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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

Why would I need a financial adviser?

Introduction

Many people assume that financial advisers are only for the wealthy. It is easy to think advice is something you seek when you have large investment portfolios or complex tax affairs. In reality, financial advice can be most valuable when money feels limited, uncertain or overwhelming.

If you would not describe yourself as wealthy but want to make better decisions with what you have, speaking to a Beyond Wealth financial adviser may help. Advice is not about how much money you have, it is about making sure the money you do have is working as effectively as possible for your circumstances.

Financial advice is about clarity, not wealth

Without clear guidance, it is easy to delay decisions, act on incomplete information or rely on headlines and opinions that may not apply to your situation. A financial adviser looks at your individual circumstances and helps you to understand what options are suitable for you. This can provide clarity and direction at a time when you may feel unsure or anxious about money.

Advice is personal. It takes into account your income, outgoings, goals, family situation and attitude to risk. Even a straightforward review of your finances can help you to feel more in control.

Avoiding costly mistakes

When savings are low, mistakes can have a greater impact. Decisions such as stopping pension contributions, accessing retirement savings early, moving money into unsuitable investments or overlooking valuable workplace benefits can affect your long-term security.

A financial adviser's role is to explain the potential consequences of different choices before you act. Sometimes the greatest value of advice is not in finding a new opportunity but in helping you to avoid a decision that could prove expensive later.

Having someone independent from your day-to-day financial pressures can also help you to take a longer-term view, rather than making decisions purely in reaction to short-term concerns.

Building strong foundations

Financial planning is not only about investing. For many people, the most important work happens at a much more basic level. This might include ensuring that you are enrolled in the right workplace pension and contributing enough to receive the full employer contribution. It could involve reviewing whether you have an appropriate level of emergency savings or whether you have protection in place if you were unable to work due to illness.

For individuals and families without significant savings to fall back on, these foundations are particularly important. Getting the basics right can often make more difference than seeking higher investment returns.

Making a realistic plan

You do not need a complicated financial plan. Having a simple and realistic plan can reduce stress and help you prioritise. A financial adviser can help you to decide what to focus on first. That might be reducing high-interest debt, building a small emergency fund, increasing pension contributions gradually or setting achievable savings goals.

When money decisions are made without a plan, they often feel reactive. With a plan in place, even modest progress can feel purposeful and structured. Over time, small consistent actions can create meaningful improvements.

Support during life changes

There are certain points in life when financial advice becomes especially valuable. Starting a new job, becoming self-employed, having children, separating from a partner, receiving an inheritance or approaching retirement are all examples of life events when financial decisions can carry long-term consequences.

During these times, it can be difficult to assess your options objectively due to heightened emotions, whether positive and negative. An adviser can help you to understand what each choice may mean for your future and ensure that important details are not overlooked.

Reassurance and confidence

It's not uncommon to feel embarrassed about your finances. With the rise in social media and seemingly 'normal' people becoming rich influencers overnight, it can be hard not to compare.

You may worry that you have not saved enough, that you started too late or that you have made mistakes in the past. A financial adviser is not there to judge. Their role is to understand your situation as it stands today and to help you to move forward constructively. Advice should leave you feeling clearer and more confident, not criticised or overwhelmed.

For some clients, reassurance is one of the most valuable aspects of advice. Knowing that a qualified, regulated professional has reviewed your position and confirmed that you are on the right track can bring significant peace of mind.

Is advice always necessary?

The honest answer is no; financial advice is not required for every situation. If you are simply looking for general budgeting guidance or basic information about financial products, free guidance services such as MoneyHelper may be suitable which is support backed by the Government.

However, if you are making decisions about pensions, investments, tax-efficient savings or financial protection, regulated advice provides recommendations tailored specifically to you. This personalised approach can be particularly important where decisions may have long-term implications.

A pension is a long-term investment not normally accessible until 55 (57 from April 2028). Investments carry risk. The value of your investments (and any income from them) can go down as well as up and you may not get back the full amount you invested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future performance.

Levels, bases of and reliefs from taxation may be subject to change and their value depends on the individual circumstances of the investor.

Summary

Financial advice is not reserved for the wealthy. It is about making informed decisions, avoiding unnecessary risks and building stability over time.

If you would like greater clarity about your finances, reassurance that you are making sensible choices, or support in creating a realistic plan for the future, speaking to a Beyond Wealth financial adviser may be worthwhile, regardless of how much money you currently have.

Good advice is not about how much you start with. It is about helping you to make the most of what you have and supporting you as you build from there.

If you feel ready to take the first step in gaining control of your finances, please get in touch.

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