AVAILABLE HELP FOR TEENS IN NEED OF SUPPORT produced by Dr Alison Cowan Updated October 2019

- YC Hertfordshire (formerly Youth Connexions Hertfordshire) 13-19yr
 - o Admin base: Apsley Two: 01442 454060; 0800 389 3258
 - St Albans office: Catherine Street: open every afternoon and youth can drop in
 - o <u>Harpenden Youth Centre</u>
 - o <u>Pioneer Club</u>
 - o www.ychertfordshire.org
 - o http://www.mogolistings.org

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Helplines
 - o Saneline: 0845 767 8000: daily 6-11pm daily
 - o Samaritans: 08457 90 90 90
 - Shout: crisis texting service: text 85258; www.giveusashout.org
 - o Childline 0800 11 11
 - Single point of contact for child and adolescent mental health: 0300 777 0707
 - Hertfordshire Night Light service: helpline: Friday-Monday: 7 -1am: 01923 256391: 18yr+
- NHS Mental Health Apps: www.nhs.uk/apps-library/category/mental-health/
- Youth Talk 13-25yr: counselling service for those living, working or at school in St Albans district
 - 0 01727 868684
 - o www.youthtalk.org.uk
- Signpost/Urban Access: 10-25yr Dacorum district
 - o 01923 239495
 - o <u>administrator@signpostcounselling.co.uk</u>
 - o www.signpostcounselling.co.uk/
 - o **01442 252868**
 - o counselling@urbanaccess.org.uk
- HarpendenPlus Partnership
 - 0 07985 330941; 01582 623676
- Relate: North Herts
- Tilehouse Counselling: <u>www.tilehouse.org</u> 01462 440244 North Herts
- Signpost/open access: <u>www.signpostcounselling.co.uk</u> 01923 239495 Watford
- YCT (formerly Young ConcernTrust) www.youngconcern.com 01279 414090 Counselling: East Herts
- Rephael House: <u>www.rephaelhouse.org.uk</u> 0208 440 9144
- YC Hertfordshire Supporting You Programme: 11-17yrs https://www.ychertfordshire.org/about-yc-hertfordshire/make-a-referral/supporting-you-emotional-wellbeing-and-resilience-programme/
 - 12 CBT skills delivered over a weekly programme of 7 weeks
- Wellbeing team: 16+yr: free confidential talking therapy and practical support: via self-referral or GP: 28 days
- www.talkwellbeing.co.uk 0300 777 0707
- CAMHs/Public Health website: https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/
- CAMHs: www.hpft.nhs.uk/i-need-help-now 0300 777 0707
- THE MIX: <25YR: free confidential multi-channel service that aims to find young people the best help
 - o 0808 808 4994 (freephone 7 days a week 11am-11pm); www.themix.org.uk
 - One to one chat service



- Big White Wall early online intervention service: via self-referral or professional: 16+yr: www.bigwhitewall.com
- Get Connected: <u>www.getconnected.org.uk</u>
- Sane: <u>www.sane.org.uk</u> 0300 304 7000
- Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk;
- Mind: <u>www.mind.org.uk</u>: 0300 123 3393; text 86463: national charity
- Mind in Mid Herts: local charity supporting 16+yr with their mental health
 - o www.mindinmidherts.org.uk; 01727 865070
- Herts Mind Network: www.hertsmindnetwork.org
- Kooth: www.kooth.com : anonymous, confidential website where young people in Hertfordshire can go for help.
- Elefriends: <u>www.elefriends.org.uk</u> supportive online community
- Stem4: www.stem4.org.uk teenage mental health charity
- Childline: www.childline.org.uk
 - Childline For Me app: https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/for-me/
- Help for vulnerable people with additional needs
 - o **Guidepost Trust:** https://guideposts.org.uk/
- Mental Health Complex Needs service: http://www.turning-point.co.uk/hertfordshire-complex-needs-service.aspx
- Muslim youth helpline: www.myh.org.uk
- MeeTwo: Advice for teens from experts on any topic that is difficult to talk about: https://www.meetwo.co.uk/
- Mindfulness app for all ages: Smiling Minds; Headspace
- Help with anxiety:
 - o www.anxietyuk.org.uk 08444 775 774
 - Mindshift app: help with anxiety
 - o Clear Fear app: Help with anxiety management: https://www.clearfear.co.uk/
- Help with self-harm
 - o Harmless: www.harmless.org.uk
 - o SelfharmUK: www.selfharm.co.uk
 - Calm Harm app: https://calmharm.co.uk/
 - o distrACT app: advice about SH and suicide https://www.expertselfcare.com/health-apps/distract/
- Help with suicide
 - Hector's House: www.hectorshouse.org.uk information resource. Crisis texting service: text 85258
 - PAPYRUS: (Prevention of Young Suicide) support for young people up to age 35yrs
 - www.papyrus-uk.org HOPELINEUK: 0800 068 4141 10-10pm weekdays; 2-10pm weekends
 - o CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) charity to help prevent male suicide
 - www.thecalmzone.net
 - Maytree: provides residential space for people experiencing a suicidal crisis
 - www.maytree.org.uk 0207 236 7070
 - Stay Alive App: suicide prevention pocket resource
 - Help is at Hand: NHS resource www.supportaftersuicide.org.uk/help-is-at-hand
 - SOBS (Survivors of Bereavement By Suicide): national charity <u>www.uk-sobs.org.uk</u> 0300 111 5065
- Help with Eating Disorders
 - o The Eating Disorders Association: www.b-eat.co.uk
 - o The National Centre for Eating Disorder: www.eating-disorders.org.uk
- Help with addiction
 - Drug/alcohol issues
 - CGL: https://www.changegrowlive.org/young-people/spectrum-families-young-peoples-service
 - Frank 0800 776600: <u>www.talktofrank.com</u>
 - o Gaming addiction
 - https://www.priorygroup.com/addiction-treatment/gaming-addiction-treatment

Help with bereavement

- o www.thegoodgrieftrust.org
- o www.griefencounter.org.uk
- o www.cruse.org.uk
- o www.cruse-hertfordshire.org.uk
 - CRUSE bereavement care: 5-18year olds: 01707 264293
- o www.stand-by-me.org.uk: Bereavement support for young people and families in North Herts
- **Hub of Hope**: mental health database
 - o <u>www.hubofhope.co.uk</u>
- Help with mental health of all types:
 - JustTalk: https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx
 - Self-help leaflets
 - www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications
 - https://web.ntw.nhs.uk/selfhelp/
- SafeSpace Mentoring Programme: through HCC and referral through professional
 - Meet with a volunteer mentor for an hour a week for 3-6 months
 - o Opportunity to talk about anything they wish to discuss or want advice on

PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- Kids Hub: offers information and support to parents and carers of disabled children aged 0-25yrs in Hertfordshire
 - o 01923 676549 www.kids.org.uk
- **DSPL** (Delivering Special Provision Locally): information about support and services for children and young people 0-25yrs with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Hertfordshire
 - o www.dspl7.org.uk
- Help with contraception and sexual health
 - o In Hertfordshire: Sexual Health Hertfordshire
 - 0300 008 5522 www.sexualhealthhertfordshire.clch.nhs.uk
 - https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Health-in-Herts/Sexual-health/Sexual-health.aspx
 - o www.contraceptionchoices.org
 - o <u>www.brook.org.uk</u>
 - www.fpa.org.uk; https://sexwise.org.uk/
 - o www.sh24.org.uk: includes free sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing >16yrs
 - o <u>www.test.hiv</u>: HIV testing
 - o BISH: www.bishuk.com/about-bish: guide to sex, love and you for everyone over 14.
 - Scarleteen website: <u>www.scarleteen.com</u>: sex education for teens and emerging adults
 - www.riseabove.org.uk: useful stuff about sensitive issues
- Help for LGBT+ community
 - YCH LGBT website Young Pride in Herts: http://www.youngprideinherts.org/
 - o Switchboard: LGBT+ helpline
 - 0300 330 0630
 - www.switchboard.org.uk
 - Stonewall: national LGBT+ rights charity
 - www.stonewall.org.uk
 - Albert Kennedy Trust: charity for LGBT+ people who are homeless
 - www.akt.org.uk
 - Mermaids: help for transgender community
 - http://www.mermaidsuk.org.uk/

- Abuse including domestic abuse
 - Herts Sunflower: https://www.hertssunflower.org/herts-sunflower.aspx
 - o Herts SARC: Sexual violence or abuse https://www.hertssarc.org/
- Health for Teens and Kids website
 - o http://www.healthforteens.co.uk/
 - Herts Chat Health: Text 07480 635050
 - o http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/
- Weight Issues
 - BeeZee Bodies: http://beezeebodies.com/
 - Teenweightwise.com

PARENTAL SUPPORT

- Family lives: national family support charity: help and support in all aspects of family life
 - o 0808 800 2222 (formally Parentline Plus) www.familylives.org.uk
- Young minds: supporting and empowering young minds
 - o www.youngminds.org.uk; Parents@youngminds.org.uk
 - Helpline: 0808 802 5544: Mon-Fri 9.30-4pm
 - Parental advice and support for children up to 25yr
- MindEd: free educational resource on CYP with advice and information for families from experts
 - o Health Education England <u>www.minded.org.uk</u>
- HealthTalk online: www.healthtalk.org patient and parents' experiences
- NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk
 - o help@nspcc.org.uk) professional counsellors 24/7 offering help, advice and support if worried about a child
 - o 0808 800 5000)
- Vista: http://www.vistastalbans.org.uk/
 - o 07584 798528 vistastalbans@gmail.com
 - o Extra support for parents and their children through the schools
- Families Feeling safe: Protective Behaviours Service
 - o www.protectivebehavioursconsortium.co.uk
 - 01438 728653
 - o Protective Behaviours service 0-19yr
 - o Early Intervention service to improve emotional wellbeing of children and families
 - Aims to promote resilience in children, young people, and adults, using empowerment strategies, clear communication, and awareness of "safe" behaviours
- Families First: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst
 - https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Services/8348
 - 0300 123 4043
 - Help with behavioural problems: request assessment through SENCO/Family Support worker
- Families in Focus: Hertfordshire council-approved
 - o www.familiesinfocus.co.uk
 - o **01442 219720**
 - Free courses to build on parenting skills and anger management
 - www.hertsdirect.org/parentingsupport
 - Free parenting course through Hertfordshire county council to help and support

Families going through break up: services for parents

- o The Tavistock Centre: www.tccr.org.uk
- o www.separatedfamilies.info
- o <u>www.kidsinthemiddle.org</u>

Information on finding a therapist

- British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy
 - www.bacp.co.uk
 - 01455 883300
- UK Council for Psychotherapy
 - www.psychotherapy.org.uk
 - 0207 014 9955

Staying safe online

- o Childnet: www.childnet.com aims to make the internet a safe place for children and young people
- o Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP): https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/
- o The education programme from NCA-CEOP: UK organisation that protects children both online and offline
 - https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/
- o Safety Net Kids: http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk/personal-safety/online-safety/

• Information on Alcohol and Young People

https://alcoholeducationtrust.org/parent-area/