PERSONAL RESILIENCE

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Take Away Today

- Personal Resilience definitions
- What personal resilience is not!
- Healthy habits
- Well being websites and apps
- Who we are?
- What we do , where do we meet?
- How to access & refer for support



Personal Resilience Definitions

The process of **adapting well** in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or even significant sources of stress The American Psychological Association

The ability to **succeed**, to **live**, and **develop** in a positive way, **despite the stress** of adversity that would normally involve the real possibility of a negative outcome

NHS England



What Personal Resilience is not

- Its not the ability to **bounce back**
- Its not a **personality trait**
- Its not only our **reaction** to adverse events



What Personal Resilience is

- A continuum that may be present in different degrees across different domains of life
- The ability to maintain ones own wellbeing in the face of a challenge
- Something we can all work on and develop



Healthy Habits – 5 Ways To Mental Wellbeing





Healthy Habits – Connect

Building good relationships can help build a sense of belonging and increase our self worth

- Spending time with family
- Spending time with friends
- Volunteer





Healthy Habits – **Be Active**

Being active isn't only good for you physically, but can improve your mental wellbeing as the feel good chemicals are released.

- Go for a walk
- Join a club or exercise class
- Take up running (couch to 5k)





Healthy Habits – Keep Learning

Mind suggest taking yourself out of your comfort zone will boost your self esteem and give you a sense of purpose.

- Learning a language
- Learning to cook
- Take on a DIY project





Healthy Habits – Give

Research suggests acts of kindness can improve our own wellbeing

- Helping someone who is struggling
- Hold the door open
- Saying thank you





Healthy Habits – Take Notice

Paying attention to the present moment can improve our mental wellbeing

- Notice if you have unhelpful thinking styles
- Where is your self critic
- Be careful of comparisons





Healthy Habits – Take Notice

Mindfulness

• Learning to be more present

Mindfulness track 8 minutes

• <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUeEnkjKyDs</u>









Wellbeing Websites and Apps

- <u>www.getselfhelp.co.uk</u> this is a website which uses Cognitive Behavioural Therapy techniques providing a wealth of information on mental wellbeing
- <u>www.anxietyuk.org.uk</u> resources and further information

Apps

- Lets meditate this is a free app to download which has a straight forward approach to meditation
- **SAMApp** this is a free app to download on anxiety
- Insight Timer free app or paid subscription variety of meditations





Who we are – Counselling & Trauma Services

• Triage Role (currently vacant)

> Amanda Collins (part time) Christopher Williams Counselling and Trauma Advisor

Rachel Roberts Counselling and Trauma Advisor

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Who we are – Counselling & Trauma Services



Amanda Collins

Counselling & Trauma Advisor



Sian Willis

Counselling & Trauma Advisor



Christopher Thomas

Counselling & Trauma Advisor



Rachel Roberts

Counselling & Trauma Advisor

• Triage Role (currently vacant)



Our role – Day to day

- Confidential counselling for personal /work problems or external referral
- Debriefing for high risk roles eg Family Liaison Officers, Public Protection Units and more
- Guiding managers dealing with sensitive staffing issues
- Manage and co-ordinate Trauma Risk Management (TRiM) support



Our role – Day to day

- Psychological defusing following a major critical incident
- Presentations and other forms of **customised input** on stress education, awareness and management.
- Supporting wellbeing initiatives eg MIND Bluelight



How to access & refer for support

- Our service is available to **all** serving officers and police staff
- Referrals can be made via BOB
- Enter **counselling** in the search engine and the counselling assessment form will pop up in quick links.
- Complete details and overview and also complete the health questionnaire
- You will receive an **automated email** confirming we have received the referral
- Anyone can refer in but we do need the form on BOB to be **completed**



THANK YOU FOR LISTENING



