



- Referrals to specialist organisations and services
- Saves you time and legwork
- Examples of daily living support include property search, household help, sports clubs search, research for social events

Legal information



- Information provided by trained specialists to help you make informed decisions
- Research undertaken to answer a particular question or search request
- Examples include relationship and family matters, problems at work, property/real estate, consumer rights

Life coaching



- One hour session with a qualified coach by telephone appointment
- Area of focus dependent on you
- Confidence building, proactive problem solving

Case studies

Emotional and legal support

David contacted the service as his father had died unexpectedly. He was finding it difficult to come to terms with his father's death and as an only child also had to begin the task of completing the probate forms.

By his own admission, David wasn't very money minded, and he found filling out forms concerning his father's affairs 'a nightmare'.



How Zurich General Insurance Support Services helped

David was put in touch with a counsellor who supported him, through a series of telephone-based counselling sessions, to deal with the emotions he was feeling. The counsellor used a goal-orientated approach to help David resolve his issues quicker.

A legal consultant also contacted David to help him with the probate process and helped him identify what monies and transactions were relevant to the forms. The consultant explained that David would need to attend an interview at the nearest probate registry to confirm the details entered on the forms and to answer any queries they might have.

David reported that the practical information he received helped him to complete the probate process accurately and swiftly, and that the emotional support helped him understand the nature of bereavement and gave him ways to move forward and look after himself.

Afraid to drive after a collision

We were contacted by someone who had recently been in an automobile collision, who said he was afraid to try driving again. We offered counseling sessions over the phone to help him discuss and work through his fears.

Daily living and childcare support



Julia contacted Zurich General Insurance Support Services as she was looking for a nursery for her two-year-old daughter. Both Julia and her husband worked full-time so they needed childcare between 8am and 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. They were also looking to move house, so Julia asked for help finding a property that would suit their young family.

How Zurich General Insurance Support Services helped

Within six hours, the consultant found two nurseries in Julia's local area and emailed the details to her. They also included a tip sheet to help Julia evaluate and choose the best one for her daughter.

The consultant then worked with a known estate agent to identify three suitable properties and emailed the information to Julia within 48 hours.

Julia was very pleased with the service she had received, saying that it had taken away a lot of stress during a particularly busy time and had helped her to make quick and informed decisions on two important matters.

Purchasing a home

A couple contacted us and asked about how they would be able to purchase their first home before their first child was born.

We helped the couple by offering providers to review their finances and budget and assist them with everything financially needed to purchase their first home. This also included recommending estate agents for the actual purchasing process, and educational information on what to expect when purchasing your first home.

Concern about financial wellbeing

An employee called the programme to find help with their financial planning and budgeting. Our team connected the employee with financial advocates and provided tip sheets with information on building a budget to help put their mind at rest.

Accessing Zurich General Insurance Support Services



Freephone helpline: **0800 542 5519** (available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year)



Workplace Options website: www.workplaceoptions.co.uk



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