

The life stages of protection

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Learning objectives



Be aware of **the current advice landscape** and where clients' priorities lie

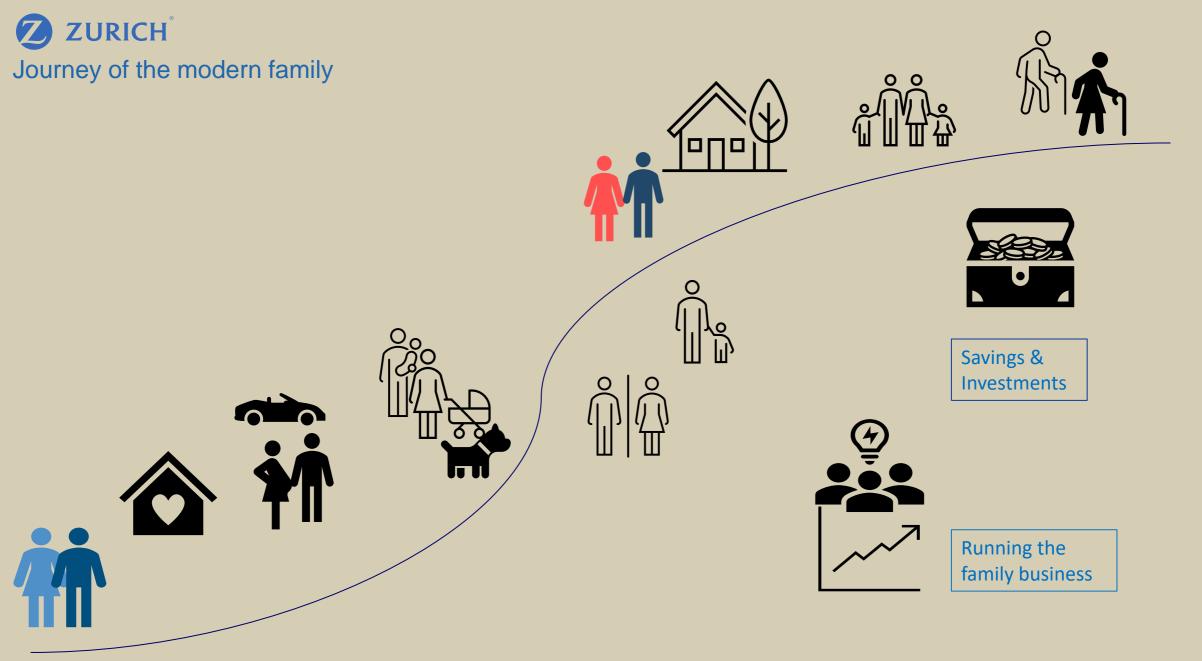
Be able to **identify the life stages of protection** and suitable product choices

Understand how product flexibility can ensure clients are comprehensively protected

Be able to **identify typical client objections** and to use widely available resources to allay client fears

Know where to obtain help and support from Zurich





FCA Consumer Duty Adviser considerations





Outcome 1 – Products and services

Understand if products and services are **suitable for their clients in the long term** – and evidence that their product recommendations are in line with client needs.

Outcome 2 – Price and value

Understand if the price their clients pay is reasonable when compared to the benefits they'll get from that product.

This includes **regularly assessing** whether it's still offering clients fair value, based on their circumstances and needs



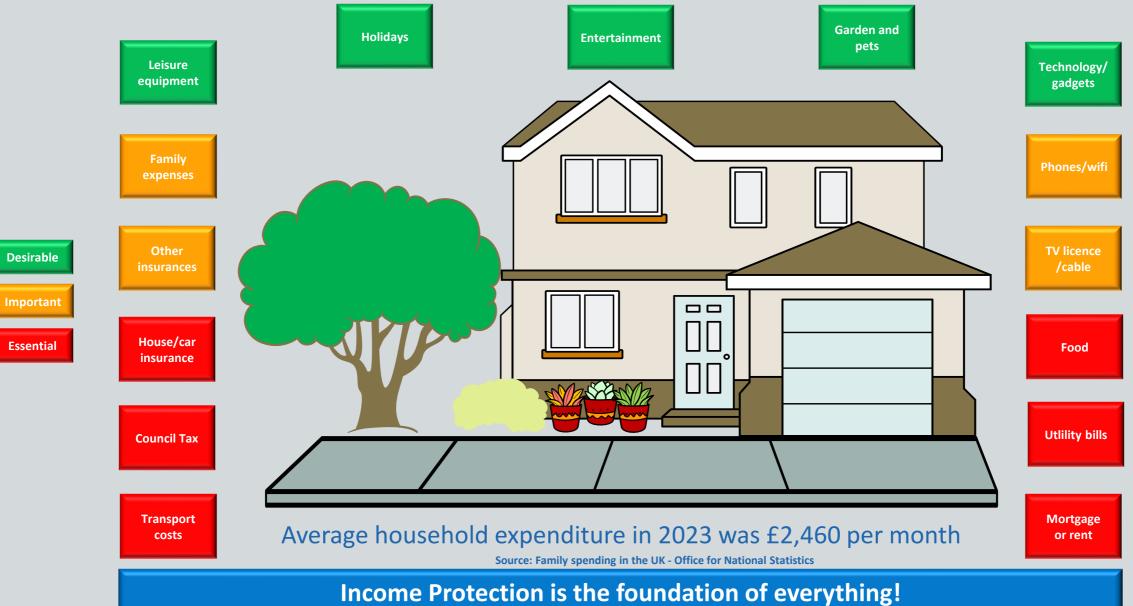
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What are they trying to protect?

Income / rent	Income / mortgage	Family / Children	Businesses	Wealth / care costs	Estate	Funeral	
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Solid foundations



Young singles



Paul is age 25

Finished university, travelled and been employed 3 years

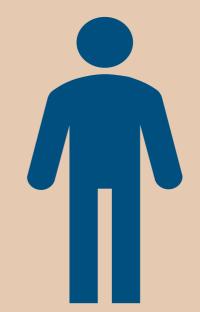
Works as a Legal Executive on a salary of £31,000pa

One month's full sick-pay and Life cover of 3x salary

Pays £1,150pm in rent and bills for his flat

No awareness of State benefits or protection

What would happen if he becomes ill and unable to work?



Young singles "The State will look after me"

Statutory Sick Pay For 28 weeks	£118.75 per week
Employment Support Allowance Assessment Phase For 13 weeks	£92.05 per week
Employment Support Allowance Main Phase Work related activity group	£92.05 per week
Employment Support Allowance Main Phase Support group	£140.55 per week

Source: UK benefit rates 2025/26, age over 25 - <u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/benefit-and-pension-rates-2025-to-2026/benefit-and-pension-rates-2025-to-2026</u>

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Young singles A possible solution

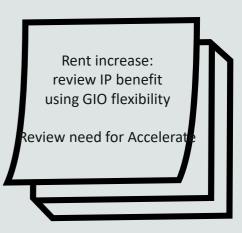


To do / review list

£7.92 pm

Total cost

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Income Protection for Paul to age 60

Add to IP policy at additional cost of £9.50pm

£1,150pm benefit, 4-week def-period, 2-year claim period

Source: Zurich quotes 15/04/2025

Zurich Accelerate

- Provides access and support for your clients and their children up to age 22, to a package of medical care services for cancer, heart and neurological conditions.
- Gives fast access to consultations and diagnostics, as well as global treatment at some of the leading hospitals in the world (incls. live-donor organ/bone marrow transplants).
- It can also help them access the latest precision cancer medicine and cancer clinical trials.
- Covers **cost of travel and accommodation**, and a daily allowance for your clients and travel companions abroad.
- **Optional underwritten benefit** available with a personal or income protection policy.

Protect your customer's income and health

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- Fast access to UK consultants once you've received a referral from your GP.
- Choose who you see, at a time that suits you.
- A case manager to help guide you through the process.

Private Diagnostics Plus

- Fast access to medical diagnostics.
- Access to tests that might not be available through public healthcare.
- Choose a testing centre that's most convenient for you.

Diagnosis



- Peace of mind that you have the correct diagnosis and treatment.
- Offers you more choice when making health decisions.
- Access to international consultants.



- Understanding the genetic make-up of your cancer will help establish a more accurate prognosis.
- If the cancer has a hereditary component, your siblings and children can also have testing and counseling.

Treatment



- Help in accessing cancer clinical trials.
- Help with navigating the process of applying for trials.
- Covers the cost of travel and accommodation.



- Receive your treatment at some of the leading hospitals in the world.
- Covers the cost of travel and accommodation.
- Covers follow up care and continuing medication expenses.

Prepare for what you can't predict!

Young couples without children

Paul, age 31 – **now gets 3-months sick pay** Lawyer for 5 years – salary £45,000pa

Sophia, age 27 A junior doctor for 2 years – salary of £39,000pa

Recently bought their first house together

Repayment mortgage of £235,000 over 30years, fixed @4.5% pa for 5 years

Acutely aware of the need for protection, but Sophia thinks she is covered by the NHS sick-pay scheme

Now they have a house, should you talk to them about whether they have adequate protection?





Young couples without children

For customers wanting to match the NHS sick pay structure

Doctors, surgeons, dentists, nurses or midwives employed by the NHS, or working outside the NHS, where the employer follows the NHS sick pay structure:

Length of service	NHS full sick pay entitlement	NHS half sick pay entitlement	Sick pay guarantee 50% of the monthly benefit is payable after	Sick pay guarantee Full monthly benefit is payable after
0 – 1 years	1 month	2 months	1 month	3 months
1 – 2 years	2 months	2 months	2 months	4 months
2 – 3 years	4 months	4 months	4 months	8 months
3 – 5 years	5 months	5 months	5 months	10 months
Over 5 years	6 months	6 months	6 months	12 months

Select a **52-week deferred period only** and on claim we'll pay:

- 50% of the monthly benefit when the NHS sick pay reduces, and
- the full monthly benefit when the sick pay ends





Young couples without children

A possible solution

Income Protection for Paul to age 60 £1,150pm benefit, 4-week def-period, 2-year claim period Change to £1,500pm, 13-week def-period, full claim period Add Accelerate benefit at £9.50pm	Was £8.20 pm Now £23.44 pm	To do / review list
Add Income Protection for Sophia to age 60£1,500pm benefit, 52-week def-period, full claim periodAdd Accelerate benefit at £9.50pm	£22.91 pm	Mortgage deal end date Review IP benefit using GIO flexibility Annual protection statement review
Joint life first event Life coverDecreasing term with an interest rate of 6%£235,000 sum assured over 30 years	£9.19 pm	
	Total cost £55.54 pm	



Source: Zurich quotes 15/04/2025 – including multi-policy fee discount

Talking about annual protection statements

Why regular reviews are essential

- Protection needs change as life evolves, they are not static
- We send **annual protection statements** to customers/advisers
- Can trigger valuable conversations and **opportunities** to fill in the 'protection gaps' and reinforce value, under FCA C-Duty
 - Reminder of value of existing cover / policy benefits
 - Change in personal or financial circumstances = gap?
 - Change in health = better terms or make a claim?
 - Policy changes and/or new products e.g. Accelerate
 - Avoid foreseeable harm e.g. LPA, trust, estate planning
- Builds **relationship** and trust, helps demonstrate value of your advice and protects your customer/business
- Referrals and other business opportunities e.g. wealth

Sources: www.zurichintermediary.co.uk/advice-matters/talking-about-annual-statements and www.protectionguru.co.uk/why-regular-reviews-are-essential-for-your-clients-protection-plans/

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Young couples with/expecting children

Paul, age 33 Lawyer for 5 years – salary £45,000pa

Sophia, age 29 – **expecting their first child in 6 months** A junior doctor for 2 years – salary of £39,000pa

Recently bought their first house together

Repayment mortgage of £235,000 over 30years, fixed @4.5% pa for 5 years

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Is the original advice still fit for need or does it need to be reviewed?

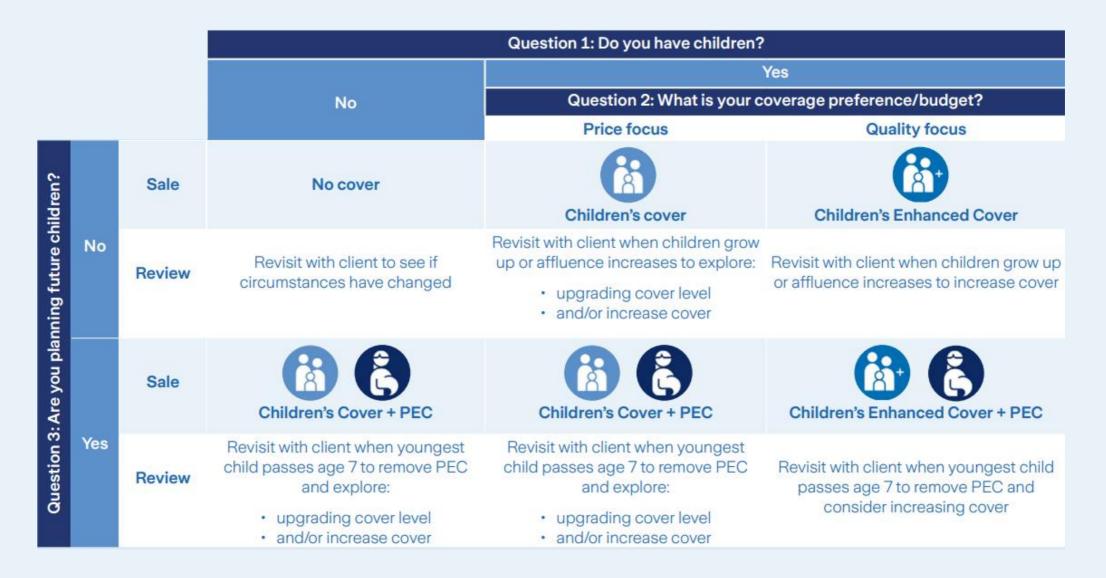




Making a decision on Children's Cover



Help identify their need



Young couples with/expecting children

A possible solution

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Joint life first event 30-year DTA policy £235,000 sum assured, with an interest rate of 6%	£9.19 pm	Annual protection statement review
	Total cost £55.54 pm	
Add to Life term policy:		
£25k of Children's Cl Cover: costs £1.35pm	£7.45 pm	
£25k of Pregnancy & Early Childhood Cover: costs £6.10pm		
Source: Zurich quotes 15/04/2025 – including multi-policy fee discount	Total cost £62.99 pm	

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Young couples with/expecting children

Paul, age 36 – now gets full sick-pay for 12months Lawyer for 10 years – salary £65,000pa

Sophia, age 32 – **they are now married** A junior doctor for 7 years – **salary of £50,000pa**

Recently bought their first house together

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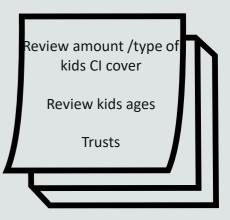


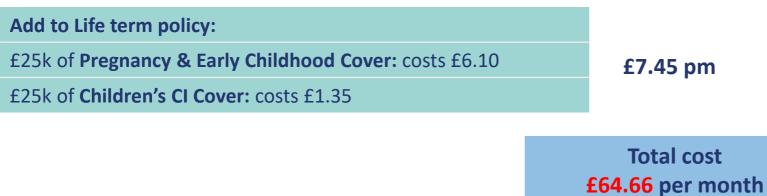
Young couples with children/expecting children

A possible solution

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Decreasing term with an in	nterest rate of 6%		£9.19 pm	
£235,000 sum assured ov	er 30 years			
Income Protection for Paul to age 60			ncome Protection for Soph	ia to age 60
 Benefit of £1,500pm 52-week deferred period, full claim period, indexed at 3% 			Benefit of £1,500pm 52-week deferred perio indexed at 3%	d, full claim period,
Add Accelerate benefit	£24.23 pm	A	dd Accelerate benefit	£23.24 pm

To do/ review list





Source: Zurich quotes 10/04/2025 age 31 & 27nb – including multi-policy fee discount

Risk vs reality It'll never happen to us...

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Risk of:	Male aged 41 retirement at 68	Female aged 36 retirement at 68	Male & female aged 41/36, before retirement at age 68
Death	6%	4%	10%
Suffering a serious illness	17%	14%	28%
Unable to work for 2 months or more	31%	41%	59%
Any of the above happening	39%	46%	67%

What would the odds be, if you added family history and lifestyle into the mix?

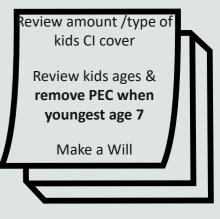
Young couples with children

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£1,500pm benefit, 13-week def-period, full claim period	£23.44 pm		
Change to £2,000pm, 52-week dp, 2-year claim period	Now £14.21 pm		
Includes Accelerate benefit			
Income Protection for Sophia to age 60			
£1,500pm benefit, 52-week def-period, full claim period	£22.91 pm		
Change to £2,000pm, 2-year claim period	Now £14.73 pm		
Includes Accelerate benefit			
Joint life first event 30-year DTA policy	60.10		
£235,000 sum assured, with an interest rate of 6%	£9.19 pm		
Includes £25k of Children's Cl Cover	67.45 pm		
Includes £25k of Pregnancy & Early Childhood Cover £7.45 pm			
Add Joint life first event Family Income Cover Cl	£47.08 pm		
£1,000pm over 15 years			
Source: Zurich quotes 15/04/2025 – including multi-policy fee discount	Total cost £92.66 pm		
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To do / review list





Life stages of protection 2025v1 hybrid – expires 31.12.2025

Middle aged/retired couples



Bob (age 67) and Mary (age 65) have been referred to you for advice by their daughter Sophia

Both retired and are mortgage and debt free

House valued at £450,000 Savings & investments of £250,000 Private pensions and Bob's state pension, totalling £30,000pa

Experienced the effect of long-term care costs on their parents' estate and don't want their children's inheritance eroded by these ever-increasing costs

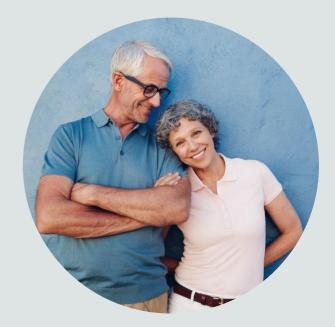


The cost of care

- Currently anyone with capital and savings in England over £23,250 pays for their care needs
- Even those who qualify for some help will need to fund their living expenses and accommodation, estimated to be over £12,000pa
- Average length of stay in a residential care home (without nursing) is 24 months, costing a total of over £80,000
- Proposed care cap is £86,000 but Government Social Care reforms delayed to October 2025

Sources: https://www.carehome.co.uk/advice/care-home-fees-and-costs-how-much-do-youpay#:~:text=The%20average%20weekly%20cost%20of,costs%20on%20average%20%C2%A33552, www.nhs.uk/conditions/socialcare-and-support-guide, https://www.bgs.org.uk/resources/end-of-life-care-in-frailty-care-homes and https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/research-briefings/cbp-9315/





Middle aged/retired couples A possible solution

Whole-of-Life policies for Bob & Mary 2x single life policies £80,000 sum assured In a discretionary trust Cost £181.55 pm & £138.21 pm Total = £319.76pm Or £80,000 JLFE WOL policy in trust costs: £260.23 pm Convertible term policies for Bob & Mary 2x single life policies

- Written to age 84
- £80,000 sum assured
- In a discretionary trust

Cost £110.20 pm & £75.97 pm

Total = £186.17pm

Or a £80,000 JLFE CTA policy in trust costs: £167.29 pm

Source: Zurich quotes 20/03/2025, - including multi-policy fee discount



To do / review list





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Total cost from

£167.29 pm

Mature couples

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Bob is now 73 and Mary is 71

Both retired on State/private pensions, including a £100k drawdown

Home worth £700k with no mortgage and savings/investments of £300k

Estate of c.£1m

Both have full NRB's and R-NRB's available

They believe they will have no IHT liability

Do they have an potential IHT liability?

Mature couples

- NRB is £325k and is transferrable between married couples and civil partners
- Residence NRB is £175k and also transferrable
- Both NRBs are now frozen until April 2030

Currently, their IHT liability would be: £1m - £650k - £350k = NIL But what about growth in the value of the estate?

If their estate grows at 5% per annum (for 5 years), by April 2030 it will be worth £1.276m

As both the NRB and R-NRB are frozen until April 2030, the IHT liability will be: £1.276m - £650k - £350k = £276k x 40% = **£110,400**

And what about any unused pension fund on Alan's death after 6 April 2027?





Source: www.gov.uk/browse/tax/inheritance-tax

Mature couples

A possible solution



Whole-of-Life policy for Bob & Mary – now	Taken out in 5 y
 Joint life second event policy £110,400 sum assured Written in a discretionary trust With 3% or 5% indexation 	 Their health changed Premium inc to age
Cost £235.97 pm	Cost £308.29 pn
Term policy for Bob & Mary – now	Taken out in 5 y
 Joint life second event policy 16-year term to age 89 Designed for those planning on gifting Gift Inter-Vivos option to cover 7-year gifting 	 Their health changed Premium inc to age
Cost £116.55 pm	Cost £161.25 pn
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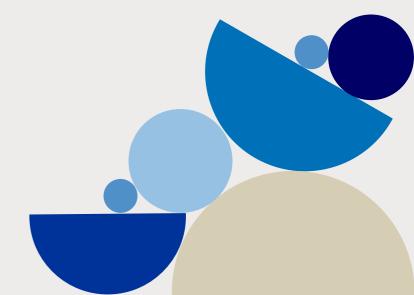
Review cover each year, use GIOs and

discuss gifting

Source: Zurich quotes 24/03/2025 – including multi-policy fee discount

Potential uses of Whole of Life

- Cover **funeral and any repatriation costs**, for your client and their family, to ensure they get the funeral they want in their home country
- Help your client's personal representatives pay for the costs of winding up the estate
- Fund for an **Inheritance Tax bill**, to make sure your client's estate is protected and can be passed on intact to their dependants
- **Create a legacy** for the next generation of your client's family, beyond the term of their mortgage
- Generate a lump sum on your client's death, to meet an objective such as: funding for a shortfall in a spouse's pension, paying off equity release/RIO mortgage debts or long-term care costs
- Business/shareholder protection







Putting it into practice

Review your client base

- Annual Reviews
- Clients with mortgages, savings or cover through work
- Change in circumstances

Check out the new products on the market

- Modern IP products, offering rehabilitation support and including value-added health benefits
- Critical Illness products for Adults and Children

Use Value Added Benefits to protect your clients Health

- Fast access to medical services
- Precision Cancer Medicine, Travel abroad for treatment

Flexibility through the lifestages of the policy

- Contractual change
- Milestone benefit

Speak to us

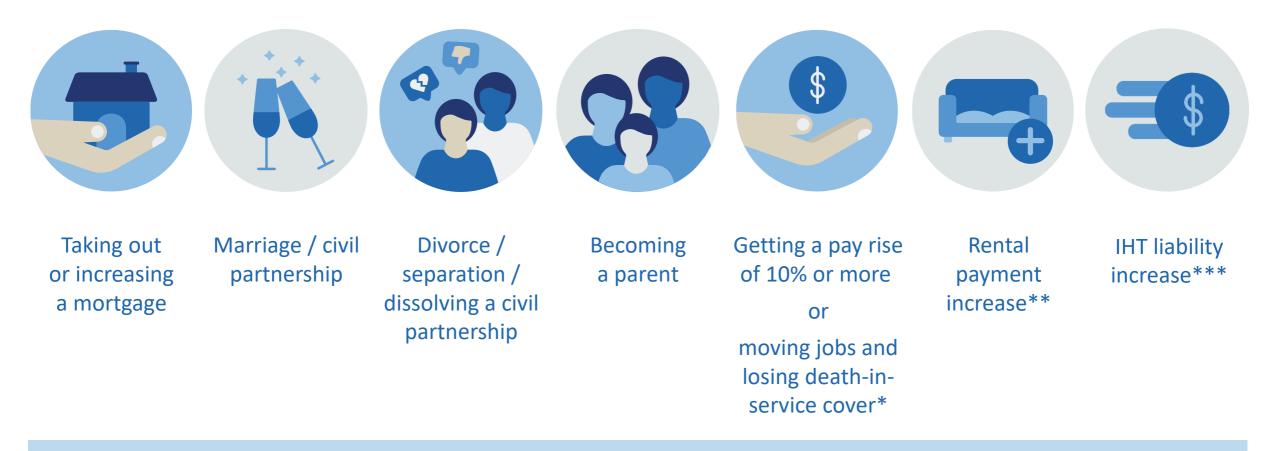
• Your Zurich Protection Consultant is there for you





Making changes to the policy at different life stages Milestone benefit (GIO) or Contractual Change





Your client can access this on standard terms and most rated cases

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Top tips and takeaways

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Helping customers get their home and remain in it

Don't under-estimate the value of annual reviews

Children's CI cover more accessible and flexible than ever before

Homeowners may also be business owners – protect both

Don't just protect income, family, business - protect their HEALTH

Don't forget to plan for later-life events



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Customer-facing 'Reasons why Zurich' paragraphs



We offer protection cover that ...



Suits your life now

No two people are the same, so their cover shouldn't have to be the same. You can choose the level of cover that suits you. Then you can add extra features that fit with your life.



Changes when your life changes

Life doesn't stand still, so when something major happens – like you get married, buy a house or start a family – you can change your cover without having to answer questions about your health. And when things change again – like you start a new job or your children leave home – you can change your cover, too.



Supports you and your family through life's ups and downs

Our relationship with you doesn't begin and end with a medical crisis or a claim. You have access to Zurich Support Services, an independent team of counselors, advisers and legal experts. They're a phone call away whenever you – or member of your family – needs them. You can talk to them about anything, from daily worries to major life events.

We look for reasons to say yes

If you have complex health issues and ask us for cover, we won't automatically say no. We'll look for ways we can cover you. And if what we offer doesn't suit your budget, we'll try to suggest an alternative.

Tools and calculators



Pre-app underwriting tool and 'Live Chat'

Occupation guide tool

IP maximum monthly benefit calculators

Whole of life calculator

Delegated underwriting



Learning outcomes



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