

The Supporter Newsletter



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What are the signs and symptoms of breast cancer?





A change in the size, outline or shape of your breast



Changes in your skin such as puckering, dimpling, colour or a rash



A new lump, thickening or bumpy area in one breast or armpit



Swelling in your armpit, collarbone or breasts



A discharge of fluid from either of your nipples



Any change in nipple position (pulled in or pointing differently)



An eczema like rash, crusting, scaly, itching or redness on or around the nipple



See a GP if you notice any changes



Please don't struggle through the Menopause alone, we're here to help you!

Me and Menopause is a FREE 5-week course of one-hour sessions to empower women by providing practical help and support in a friendly, welcoming setting. Take control of your health and well being with others sharing this journey.

Where: St Mary's Community Centre, The Circle, Chequerfield, Pontefract, WF8 2AY

When: Mornings

5 x Fridays, 10.30 am to 11.30 am

10th, 17th, 24th November, 1st, 8th December 2023

5 x Tuesdays, 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January, 6th February 2024

How to Book:

Please email stmarys@stmaryscommunity.co.uk or telephone 01977 705341.

Your booking is for all 5 x sessions (either mornings or evenings) Spaces are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.













Sunday 3 December 2023

Doors open 1pm Venue 23, 23 Smyth Street, Wakefield, WF1 1ED

Tickets on sale now! https://bit.ly/3FtC81W



South West Yorkshire Partnership



Things to remember on those tough days

- Try not to be hard on yourself. It's okay, we all have our bad days.
- What you are feeling is temporary. Remember that it won't feel this difficult forever.
- Self-care may feel an impossible task at times. Try focusing on the basics such as eating, drinking water, and sleeping.
- You are not alone and it is okay to ask for help.
- People who care are ready to listen. Support can be found at stayalive.app

GRASSROOTS SUICIDE PREVENTION

Residents of WAKEFIELD

In paid partnership with:



Use Access Code HEPWORTH



Learn how you can help to tackle stigma and save lives. It's quick and free to register.

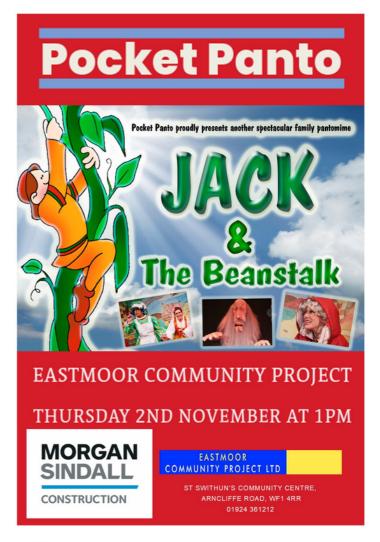
Become a Suicide Prevention Champion



suicidepreventionwestyorkshire.co.uk/becomeachampion









Whilst many of us will sit down with family and friends to enjoy a Christmas meal together this December, it won't be the case for everyone. With constant reminders of lost loved ones, and family gatherings of the past, Christmas can be an especially lonely and isolating time for older people, even more so than throughout the rest of the year.

At Re-engage, we have developed a service dedicated to ensuring that older people do not feel alone over the festive season.

Community Christmas call companions offers lonely and isolated older people, those aged 75 and over, the opportunity to join our dedicated telephone befriending service throughout December. Older people are matched with a trained volunteer call companion who has the skills to deal with the often more challenging conversations that can develop at this time of year, and as a result, help avert people falling into crisis.

The older person and volunteer will decide between them the regularity and length of calls. We anticipate that these will be for around half an hour once a week throughout December, but they may agree to more or fewer calls depending on their needs.

These weekly calls with a dedicated volunteer will connect older people to the outside world, bringing conversation and human contact back into their lives. Lack of transport, mobility, and the cost-of-living crisis, all combine to limit an older person's ability to socialise which can be particularly felt at this time of year.

The service is free and available to anyone wherever they are in the UK, with no need to travel. This is particularly important for older people who struggle to leave their homes in the winter months, leaving them particularly vulnerable to loneliness and isolation. Thankfully, our service can bring them some joy, and a reminder that they are cared for, not forgotten.

To refer someone, please visit our website,

www.reengage.org.uk/join-a-group/







Touchstone (registered charity No. 1012053) is a leading voluntary sector agency providing high quality services to improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

Mental Health Outreach Worker – Community Enablement Team NJC Scale Points 18 – 22, starting at £27,344 pa 37 hours per week

This role is fixed term up to March 2025

Touchstone is a multi-award-winning mental health and wellbeing charity operating in communities across Yorkshire. Touchstone understands that we can only deliver excellence to the people we serve if the people we recruit are happy, empowered, supported to reach their potential and trusted to lead.

We are seeking experienced, enthusiastic, self-motivated individuals to join our new team & service which started September 2023. The Community Enablement Team provides support for Wakefield and district (5 towns). You will be joining a new service and key in establishing links with relevant partners. The role will be delivering 1-1 intensive floating support which is person centred and recovery focused support in line with individual needs.

We aim to support individuals with multiple and complex mental health needs, reduce the risk of offending, reduce hospital admission to secure wards and homelessness. Promoting better health and wellbeing, increase independence, reduce reliance on services and maximise independence which is sustainable.

CLOSING DATE: 9:00am, Monday 20th November 2023 Interviews will be held on: Thursday 30th November 2023

As an employee of Touchstone, all successful applicants continually benefit from the following:

- Personal wellbeing budget
- 28 days annual leave (rising to 31 after 2 years) + 8 bank holidays (pro-rata)
- Agile working policy
- Cycle to work scheme.
- Access to counselling and 24/7 confidential staff Mindful Employer helpline
- Health and wellbeing and fun organisational staff away days
- Inclusive maternity and parental policies and pay.
- A full range of staff and peer support networks
- Excellent staff engagement
- Lots of learning and development opportunities

Touchstone is an equal opportunities organisation, a Trans Positive employer and applications are welcome from all sections of the community, particularly, BME and LGBTQ+ communities and/or people with disabilities who are under-represented within Touchstone. Further information can be obtained from our equal opportunities policy. Please note that we do not hold a sponsor licence and we do not intend to offer sponsorship for this particular role. You should therefore ensure that you have/will have the right to work in the UK to be able to undertake this role, if appointed, you will be required to provide relevant right to work documents at the point of an offer being made to you. Applications can be obtained by visiting www.touchstonesupport.org.uk or by e-mailing recruitment@touchstonesupport.org.uk.







MVSA

We offer a West Yorkshire wide service for male victims of Sexual Abuse, giving them a safe space to openly talk.

We offer practical & emotional support and person centred counselling.

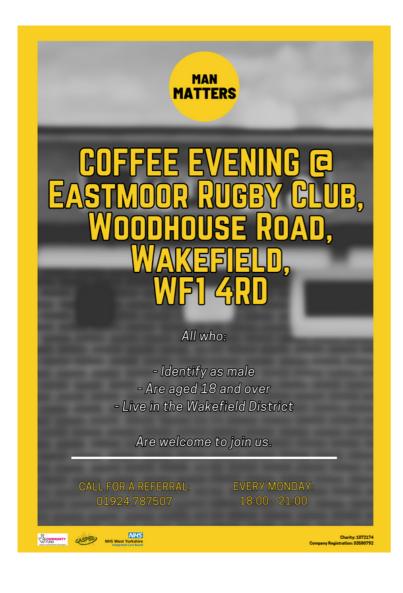
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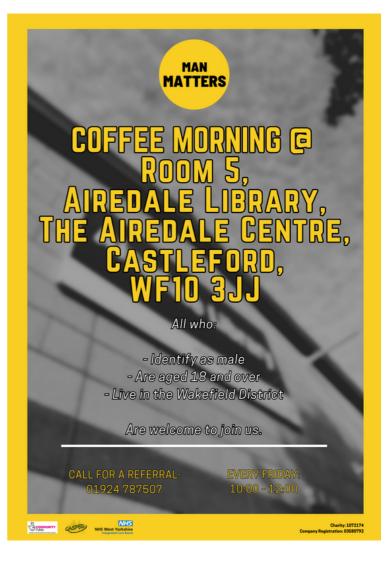
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Understanding depression

In this brief 2 hour workshop, we'll look at what depression is, learn some facts about depression and bust some common myths, explore some known causes of depression and the symptoms associated with depression.

This workshop ties in with our "living with and managing depression" workshop and we would recommend you attend both where possible.

10th of November 2023- 10.00am-12.00pm



Online 18+



Contact the college to enrol www.wakefieldrecoverycollege.nhs.uk wakefieldrecoverycollege@swyt.nhs.uk 01924 316946

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The inner scream: Understanding self-harm

Self-harm is something that makes many feel uncomfortable, yet it is more common than you think.

This workshop aims to explore self-harm and risky behaviours, we will consider:

- · Cause and effect how and why it is done
- Explore ways to best manage self-harm
- Dispel the myths surrounding self-harm
- Consider helpful responses to this behaviour.

This 2 hour workshop incorporates discussion and activities in a safe and supportive environment.

16th November 2023- 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Baghill House Health and Wellbeing Centre, Walkergate, Pontefract, WF8 1QW



Face to face 18+



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Creative fitness

30/08/2023 - 22/11/2023 11am-12pm Normanton

Learning more about IBS

14/11/2023 1pm-3pm Online The inner scream: Understanding self-harm

> 16/11/2023 1pm-3pm Pontefract

Adapt and recover from adversity

17/11/2023 10.30am-12pm Pontefract

Understanding hearing voices

23/11/2023 1pm-3pm Wakefield

Accepting Change

23/11/2023 10am-12pm Online

Christmas rag wreaths

29/11/2023 1.30pm-3.30pm Wakefield Living with and managing anxiety

> 01/12/2023 10am-12pm Online

Living with and managing depression

05/12/2023 10am-12pm Online

Alcohol Awareness

05/12/2023 1pm-2.30pm Pontefract Developing
Resilience: the key
to self-management

08/12/2023 10.30am-12.30pm Online Rediscovering and renewing my Inner Values

26/01/2024 10.30am-12.30pm Online

Recognising burnout

21/01/2024 10am-12pm Online

Coping with pain

01/02/2024 10am-11am Online Time out to Refresh and De-stress

02/02/2024 10.30am -12.30pm Online

Feeling positive, busting stress

05/02/2024 2pm**-3pm Online**

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Online 16 - 25yr olds



Introduction to personality disorder

04/12/2023 10am-12.30pm Wakefield Introduction to scrapbooking for wellness

06/12/2023 1:30pm-3:30pm Wakefield Learning more about IBS

31/01/2024 10am-12pm Online

Celebrate
Wakefield's Year
2024 Exhibition

31/01/2024 - 07/02/2024 1pm-3pm Wakefield Youth First Aid

> 18/03/2024 11am-12pm Pontefract

More courses to come in 2024!

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