

# Mental health and wellbeing support

Information about services across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland that provide support for your mental health and wellbeing.

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In this booklet you'll find lots of organisations and information to support your mental health and wellbeing. You can find them all on a new website called Joy.

Joy is a new NHS funded website for people living in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. It has been created to link you to groups, services and activities that suit your needs and interests, local to you. Once you add your postcode and search, it will list the services closest to you.

## LLRjoy.com



- 1. Filter by postcode
- 2. Pick your interests
- 3. Joy lists services available

# Quick summary on where to find support for your Mental Health



Where to find the right support in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland for you or someone you care about

## Non-Urgent

I need support for my mental health

Contact your GP Practice from 8am-6.30pm, Monday to Friday.

Call 0330 094 5595 for NHS Talking Therapies

## Urgent

I need help with my mental health now 24/7 support is available over the phone, call NHS 111, mental health option. This number is open 24 hours a day and is totally free and confidential. You can also text 0748 063 5199 and we will aim to get back to you within 12 hours.

Visit a Neighbourhood Mental Health Café. Full list of venues on our website: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/neighbourhood-mh-cafes

## Emergency

I have a physical health emergency

Call 999 if there is a threat to life.









## Urgent mental health support

If you, or someone you care about, need urgent advice or support for your mental health, help is available over the phone. Call NHS 111, mental health option. This number is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week free of charge and in confidence.

Please note, this service can be busy at certain times and you may have to wait for your call to be answered.

## NHS 111, mental health option

You can also text 0748 063 5199 and we will aim to get back to you within 12 hours.

#### In an emergency

If you are concerned about an immediate risk of harm – either to yourself or someone else – phone 999.

You can also call NHS 111 for physical, medical and mental health issues. www.signvideo. co.uk/nhs111/

Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés

Drop in support for when you're struggling to cope

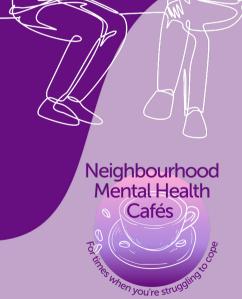
There are Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafés spread around Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. They're run by trained and supportive staff, who are there to listen and provide the practical support you may need when you need it most.

Come along and talk to us in confidence. Just turn up or book an appointment.

To find your local café, opening times or book an appointment please visit the website below or scan the QR code:

www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/neighbourhood-mh-cafes





# The Mental Health Wellbeing and Recovery Support Service (MHWRSS)

This service is open to anyone aged 18+ who is experiencing emotional and mental health problems, as well as their carers. The goal is to help you to maintain and improve your mental wellbeing, become empowered to achieve your goals, and to live a meaningful life. You don't need a mental health diagnosis to use this service - it is open to people who would benefit from support offered. Please choose the organisation that is local to you.



**Charnwood and Melton** - Nottinghamshire Community Housing Association Address: Unit B, The Point, Granite Way, Mountsorrel, Leicestershire, LE12 7TZ

Email: charnwoodandmeltonmh@ncha.org.uk

Referrals: referralsCMMH@ncha.org.uk

Phone: 0800 434 6126

Website: www.ncha.org.uk/talk-to-us



Leicester City and Rutland - People, Potential, Possibilities

Email: leicestermhwrss@p3charity.org / rutlandmhwrss@p3charity.org

Phone: 0808 178 0960

Website: www.bit.ly/3C6wHUC (Rutland) www.bit.ly/3C9W6wy (Leicester City)

## The Mental Health Wellbeing and Recovery Support Service (MHWRSS)



North West Leicestershire, Hinckley and Bosworth - Mental Health Matters

Address: CAN HQ, Memorial Square, Coalville, LE67 3TU

Email: nwleicshbos.mhm@nhs.net

Website: www.mhm.org.uk/mental-health-wellbeing-recovery-service



Blaby, Oadby and Wigston and Harborough - Leicester Life Links

Address: First Floor, 60 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FB Email: leicestershire.lifelinks@richmondfellowship.org.uk

Phone: 0800 0234 575

Website: www.bit.ly/2FKxDBQ

## Counselling / Talking Therapies

There are various talking therapy services available in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, depending on individual needs. Some of the main providers are below.



**VitaMinds** provides help for people with anxiety, depression and other similar difficulties across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. You can request that your GP refers you to the service, or you can refer yourself directly by phone or online where you can also find further information about the service. This is funded by the NHS.

Website: www.bit.ly/3E2ieM0

Phone: 0330 094 5595



**The Leicester Counselling Centre** offers long-term counselling for up to two years to adults in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. They offer support for a variety of issues, including feeling low, depressed, stressed or anxious about something, struggling with a relationship breakdown, past or present abuse, bereavement, family problems, money worries or work-related problems. There are costs associated with this service.

Website: www.leicestercounsellingcentre.co.uk

Phone: 0116 255 8801

Email: admin@leicscounselling.co.uk

## Counselling / Talking Therapies



**Leicestershire LGBTQ+ Centre** offer an affordable counselling service in the heart of Leicester City. The service provides a safe space where you can explore your emotions and feelings, without judgement, in tough times. It might not always be your gender or sexuality that needs to be talked about.

Website: www.leicesterlgbtcentre.org

Phone: 0116 254 7412

Email: info@leicesterlgbtcentre.org



**Relate Leicestershire** is an independent charitable company which provides relationship counselling services to adults, children and families. Services include: relationship counselling (for couples and individuals), family counselling, and sex therapy.

Support for children and young people includes Emotional wellbeing and therapeutic support service for C&YP aged 5-18yrs living in LLR. They provide small group work sessions, 1:1 counselling, as well as workshop sessions in schools and

Website: www.relateleicestershire.org.uk

Phone: 0116 254 3011

Email: reception@rllr.org.uk

## Leicestershire Recovery College

Leicestershire Recovery College is an NHS college offering a range of recovery-focused educational courses and resources for people aged 18 and over who are accessing Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust Mental Health Services along with their family members, or carers, and Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust staff.

The college offers a range of courses designed to contribute to wellbeing and recovery, supporting people to recognise their own resourcefulness and talents in order to become experts in their own self-care and achieve the things they want to in life. The courses cover a range of topics:

- Getting involved
- Understanding/experience of mental health conditions
- Building your life
- Developing skills and knowledge
- Physical health and wellbeing

Phone: 0116 295 1196

Email: LPT.Recoverycollege@NHS.Net

www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/leicestershire-recovery-college



There are many specialist services available in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland depending on individual needs. Below are some local organisations that can offer support.



The Centre Project

A local charity that aims to reach those who are most excluded from our secentre Project society to reduce isolation and promote wellbeing.

Email: info@centreproject.org Phone: 0116 255 4013

www.centreproject.org

#### **British Red Cross**



British Red Cross provides practical and emotional support to asylum seekers, refugees and vulnerable migrants in Leicester and Leicestershire. They undertake the casework to lift them out of destitution and signpost them to relevant support agencies. Email: rsleicester@redcross.org.uk Phone: 0116 479 0900

#### **ADHAR**



Providing mental health support for (but not exclusively to) minoritised communities.

Email: admin.box@adharproject.org Phone: 0116 220 0070

www.adharproject.org



#### **First Step**

Provides support for men who have experienced sexual abuse. Email: contact@firststepleicester.org.uk Phone: 0116 254 8535 www.firststepleicester.org.uk



#### **Jakin - Pregnancy Care and Counselling**

Provides support for those facing an unplanned pregnancy or struggling after pregnancy loss.

Email: support@jakin-counselling.co.uk Phone: 07599 397 938

www.jakin-counselling.co.uk



#### **Quetzal Project**

Provides support for women who have experienced childhood sexual abuse.

Phone: 0333 101 4280 www.quetzal.org.uk



#### **Jasmine House**

Provides support for women who have experienced sexual violence. Email: admin@jasminehouse.org.uk Phone: 0116 255 5962 www.jasminehouse.org.uk



#### **New Futures**

Women's therapeutic and recovery centre. Email: info@new-futures.org.uk Phone: 0116 251 0803 www.new-futures.org.uk



#### **CRUSE**

Provides bereavement support. Email: leicester@cruse.org.uk Phone: 0116 288 4119

www.cruse.org.uk



#### Laura Centre

Provides support for bereaved children and support following the death of a child.

Email: info@thelauracentre.org.uk Phone: 0116 254 4341

www.thelauracentre.org.uk



#### **SOBS**

Provides support for those bereaved by suicide. Email: email.support@uksobs.org Phone: 0300 111 5065 (Monday and Tuesday, 9am - 5pm)

www.uksobs.org





These are the contracted service providers for Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA), Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA) and NHS Complaints Advocacy. Their advocates support people to understand their rights, speak up and be heard. Email: pohwer@pohwer.net Phone: 0300 456 2370

www.pohwer.net/leicestershire



#### **LAMP**

Provides independent community mental health advocacy to the people of Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, including support to families and carers.

Email: info@lampdirect.org.uk Phone: 0116 255 6286

www.lampadvocacy.co.uk



#### **Harmless**

Provides a community self-harm and suicide bereavement service for people who live in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. Email: leicester@harmless.org.uk Phone: 0115 8800 280

www.harmless.org.uk



#### Age UK

Services to support the wellbeing of older people and informal / family carers.

Email: enquiries@ageukleics.org.uk Phone: 0116 299 2233



#### **Loughborough Wellbeing Centre**

Provides a range of support in a safe, social space for adults (18 plus), as well as the Wellbeing Café and Veteran's Wellbeing Hub in Loughborough and Oakham, Rutland.

Email: admin@loughboroughwellbeing.com

www.thewellbeingcafe.org



**GamCare** runs the National Gambling Support Hotline, which is open 24/7 and 365 days a year. The treatment is free, flexible, and confidential and always free from judgement and there are no waiting lists to access the service. It provides users with a safe space to speak, enabling them to feel empowered and take control of their life by providing tailored support to users to achieve their goals.

Phone: 0808 8020 133 www.gamcare.org.uk



**Shama Women's Centre** was established in 1983 helping empower women to become active economically, educationally, socially and improve their health and wellbeing. They do this through qualifications, training, help into work and mental health support.

www.shamawomenscentre.co.uk



**Eyres Monsell Club for Young People** offers a range of services for all ages including the Bounceback Fitness Project, Food Pantry, CV Writing workshops and Neighbourhood Mental Health Cafe

Email: admin@eyresmonsellcyp.co.uk

Phone: 0116 277 9190

www.eyresmonsellcyp.co.uk



**Leicester Community Advice and Law Centre** is an independent, free and confidential advice service. Offers free legal advice for areas of law which include debt, welfare benefits and housing.

Email: enquiries@cals.uk.net

Phone: 0116 242 1120

www.leicesterlawcentre.org.uk



**Open Hands** provide emergency support and care for those most vulnerable, provide supplies of food, and offer various other services to help empower individuals to move forward in their lives - offering practical help and advice.

Phone: 0116 255 8672

www.openhandsleicester.org.uk



**SHARP** provide housing advice, help and support for people who have been made homeless or are facing serious housing problems, across Leicestershire.

Email: info@leicestershelter.org.uk

Phone: 0116 254 6064

www.leicestershelter.org.uk



**Citizens Advice LeicesterShire** offers practical, up-to-date information and advice on a wide range of topics, including; debt, benefits, housing, legal, discrimination, employment, immigration, consumer and other problems.

Phone: 0808 2787970 (Leicester City) 0808 2787854 (Leicestershire)

www.citizensadvice.org.uk

## Mental health helplines and online support

If you feel that you need to talk to a professional about your mental health needs, you can call NHS 111, selecting option 2, 24 hours a day.

Below is a list of other providers that can offer support.



#### **Samaritans**

When life is difficult, Samaritans are here - day or night, 365 days a year. You can call them for free on 116 123 or visit www.samaritans.org to find your nearest branch



#### **SANEline**

If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call SANEline on 0300 304 7000 (4pm - 10pm every day) or email for a response on support@sane.org.uk



#### Combat Stress

If you have served or are currently serving in the UK Armed Forces, you can call the Combat Stress 24 hour mental health helpline on 0800 138 1619 or text on 07537 173683



#### **Switchboard**

Provides a one-stop listening service for LGBTQIA+ people on the phone, you can call Switchboard on 0300 330 0630 (10am – 10pm every day) or use their webchat service.



#### **Better Health - Every Mind Matters**

**Better Health - Every Mind Matters** helps empower people to look after their mental wellbeing. Their website features lots of NHS approved tips and advice to help you be kind to your mind.

At its heart is the free NHS-approved Mind Plan, available on the website. By answering five short questions people get a personalised mental health action plan, providing practical tips to help them deal with stress and anxiety, boost their mood, sleep better and feel more in control.

www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters



Search Every Mind Matters

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## Phone apps

There are many different phone apps available to download for free, which can provide support and advice on various issues. Below are some suggestions:



**Stay Alive** is a suicide prevention app with over 600 resources and tools to help you, or someone you are worried about, keep safe. Created by Grassroots Suicide Prevention Charity with people who have lived experience.



**Calm Harm** provides tasks to help you resist or manage the urge to self-harm. Calm Harm uses the basic principles of an evidence-based therapy called Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT).



**MindDoc** helps if you are struggling with emotional problems or simply want to be more aware MindDoc of your mood and wellbeing. It is a personalized mental health companion that checks on you three times a day.



**DistrACT** provides trusted information and links to support people who self-harm and may feel suicidal (aged 17+).



**Tellmi** is an early digital mental health service for anyone over the age of 11 that is available across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland free of charge. You can visit the Tellmi website or download the app from your phone's app store. www.tellmi.help

## Coping strategies

There are various simple coping strategies that can be used in challenging situations. There are two examples below. Visit www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health for further information

**The 5-4-3-2-1 anxiety management technique is a five-step exercise.** It can be very helpful during periods of anxiety or panic by helping to ground you in the present, when your mind is bouncing around between various anxious thoughts. Before starting this exercise, pay attention to your breathing. Slow, deep, long breaths can help you maintain a sense of calm or help you return to a calmer state. Once you find your breath, go through the following steps to help: ground yourself:

- Think of **five** things you see around you. It could be a pen, a spot on the ceiling, anything in your surroundings.
- Think of **four** things you can touch around you. It could be your hair, a pillow, or the ground under your feet.
- Think of **three** things you hear. This could be any external sound. If you can hear your stomach rumbling that counts! Focus on things you can hear outside of your body.
- Think of **two** things you can smell. Maybe you are in your home and smell tea or coffee or maybe you are in a park and smell cut grass. If you need to take a brief walk to find a scent, you could walk around your home, or outdoors.
- 1 Think of **one** thing you would like to eat or drink.

## Coping strategies

#### STOPP technique can be used when feeling overwhelmed or struggling with impulsive thoughts.

- Stop and step back. Don't act immediately. Pause.
- **Take a breath.** Notice your breath as you breathe in and out.
- **Observe.** What am I thinking and feeling? What are the words that my mind is saying? Is this fact or opinion? Descriptions or evaluations? Accurate or inaccurate? Helpful or unhelpful? What unhelpful thinking habit am I using (e.g. mind-reading, negative filter, thinking the worst)? Where is my focus of attention? What metaphor could I use (mountain, tunnel, playground bully, thought train, beach ball, passengers on the bus)?
- **Pull back.** See the situation as an outside observer. What would a fly on the wall see? Is there another way of looking at it? What advice would I give to someone else? What meaning am I giving this event for me to react in this way? How important is it right now, and will it be in 6 months?
- **Practise what works.** Do what works, what is most helpful. Play to your principles and values. Will it be effective and appropriate? Is it in proportion to the event? Is it in keeping with my values and principles? What will be the consequences of my action?

## Support for young people and children

If you are a young person, or the parent or carer of a child or young person, there are various websites and helplines you can use to find support.



The Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust website offers a range of support for children and young people, including an 'At a Glance' guide, which gives an overview of support based on level of need. Scan the QR code or visit the link: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/mental-health/resources/conditions/young-people



The Children and Young Person's Mental Health Directory is full of local support services that are designed to help you overcome life challenges and to support any mental health issues you may have. The directory can help you find the right support for you. Scan the OR code to find out more.



Health for Under 5s offers a great choice of health related information for parents and Under 5s carers of 0 to 5 year olds.

www.healthforunder5s.co.uk



**Health for Kids** enables primary school age children to learn about health in a fun and interactive way.

www.healthforkids.co.uk



**Health for Teens** allows young people to find out more about health, including feelings, growing up, mental health, lifestyle and sexual health.

www.healthforteens.co.uk

## Support for young people and children



**ChatHealth** is a confidential text messaging service that enables children and young people (aged 11-19) to contact their local public health nursing team for confidential advice and support.

www.chathealth.nhs.uk

### childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIMIC childline.org.uk | 0800 1111

**Childline** is a private and confidential helpline for children and young people under 19. Calls are free on 0800 1111.

www.childline.org.uk



**My Self Referral** is a website available to C&YP up to the age of 18yrs in LLR who want advice and support for their mental health. It enables C&YP to access a broad range of advice, resources and services. It also enables C&YP, parent/carer to complete a self-referral form for signposting or onward referral to a specialist service without them needing to see their GP.

www.myselfreferral-llr.nhs.uk



**Autism Space** is a dedicated area on the Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust website to find advice, information and support around all things relating to autism.

www.leicspart.nhs.uk/autism-space



**First Steps ED** offer support to C&YP aged 5-25 in LLR with mild to moderate eating disorder symptoms or poor body image

**Phone:** 0300 102 1685

www.firststepsed.co.uk/make-a-referral

## Support from your local councils

Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council all offer online mental health and wellbeing support and signposting in your local area.



First Contact Plus is an online tool which helps adults in Leicestershire find information about a range of services all in one place.

www.firstcontactplus.org.uk



MyChoice is a directory for care and support services for people living within the Leicester City area

#### www.bit.ly/3Oc3TzD

BetterOff is a service for people who live in Leicester. BetterOff will show you the benefits you are entitled to and will help you apply for them online, it also provides information on how to find and apply for jobs.

www.bit.ly/3V04Mhv



There are a number of local services across Rutland that you can contact for advice and support on mental health, as well as signposting to support in the community.

www.bit.ly/3gNBOSM



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