Key resources for an online or offline self help group

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE AND SUPPORT OTHERS CAN HAVE GREAT BENEFITS

Spot the Signs Suicide Prevention Infographic tool to provide you with practical steps to support someone with thoughts of suicide www.suicidepreventionherts.org.uk/media/spot-the-signs-infographic.pdf

GUIDANCE

- Hertfordshire Joint Social Media Agreement for all organisations that use social media to communicate messages relating to mental health within Hertfordshire
 - www.suicidepreventionherts.org.uk/media/social-media-agreement.pdf
- Just Talk Men and Boys how to engage men and boys in talking about mental health www.suicidepreventionherts.org.uk/siteelements/documents/just-talk/just-
- **Mind** booklets and information to support people with different difficulties www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else



LOCAL SERVICES

talkmenand-boys.pdf

- **HPFT Single Point of Access** If you need to make a referral or talk about an urgent mental health problem www.hpft.nhs.uk/get-help/
- NightLight countywide out of hour's mental health crisis service for people 16+ www.hertsmindnetwork.org/nightlight
- **Wellbeing Team** free, confidential talking therapy for people 16+ experiencing a range of common mental health difficulties *talkwellbeing.co.uk*
- **Mind in Mid Herts** prevention, recovery and support services for 16+ in Stevenage, St Albans, Hertford and Welwyn Garden City www.mindinmidherts.org.uk
- **Herts Mind Network** aims to create opportunities for individuals 18+ to build resilience and manage their whole life and wellbeing out of 7 wellbeing centres www.hertsmindnetwork.org



In an emergency, if you or someone else is at risk of harm, call 999 or visit your nearest Accident and Emergency Department

- **Samaritans 116 123** 24 hour confidential listening service providing emotional support for anyone in crisis
- CALM 0808 802 58 58 confidential and anonymous support for men
- Papyrus 0800 068 41 41 confidential helpline for under 35 at risk of suicide or anyone concerned about a young person
- **LGBT Switchboard 0300 330 0630** listening service for the LGBT+ community via phone, email or instant messaging

HELPLINES



ONLINE/APPS

• **Stay Alive App** signposting for emergency or support services in Hertfordshire as well as tools to help keep people safe in times of crisis



- **DistrACT App** easy, quick and discreet access to information and advice about self-harm and suicidal thoughts
- **Calm Harm App** designed to help people resist or manage the urge to self-harm
- **Kooth** free, safe and anonymous online support for young people
- **Shout** free crisis text service for anyone, anywhere

RESPONSIBILITIES AND LIMITATIONS

- You won't have all of the answers you don't have to solve peoples problems, you just have to provide help and support
- **Remember the value of self care** it can be difficult to have certain conversations and it is important that people look after themselves and seek appropriate support when needed
- Respect personal boundaries If you run into someone outside your group, allow your peer to acknowledge you before saying hello
- You are not alone if you are concerned about someone, the organisations above can provide support



For further information visit www.suicidepreventionherts.org.uk