Research and campaigns review for 2024

Our Vision

- To be a local charity that promotes a fairer Lewes District, where its people have access to free, impartial and accredited advice and support to enable our community to thrive and flourish
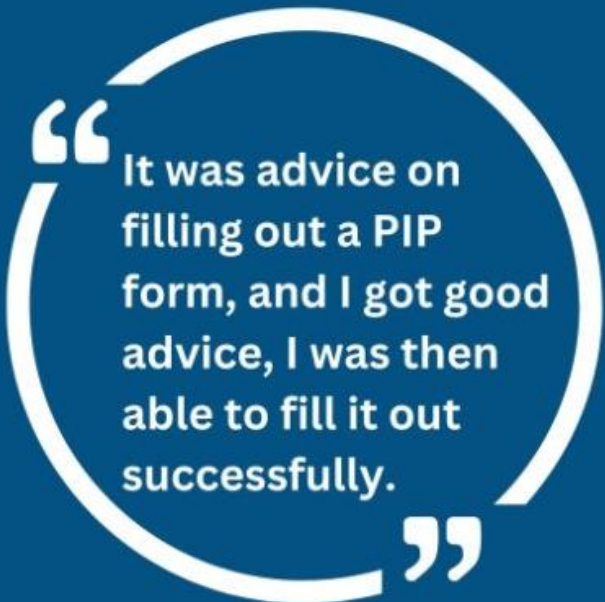
R&C overview

- Wrote to both our MPs regarding the National Red Index and negative budgets (March 24)
- Wrote to both our MPs about the 53-week campaign (April 24)
- Research and published our report on working with and engaging young people (May24)
- Q&A's with MP's (Lloyd in March 24 and James in Nov 24)
- Engaged with all candidates in the run up to the general election- *Addressing living standards and a call for action (*June 24)
- Launched TikTok and produced several short films aimed at younger people
- Produced a Vox Pop on what the general public understand about LDCA

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- Met with both new MPs for the district in the autumn of 2024. Raising awareness of our work, needs locally and ensuring joined up, collaborative relationships are developed *(housing, the benefits cap and employers NI are some examples of themes raised)*
- Promoted Pension Credit locally and encouraged suitable residents to apply (and winter fuel payments) Sep 24.
- Produced and shared a survey aimed at local estate agents, to understand demand and challenges from an alternative perspective (Nov 24)
- Produced and published the East Sussex CA CoL report (Dec 24) **CAES CoL report Dec 24.pptx**
- Quarterly R&C reports produced for board meetings (on-going)

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Key stats 2024

- **2,293** Clients supported (additional Energy Advice figures included)
- **7,008** Issues
- **1,883** Adviceline calls received
- **23%** Face-to-Face delivery
- **Income gains of £506,722** (including CW multi-year gains & EA)
- **61%** of our clients have a long-term health condition or disability