

South West Yorkshire NHS Foundation Trust is currently supporting The Genetic Links to Anxiety and Depression (GLAD) Study, led by the National Institute of Health Research (NIHR) Mental Health Bioresource and researchers at King's College London, in collaboration with researchers at Ulster University, University of Edinburgh, and Cardiff University, is a project set up to support studies exploring risk factors for depression and/or anxiety.

Depression and anxiety are the most common mental health disorders worldwide. In the UK, 1 in 3 people will experience symptoms during their lifetime. The GLAD Study aims to better understand depression and anxiety in order to find effective treatments and improve the lives of people experiencing these disorders.

We invite you to take part!

### There are 4 simple steps to signing up to the GLAD Study:

- Register for the website and read the information sheet
- Provide consent
- Complete a ~30-minute questionnaire to see if you are eligible
- Send a saliva DNA sample through the post
- Once you have signed up to the GLAD Study, you will be able to see information on the website about a number of optional questionnaires or other research studies that are being carried out. You will be able to choose to take part in these studies should you wish to.

We would like to emphasise that you can stop taking part in the GLAD Study at any time.

To take part follow the link <u>Genetic Links to Anxiety and Depression Study – GLAD Study</u> and select South West Yorkshire NHS Foundation Trust when prompted.

For further information contact Lisa Horner on 07827990899 or email Lisa.Horner@swyt.nhs.uk







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**Smokefree Service** 

# Wakefield Recovery and Wellbeing College Family and Carers Alliance and Support Group

# Thursday 13 May 2021 – 2.00 - 3.00pm

Online via Microsoft teams

"One person caring about another represents life's greatest value." - Jim Rohn.

At our next session, the Family and Carers Alliance Group welcomes Anna Milnes from Wakefield Talking Therapies/Turning Point, a fantastic organisation dedicated at offering support to people from all walks of life who may be struggling with particular issues and, or complex needs. I had always assumed that Turning Point was simply a place to get help with substance misuse issues, but it's much more than that. Their key philosophy is 'We believe that everyone has the potential to grow, learn and make choices.' and, after speaking to Anna, I can believe it. Anna will attend on our next session and chat with anyone, both members of the public or health professionals, who may be interested in finding out more about their great service. Take a look at their website and see for yourselves.

### https://www.turning-point.co.uk

The Family and Carers Alliance Group is open to all, to offer support, resource information or simply just to have a chat and a laugh. We're still only offering the service online unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions however, once restrictions are lifted, we will be on the lookout for a suitable venue that offers a friendly, discreet environment. Plus, a wide range of teas, coffees, and sugar-based snacks.

Thank you, peace and love, Leo.

To let us know you would like to attend and to receive the teams joining link, please give us a call with your name, telephone number and email address to 01924 316946 or send us an email with your details to wakefieldrecoverycollege@swyt.nhs.uk



### Online Courses just released – book your place via our website

Course	Date	Time
Accepting change	Wed 5 May	1-3pm (2 weeks)
Enhancing self-care and wellbeing	Thurs 6 May	2-4pm
Everyday stress	Fri 14 May	10-12pm
Lifting your spirits	Thurs 20 May	10-12pm (3 weeks)
Overcoming anxiety	Thurs 10 June	2-4pm
An introduction to mindfulness	Thurs 24 June	10-12pm
An introduction to personality disorder	Mon 12 July	10-12pm

### Stress Awareness Month – April 2021

We can all feel stressed from time to time, and this just means things in our life are starting to build up and get on top of us. Stress is not a diagnosis but can over time lead to problems like anxiety and depression, so it is important to recognise and learn to manage the signs of stress as early as possible.

Stress impacts us all differently, most importantly it is key to get help as soon as you recognise your early warning signs, even if you aren't sure, we can help you figure out what is going on and can offer a range of interventions.

We offer many treatment types for stress, for example you can refer and maybe suitable for our Positive Steps Stress Management Course which is a 6 week course to help you learn to recognize and manage the symptoms of stress or alternatively, if suitable you can help yourself at home by trying our online therapy package.

If you can refer yourself for an assessment online or via telephone – we can discuss our full range of options. We are ready when you are. **#TPtalkingtherapies**.

Tel: 01924 234860



One of our readers, Susan has written this beautiful poem she would like to share with you

### TOMORROW

Tomorrow is a small word Yet the meaning is immense It's the beginning of the future It allows things to commence.

The past is but a memory Trapped forever in our soul Today is something to master In each individual's role.

Tomorrow is a beginning Something we cannot see, but It's as sure as the next breath That shapes what we will be.

Susan 12 March 2021



# **UPDATE#4 - The Recovery College Music Appreciation Society** (it looks

like this name is staying then)

Hello music lovers, here's a list of songs that I've been listening to recently. They may float your boat, or may not, but have a listen and see what you think. The music group has been going for a few sessions now and, other than the odd technical blip, usually caused by me, it has been attended by a regular, hardcore group of music fans with fantastic tastes in music, suggesting songs from all genres, some obscure, some not, but many I've never even heard of, and I think I know about music!!!

If you've not attended yet, WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR !?!!

Gil Bernal 'The Dogs' <u>https://youtu.be/5Qw6V4vbWz0</u> An obscure dancer, so dance wicked. Enjoy.

The Orchestra Obsolete 'Blue Monday' <u>https://youtu.be/cHLbaOLWjpc</u> Orkestra Obsolete play Blue Monday using 1930s instruments, and what can be better than that.

My Latest Novel 'The Hope Edition' <u>https://youtu.be/ZhpS0IHGaus</u> Five natives of Greenock & Gourock dillydally with violins an' stuff and make me swoon every time I listen to this.

Cocteau Twins - 'Pearly Dewdrops' Drops' https://youtu.be/s-5Xgw6d3h0 Ethereality never sounded better.

The Black Apples 'If I had Possession Over Judgement Day' <u>https://youtu.be/dmeuo7pWICE</u> Brummie blues shaker-makers The Black Apples were sued by the Apple corporation for using an apple in their logo. What rotters. And they use sweat shops (not The Black Apples). Boo!!!

The B-52s 'Love Shack' <u>https://youtu.be/9SOryJvTAGs</u> Our wonderful Janette mans the decks for this piece of boogie wonderland, and from hanging wallpaper up to telling the old man to move his feet when she's hoovering, every time Janette hears this, she just gets ants in her pants and she needs to dance.

Scott Walker - 'Montague Terrace in Blue' <u>https://youtu.be/gN1L\_jrwsJ4</u> Legendary avant-gardener and experimentalist can do no wrong in my book, apart from that album he did where he hit a dead halibut with a plank of wood for 34 minutes, but this wonderful piece starts with beautiful strings and only gets better and better.

Tindersticks - 'This Fire of Autumn' <u>https://youtu.be/0639CSKQCL0</u> It would be wrong to call these Nottinghamshire chaps miserabelists, so I won't, as this one shimmy's along without a tear in sight.

Tony Capstick - 'Capstick Comes Home' <u>https://youtu.be/I2AcJSkUw6M</u> Barnsley's favourite son, that is if you exclude Dickie Bird, Brian Glover, Parkie, Charlie Williams and Billy Casper. "We dint av no tellys or shoes or bedclothes, we med us own fun in them days..." Classic.

The Neat - 'In Youth Is Pleasure' <u>https://youtu.be/LjQs--s4tiA</u> Angular guitars, sneering vocals. Wonderful.

Diana Ross and The Supremes - 'Stoned Love' <u>https://youtu.be/D2ce7FWOAM8</u> DJ Janette at it again. I'm talking dance floors, handbags, drink in hand, nightclubs, kebabs and late-night taxis home.

Al Green - 'Tired of Being Alone' https://youtu.be/ICKToz7BLLA A classic heartbreaker.

Keane - 'Somewhere Only we Know' <u>https://youtu.be/Oextk-If8HQ</u> Oh Keane, Keane, Keane. No guitars, but big, bold and beautiful.

Snow Patrol - 'Downhill From Here' <u>https://youtu.be/bisSZayj190</u> An early tune from these Scottish-Northern Irish popsters, more abrasive, a bit rougher around the edges but definitely a mover and a shaker.

So there we are, a bit shorter this time but plenty to choose from. The group is on Thursday 27 May at 2pm, so get onboard and do your thing,

Peace and love, Leo.

Give us a call on 01924 316946 or email us <u>wakefieldrecoverycollege@swyt.nhs.uk</u> to register your name and we will send you the Microsoft teams joining link



# My story



## A recovery journey – Emma Catchpole

We would like to say a big thank you to Emma for sharing her story with us all. This is the first of a series of stories from people at the Perinatal Service.

### Perinatal mental health team - Wakefield

How did you feel when you first accessed the perinatal mental health team?

I was embarrassed, ashamed. It made me feel like less of a mum.

I accessed it when I was pregnant, after being recommended by a friend, as I felt really low. They rang me and eventually we put a care plan together. I had been poorly after my first son and I didn't want to feel like that again.

When my partner went back to work, and lockdown happened my mood went downhill rapidly. I just felt so sad, a rubbish mum. It was my partner who suggested I ring and ask for help – he was great and incredibly supportive, but he knew I needed more than him.

What did you feel you needed from the service?

I just needed someone to listen, someone non-judgemental, someone who understood. My family didn't know how to react with my mental health. I was scared, I needed someone to help me, but I was frightened that my kids would be taken away as people might not think I could be a good mum.

What was your aim or goal from being involved with the service?

To get better, to be healthier in my mental health for myself and my children and to make sure they had a great future.

What was it that helped you to recover?

My practitioner, Anna, was open with me, talked to me, listened, she gave me loads of resources and I did take medication for a while. Anna was there for me, she got back to me if I rang her and it made me feel less alone. I was very hard on myself looking back, I tried to be the perfect mum, Anna helped me to see that and I try not to expect so much of myself now.

I had a Nursery Nurse come to the house too, Kat, she made me realise that what I was doing with my children was enough, I didn't have to keep trying to do more. The reassurance was really important for me.

I went to peer support group too, a little further on in my recovery, online to begin with because of Covid-19 but then face to face later. I was nervous but mostly excited to meet other mums like me, who had struggled. Being a mum is hard enough but being a mum with mental health issues is harder still. I made friends at group, we set up a Whatts app group and we talk all the time. About everything, normal stuff and about our mental health. It's made it all seem normal.

I'm much more open minded now I've noticed too. I've made friends with people that I probably wouldn't normally have approached, we have a connection, something in common. That's helped me get better, listening to others. The peer support workers have helped too, at groups and on the walks, they understand, they get it, they're easy to talk to and supportive because they have been there too. "Friendly professional support". What are your hopes and dreams now?

I feel relieved to be better but anxious as I am getting discharged this week. It's a bit scary.

I'm hopeful for my future and the future of my children and family. I'm also contemplating a career change, I would love to help others as a peer support worker, give hope to other women just like me.

How do you think your baby/children benefitted from your time with the team?

I think because I am happier, they are too, it's a nicer environment for them to grow up in. My youngest son met other babies at the group too, which he loved and now we meet up for walks away from group, so he and I have friends.

What do you think your babies hopes are for the future?

I think he is hopeful for his mummy to keep well, a healthy mummy.

Do you have a message of hope or any final words to anyone reading this?

I know it's a cliché but no matter how bad it feels and how hard it gets; it does get better.

Reach out to someone – anyone – speak out, talk, tell someone, ask for help. Don't be ashamed.

Anna Ratcliffe Practitioner **"Emma has been a massive inspiration to so many during her recovery and it has** been a pleasure to see her work hard with all intervention from the team to enable her recovery to be a success. I have taken pride in working with Emma and to see the kind, caring, happy relationship she has with her baby is truly a blessing. She has been so committed to improving her mental health needs and the needs of her children. I wish her all the best for the future and if she were to conceive another baby, we will welcome her with open arms and do our upmost to support her and her family in the Perinatal Mental Health Team."

Christine West Peer support worker **"Emma was instrumental in getting women to attend the walks and to feel included at the group.** She encouraged them to join the chat group and was lovely to have there. I wish her and her family lots of luck for the future."

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#### How to contact us:

We have staff based in all areas covered by South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust - Barnsley, Calderdale, Kirklees, and Wakefield.

We are available Monday to Friday 9-5pm.

Telephone: 01924 316009

### Who are we?

We are a team of mental health nurses, occupational therapists, consultant psychiatrists, psychologists, peer support worker and team secretary.

# Making a referral:

You can self refer through one of our single points of access, or your GP, midwife, health visitor or another healthcare professional can refer you.

Telephone number for single point of access:

Wakefield: 01924 316900

Barnsley: 01226 645000

Calderdale/Kirklees: 01924 316830

#### **Useful information:**

www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk

NHS 111 Available 24 hours per day 365 days per year.

Help4mums.org

www.rcpsych.ac.uk Postnatal depression

www.app-network.org Postpartum psychosis

www.bestbeginnings.org.uk

www.mind.org.uk

Supportline 01708 765 200 (hours vary)

www.livinglifetothefull.com

Samaritans 08457 90 90 90 (available 24 hours per day)