## Paving the Way Out Of Debt



Money Guiders: Many Hands Make Light Work

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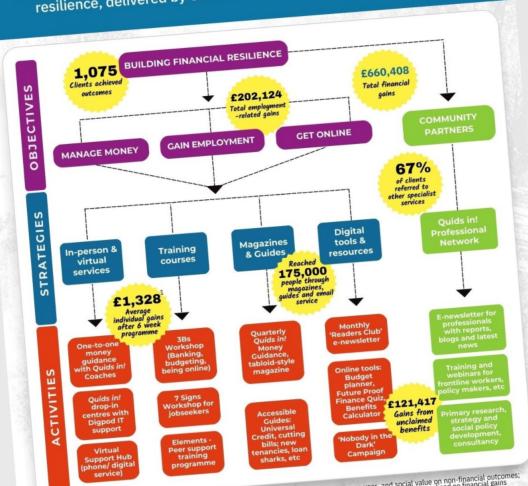
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# Money Guidance delivered by CleanSlate

Quids in! Money Guidance services, promoting financial wellbeing and resilience, delivered by Clean Slate Training & Employment CIC



 Excludes debts cleared, increased earnings after one year, and social value on non-financial outcomes;
 Data from all completers of our 6-week programmes, including those who realised no financial gains A Second ment CIC is a pot-for-profit social enterprise helping low income individuals

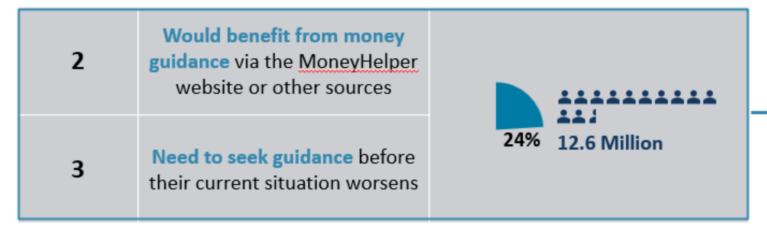








#### Guidance



These two groups combined represent people at risk, a priority audience for MoneyHelper's money guidance

#### Advice

4-6 Strong indications of needing debt advice 15% 8.1 Million

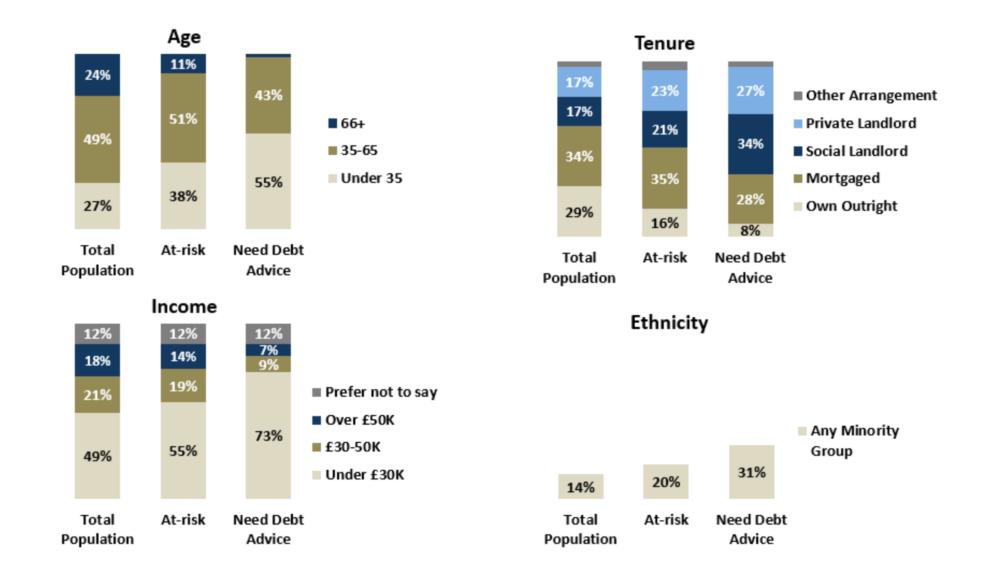
This group need full debt advice from a regulated provider

#### The profile of people needing debt advice

The profile of the people who do need debt advice also hasn't changed a great deal. They are typically:

- Under 35 years old.
- In households with children and low incomes (73% have an annual household income of less than £30,000 before tax).
- Most (61%) rent their home from social or private landlords and a further 28% own their house on a mortgage. There's more on mortgages further on in this article.
- People needing debt advice are from ethnic minority communities (31%), which make up less than 20% of the adult population as a whole.
- They also were more likely to have experienced an income shock in the previous three years, like redundancy or a drop in earnings.





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Despite a recent slight improvement in financial wellbeing in the UK...



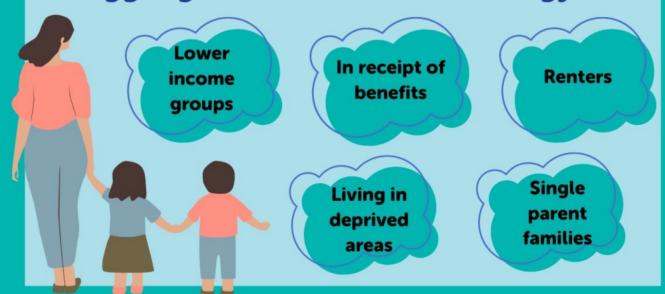
4m

households remain in serious financial difficulties

1.3m higher than autumn 2021 but around 700k fewer than in October 2023



Households with fewer resources are still struggling to afford food and energy







Progress has been uneven: 3 in 5 lowest-income households are struggling or in difficulty, compared to 3 in 10 middle-income households





There are some positive signs that households are having to cut back less and are relying less on credit to make ends meet

But 1 in 8

have faced some form of debt collection or enforcement action in the past six months



Debt collection activities mostly related to unsecured credit (53%), local authorities (37%), mortgage providers or landlords (27%) and energy providers (23%)

Cost of living, employment and productivity will be high on the agenda for the next government

2 in 10

households were actively looking for a new job in May 2024

87%

said they had encountered barriers during their job search



Scoring 30-49 on our financial wellbeing index

24% of households

of household

#### Most common financial situation:

How well meeting bills and credit commitments:



'Struggle from time to time' (74%)

Number of months income in savings:



No savings (36%)

Median annual pre-tax household income:



£20-30k

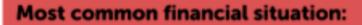
Income quintile (after housing costs):



Second quintile

Scoring under 30 on our financial wellbeing index

Serious difficulties



How well meeting bills and credit commitments:



'Constant struggle' (72%)

Number of months income in savings:



No savings (87%)

Median annual pre-tax household income:



£10-20k

Income quintile (after housing costs):



**Bottom quintile** 



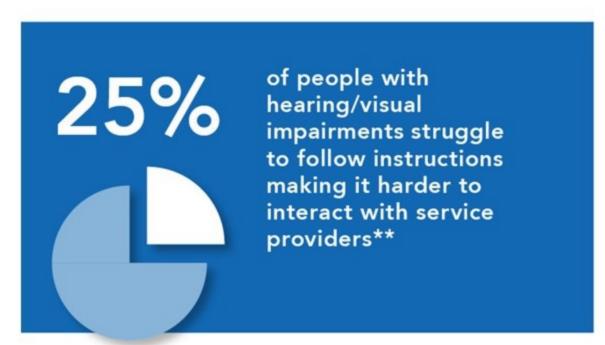
Of the **45m** adults in the UK...

4.1 m

2.9m

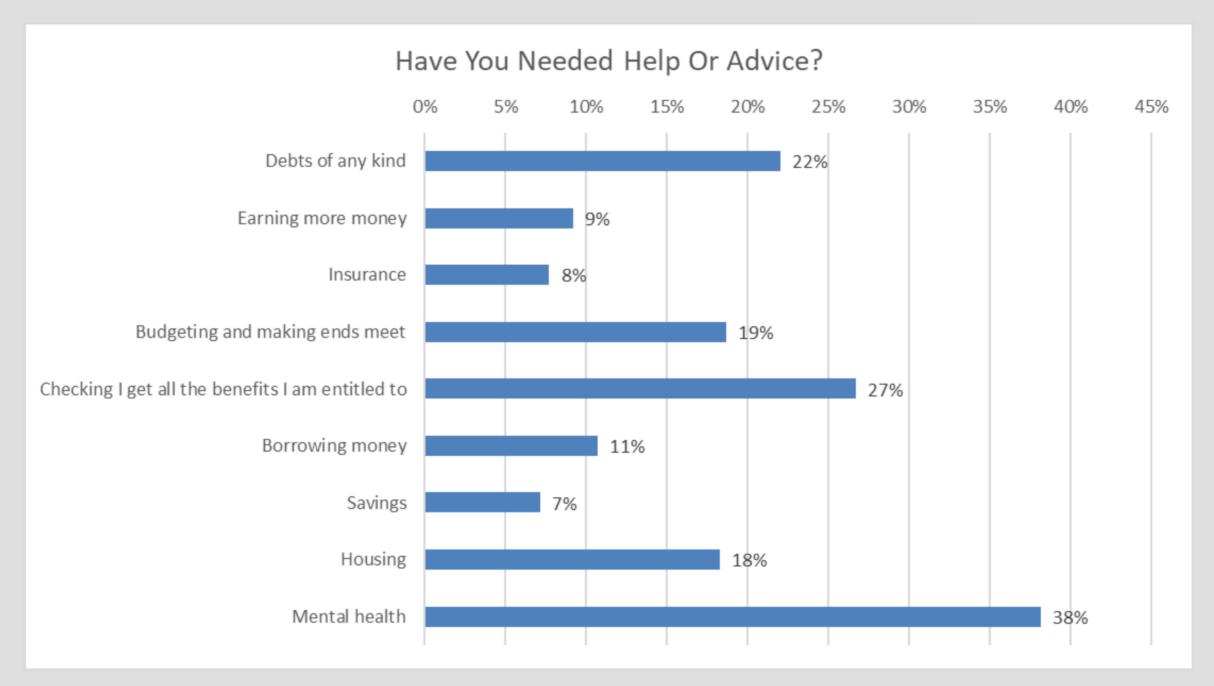
are in arrears on paying for essentials such as water, energy or telecoms

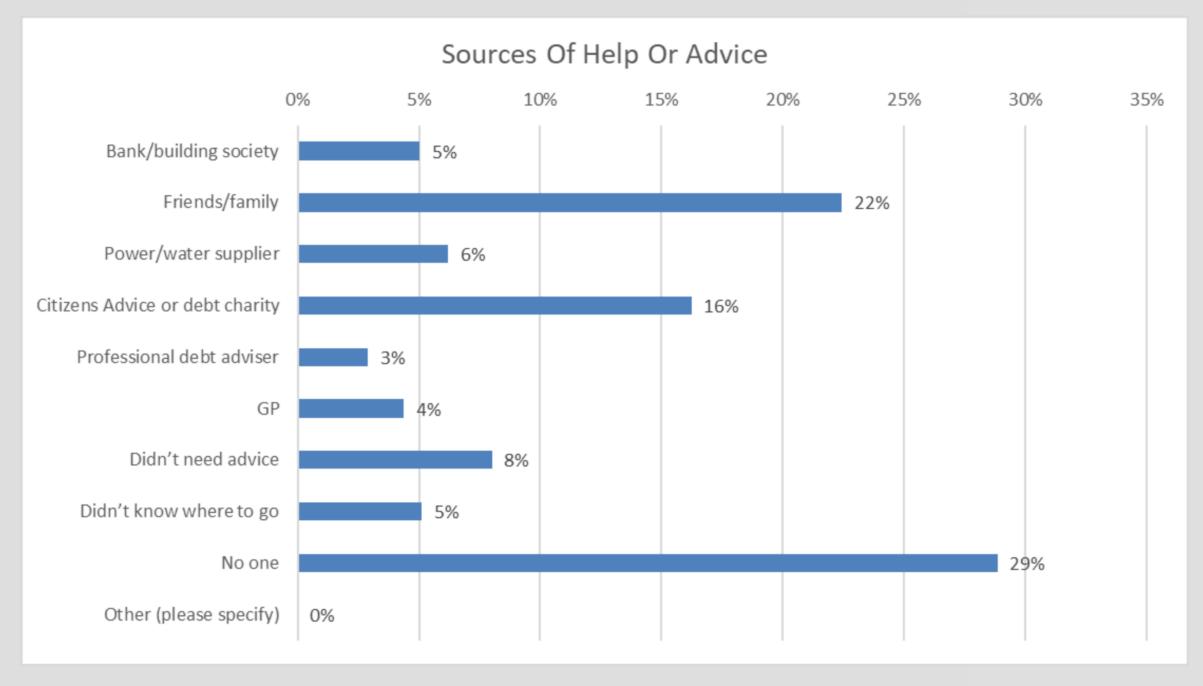






of disabled people have delayed contacting a service provider due to feeling daunted by the process (this audience is almost twice as likely to have a debt with a utility).







ATTITUDES TO DEBT/ BARRIERS TO ADVICE

- WE'RE ALL 'WIRED FOR IMPRUDENCE' [RSA]
- EMBARRASSMENT/ FEAR... OF JUDGEMENT
- CHANGE = BAD
- DON'T UNDERSTAND OPTIONS OR PROCESS
- ADVISORS: 'BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME'
- LET'S PUT MONEY GUIDERS' COMMUNITY CONNECTION TO USE
- TRUST, QUICK WINS, MOMENTUM, HOPE
- DEMYSTIFY. COACH IN... AND THEN OUT OF DEBT PROCESS



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### Wired for Imprudence

Behavioural hurdles to financial capability and challenges for financial education

By Nathalie Spencer and Jeroen Nieboer with Antony Elliot Foreword by Paul Dolan May 2015





















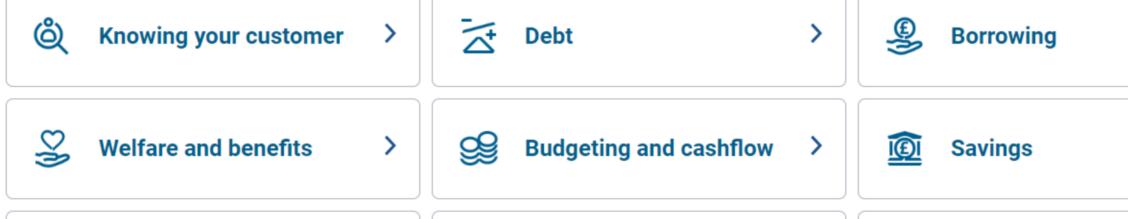
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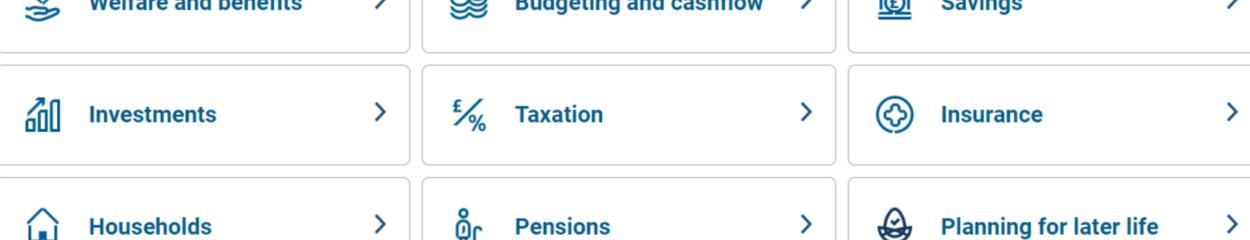
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& Knowing your customer >	¯—→ Debt >	Borrowing >
Welfare and benefits	Budgeting and cashflow >	Savings >
investments	£/ <sub>%</sub> Taxation >	(insurance )
Households >	Pensions >	Planning for later life >







### Money Health-Check/ Financial Guidance

Contact made: Referred, selfreferred (or self-serve)

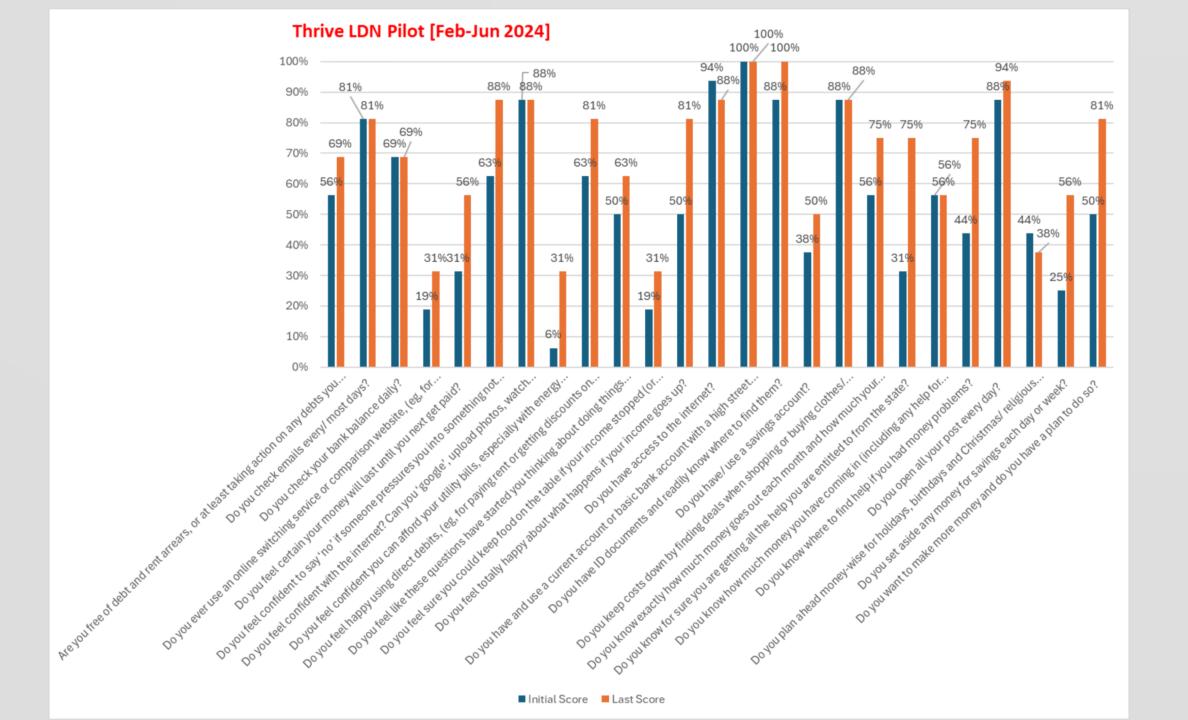


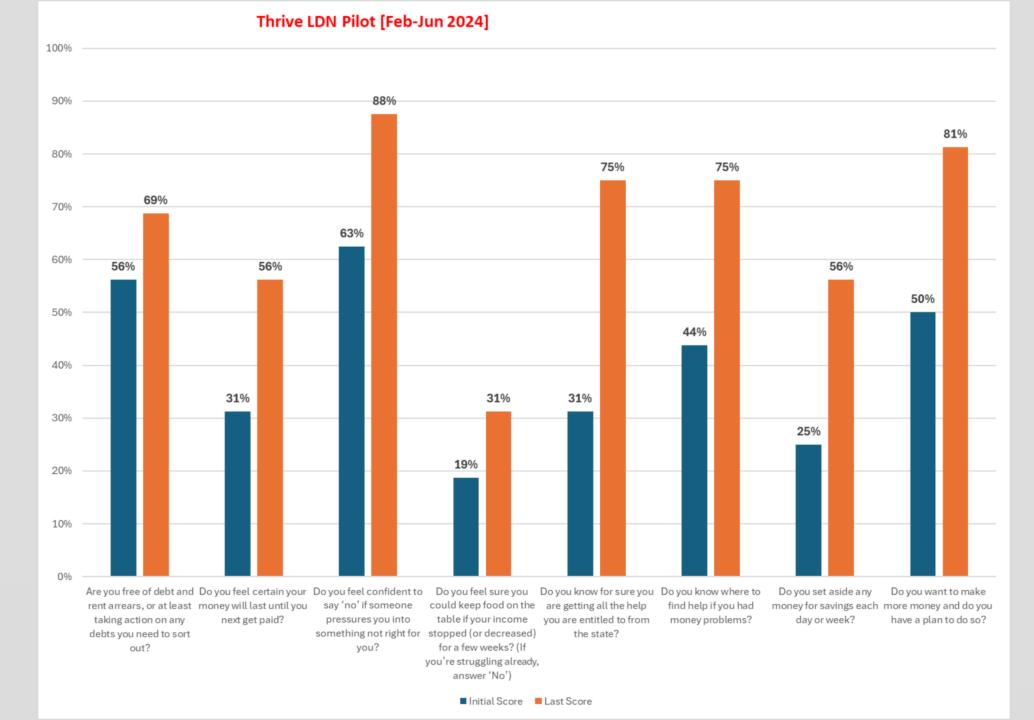
Next steps: Guided over 2, 6 or 12 weeks Quiz taken again, and Impact Survey

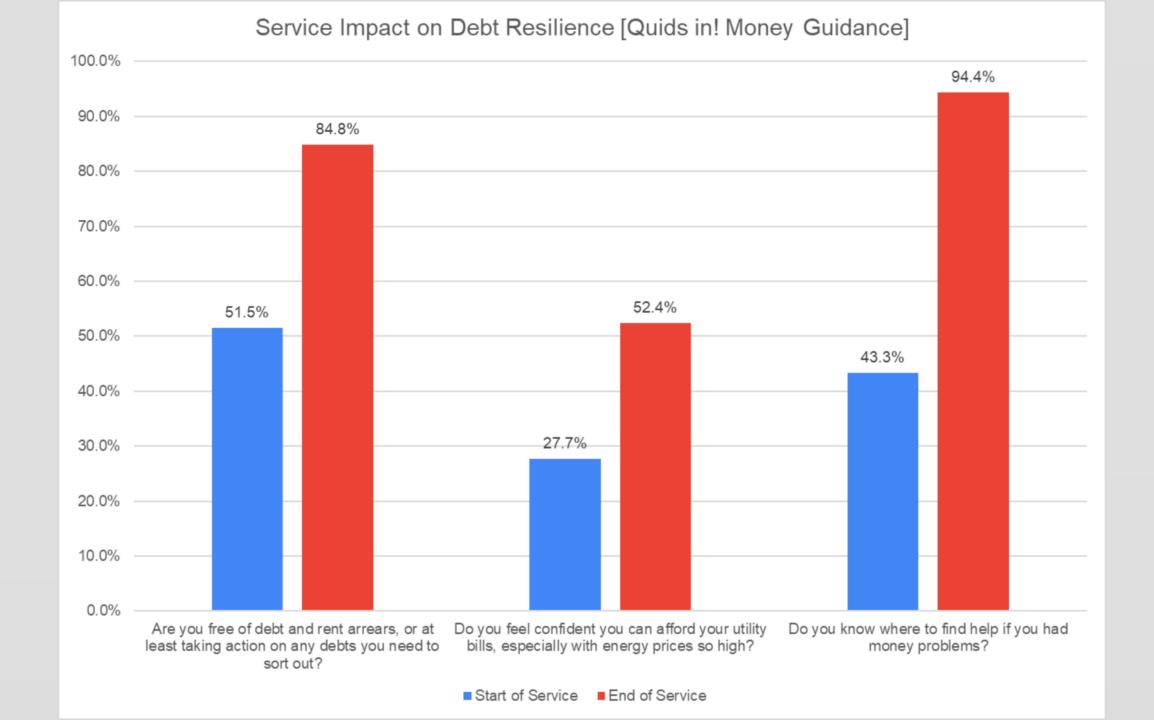




25 questions: Triage of money habits & facilities

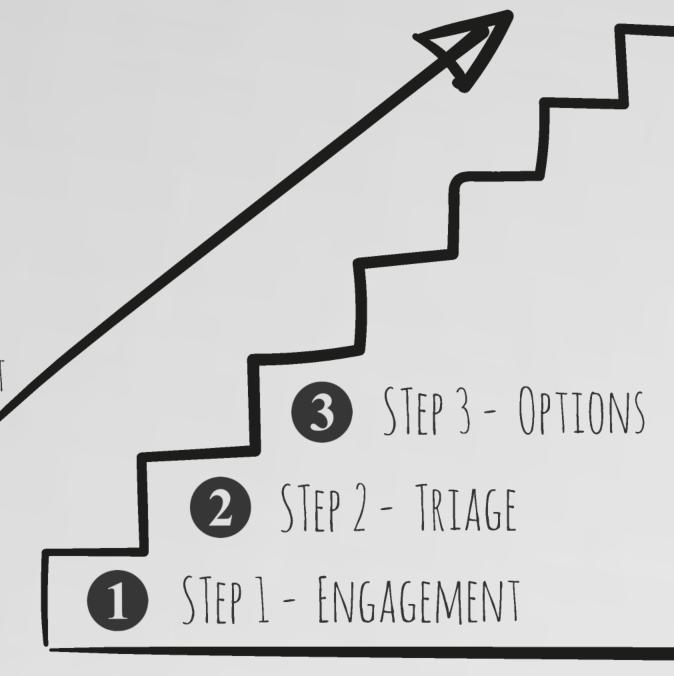






# MONEY GUIDANCE

- ENGAGE: BUILD TRUST, RAPPORT
- TRIAGE: URGENCY, OPTIONS, RESILIENCE
- GUIDANCE: COACHING, REFERRALS
- · MINDFUL: LISTEN, MEASURE IMPACT, REFLECT
- ATTITUDES: HABITS, REALITY CHECKS,
   LIFESTYLE CHOICES, NEW START, AGENCY
- · HOPE: LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL
- CONTROL: SUSTAINABLE, WELLBEING



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