

Legal & General renews partnership with Health Assured to provide an enhanced employee assistance programme.

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- ***Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) has been enhanced to help support employees to minimise the impact of absence on a business***
- ***An increase of free structured counselling sessions now available on group income protection policies to eight***
- ***Mobile app means employees can now access support on the go***

Legal & General has announced that it has renewed its partnership with award-winning EAP provider, Health Assured. This complements its continued commitment to providing comprehensive Early Intervention Programme and rehabilitation services through its group income protection policies.

As part of the renewal, the FTSE 100 insurer has enhanced its EAP offering through Health Assured for all its group protection policies to provide a range of resources and tools designed to help employees, with a view to manage the impact of absences from work on its customers. The enhanced benefits include:

- Up to eight free, structured counselling sessions, in person, over the phone, via online video for group income protection policies
- A new and improved mobile app that gives employees access to resources at the tap of a button, anywhere, anytime
- Access to the UK's largest collection of wellbeing resources via the app and online portal, including monthly webinars, health assessments, articles and factsheets

Additional employer and employee benefits include a range of support and guidance on everyday issues, including bespoke line manager training and critical incident support.

Through its group income protection policies, Legal & General has been leading the way in providing rehabilitation services where appropriate, that not only help employees with physical and mental health illnesses to access treatment quickly, but also facilitate a faster return to work.

By funding valuable support for employees through EAP at no additional cost to the employer, the insurer aims to provide a flexible service that's designed to actively improve the health and productivity of today's workforce.

Chris Ford, Head of Employer Services, Group Protection at Legal & General, said:

"As part of our ongoing commitment to helping employers improve workplace wellbeing, we're pleased to have renewed our partnership with Health Assured. We believe Health Assured's expertise in providing EAP is the best in the market and their industry experience complements Legal & General's wider group protection proposition extremely well, as we are both dedicated to providing employees with quality support, when they need it most.

"Life is full of challenges and through the enhanced features of our EAP we are making it even easier for employees to have access to expert help and facilitate their return to work more quickly. We look forward to working with Health Assured and providing one of the most comprehensive EAP services on the market."

David Price, CEO at Health Assured, said:

"We're delighted to renew our partnership with Legal & General. Having worked together since 2015, we're confident that our services strengthen Legal & General's group protection offering by providing supportive, early intervention methods for those who need it.

"We're proud of the work we have achieved through our partnership, including our involvement on the mental health awareness campaign, Not A Red Card, as well as delivering positive outcomes for businesses and their employees through our 24/7 confidential helpline and counselling support services. We're excited to continue working with Legal & General to support businesses, manage absence rates, increase staff retention and help in the duty of care for employees."

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