

Peer Support / Social Activities Overview and Application Form

What is Peer Support?

Peer support is when people use their own experiences to help each other. What happens during peer support sessions will depend on the type of activity individuals are involved with. The aim of peer support is to share your experiences with people who understand and respect you. Forms of peer support include:

- community groups
- mentoring
- befriending
- self-help groups
- online communities
- support groups

Support is based on sharing experiences and agreeing a reason for meeting. How you choose to meet up or connect with people is very flexible and depends on your personal preferences and what is important to you. A vital part of peer support is mutual respect; peer support aims to help both those giving and receiving support.

Benefits of peer support social activities

Peer support and joining in social activities can help reduce isolation and can improve an individual's emotional health, wellbeing and sense of belonging.

Outcomes

Improved resilience and skills for self-management

Improved mental health and emotional well-being

For individuals to feel there is hope, control and opportunity within their life

Course session duration: 1-3 hours per week

Length of access: Up to 13 weeks

Location: Kettering Mind / community

Please complete all parts of the application form including the questionnaires, and submit to:

Kettering Mind 49-51 Russell Street, Kettering, Northants, NN16 0EN

Or by email to: info@ketteringmind.org.uk

A Peer facilitator will be in contact with you, to discuss the next steps to accessing the service.

This overview sheet and the useful information/contact numbers on the reverse are for you to keep.

Useful Information / Contact Numbers

Kettering Mind Telephone: 01536 523216 (Office hours 9am – 4.30pm Mon – Fri)

Crisis cafes - available for anyone 18 years old or over who are finding themselves in a crisis or need support with their mental health. Ran by an NHFT mental health professional and a Mind peer support worker, they provide support and safety to anyone in need by offering coping mechanisms and management techniques to help reduce the risk of crisis.

As well as offering support, professionals can also refer and direct you to further services if required. They run across the county at various locations, please phone for further information

Corby 01536 267280

Daventry 01327 879416

Kettering 01536 523216

Northampton 01604 634310 / 624951

Rushden 01933 312800

Wellingborough 01933 223591

NHS Choices (non-emergency) Telephone: 111

Mind info line – Telephone: 0300 123 3393 for information on topics including:

- types of mental health problems
- where to get help
- medication and alternative treatments
- advocacy.

Mind Legal line – Telephone: 0300 455 6463 for information and general advice on mental health related law covering:

- mental health
- mental capacity
- community care
- human rights and discrimination/equality related to mental health issues.

Mind Blue Light Infoline – Telephone: 0300 303 5999 This line is just for emergency service staff, volunteers and their families and provides information on a range of topics including:

- staying mentally healthy for work
- types of mental health problem
- how and where to get help
- medication and alternative treatments
- advocacy, mental health and the law
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- existing emergency service support

Samaritans – Telephone: 116 123 They offer a safe place for you to talk any time you like, in your own way – about whatever's getting to you. You don't have to be suicidal.

CATSS – (Crisis and Telephone Support Service) Telephone: 0800 917 0454 a 24-hour a day telephone support service for people receiving support in Northamptonshire for mental health problems, their carers, families and friends. Our service helps when you feel unsafe, at risk, or unable to cope without support.

We're Kettering Mind, the mental health charity. We believe no one should have to face a mental health problem alone. We're here for you. Today. Now. Whether you're stressed, depressed or in crisis. We'll listen, give advice, and fight your corner.

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Application Form



Part 1

Personal Details			
Name			Date of Birth:
Gender	Male	Female	Ethnicity:
Daytime Tel No:		Mobile number:	
Address			
Do you give consent for us to leave messages relating to this course?			Yes / No
Do you have any access requirements?			Yes / No
Please confirm you have read the course overview and this is the course you are applying to attend			Yes / No
Do you give consent for us to send emails relating to this course?			Yes / No
If yes, please print your email address:			
How did you hear about this course?			
Please sign below to acknowledge and give consent to notes being recorded on Kettering Mind systems;			
Signature;			Date
About you			
A) What is your main difficulty around accessing social activities, and how long have you experienced this?			
What areas of your life are most affected? <input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> Finances <input type="checkbox"/> Home <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Health <input type="checkbox"/> Relationships <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)		What feelings are you most troubled by? <input type="checkbox"/> Sadness <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety / Panic <input type="checkbox"/> Stress <input type="checkbox"/> Shame or Guilt <input type="checkbox"/> Grief <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe)	

A) Have you had difficulties in the past and did you seek any help and support? If so what, or who helped?

B) What is important to you? (What aspirations do you have? what do you hope for? What benefits would you like to see in your life?)

C) Do you have any ethnic, gender, culture & diversity needs we can support you with whilst attending the course?

Part 2

Please fill in all the questionnaires, as it will help us tailor the course to the participants. We will ask participants to fill in identical questionnaires at the end of the course, for comparison.

Mental Wellbeing Questionnaire The Short Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-being Scale (SWEMWBS)

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u>, how often have you experienced any of the following:	None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Often	All of the time
I've been feeling optimistic about the future	1	2	3	4	5
I've been feeling useful	1	2	3	4	5
I've been feeling relaxed	1	2	3	4	5
I've been dealing with problems well	1	2	3	4	5
I've been thinking clearly	1	2	3	4	5
I've been feeling close to other people	1	2	3	4	5
I've been able to make up my own mind about things	1	2	3	4	5
SWEMWBS total score					

GAD7

Anxiety and Depression Questionnaires

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?		Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1	Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge	0	1	2	3
2	Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	1	2	3
3	Worrying too much about different things	0	1	2	3
4	Trouble relaxing	0	1	2	3
5	Being so restless that it is hard to sit still	0	1	2	3
6	Becoming easily annoyed or irritable	0	1	2	3
7	Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen	0	1	2	3
GAD7 total score					

PHQ-9

Over the <u>last 2 weeks</u> , how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?		Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1	Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2	Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3	Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4	Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5	Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6	Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7	Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8	Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed? Or the opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9	Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3
PHQ9 total score					

Q6 CORE10	I made plans to end my life in the last 2 weeks	NO	YES
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