

#### **Mental Health Policy**

#### Introduction

The policy is to be read in conjunction with Guardians UK Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy and the A-Z of Behaviour Guidelines in the Student Handbook, understanding that Guardians UK has a responsibility to provide a safe and secure environment in which children can thrive.

#### Background

When registering with Guardians UK, parents complete a Medical Form where they declare physical and mental health information about their child. Due consideration is given to this information and further enquiries may be made before confirming guardianship of a child by Guardians UK to ensure Guardians UK can fully support the child's needs. If necessary, an individual risk assessment may be undertaken. If relevant medical information has been omitted and is later discovered Guardians UK upholds the right to withdraw guardianship for that child, giving sufficient time for the family to seek more appropriate guardianship from another provider.

#### Provision of suitable host families

Guardians UK currently has 2 host families located in Somerset, where the primary carer is well trained and experienced in looking after young people with complex mental health needs so is potentially able to offer host family support for a young person at short notice in the right location.

## Storage & provision of student medication by host family

When Guardians UK host families are caring for students taking regular prescribed medication or students who have medical conditions, the primary carer will have been informed in advance and given the choice of whether to host or not. If the hosting is to go ahead, appropriate training and advice will have been given to the primary carer along with clear instructions on where to store the medication and how often and when to dispense it. The primary carer will keep a record of the medication and when it is dispensed.

Host families are expected to possess a basic First Aid kit and to provide medical care as they would to their own children. If a Guardians UK child were to have a known medical or dietary allergy this would be listed clearly on the information received by the host family and any training and advice provided.

Host families are encouraged to contact Guardians UK duty guardian during their hosting if they require any advice or support with the medical care of the child.

#### Working with schools

Guardians UK maintains open communications with key staff in schools with Guardians UK students and will support the school and the best interest of the child in all decisions regarding the welfare of the child. If a child were experiencing a mental health issue whilst at school Guardians UK would expect to be informed of that as early as possible, especially if it may lead to the student needing to leave school and spend time out of the boarding house. Guardians UK encourages early discussions so we can best manage each unique situation.

If a school insists that a student needs to be removed from their care for mental health reasons Guardians UK requires to be told the full circumstances before deciding whether a suitable host fanily can be found. Discussions will follow to ascertain if it is in the student's best interests to leave the school, and the school needs to understand they are responsible for informing the child's parents of this decision before the child is removed.

The school needs to complete a Guardians UK 'Student Removal Form' in full before Guardians UK will agree taking responsibility for the child. See Appendix A.

Once agreement has been reached between the school, parents and Guardians UK, Guardians UK will try to place the students with a suitable host family until either they are able to return to school or until they return to their own family home. Guardians UK will keep in very close contact with the host family whilst they are hosting a student displaying mental health needs.

If a suitable host family is not available and the child is unable to return to their parents' home immediately, then the child will stay with a Guardians UK employee until other arrangements can be made.

#### Working with parents/agents

In the best interests of the child and whilst respecting confidentiality, Guardians UK creates and maintains open communication with parents and agents. Guardians UK works closely with the parents to support the child whilst in school and if they are staying with a Guardians UK host family to facilitate the best outcome. If a young person has been excluded from school for mental health reasons and is staying with a host family, Guardians UK will encourage the parents to facilitate a speedy and safe return to the home country for the child and will work closely with them to deliver the child safely to the UK airport.

Where possible Guardians UK will facilitate interpreters to help both the parents and child better understand the situation and the options available to them.

## **Warning Signs**

Whilst appreciating all young people react differently in difficult situations below are some possible warning signs that a young person may be experiencing mental health issues:

- Excessive worrying or fear
- Feeling excessively sad or low
- Confused thinking or problems concentrating
- Extreme mood changes, including uncontrollable "highs" or feelings of euphoria
- Withdrawal from friends and activities

- Significant tiredness, low energy, or problems sleeping
- Emotional outbursts
- Substance abuse
- Feeling guilty or worthless

It any Guardians UK staff notice these changes of behaviour amongst the young people they are caring for they should report this to any member of the Guardians UK team or to Helen Lewis, Director & DSL. Staff will also signpost young people if appropriate to any of the support agencies listed in Appendix B – Mental Health Support List.

#### **Management of Disclosures**

Any disclosure made by a student needs to be taken seriously and the steps explained in the Guardians UK Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy need to be followed and referral should be made specifically to Appendices D (How to Respond to a Disclosure) & H (Cause for Concern Reporting Form) of that policy.

## **Mental Health Training**

As well as participating in regular Child Protection & Safeguarding Training, Guardians UK staff continually update their knowledge in areas such as Mental Health by attending relevant CPD and cascading the information to their colleagues at weekly meetings.

Up to date training logs are available for all Guardians UK employees upon request.

# Appendix A



#### **Student Removal Form**

For us to support our student in the best way possible, we request the following student removal form is completed in full. Please note that a representative of Guardians UK will not be able to collect the student until this form has been completed and returned to us by email to info@guardiansuk.com

School Name	
Student Name	
Date of Birth	
Reason for request for removal of student	
Has the student's parent been informed & are they in agreement?	
Has the student been assessed by a medical professional?	
Date of assessment if applicable	
Please provide a summary of assessment if applicable	
Is the student at risk of harm to themself?	
Is the student at risk of harm to others?	
Has the school followed its mental health & child protection procedures?	
Please provide full details of any medication	
How long do you expect the child to be away from school?	
Will the child be attending lessons as normal whilst away from boarding?	

Any other additional information we should be made	
aware of	
Staff signature & date	
Staff Name & job title	

# Appendix B – Mental Health Support List

Action for Children - Parent Talk	https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/
Parenting advice for parents/carers of 0-19 year olds, including parenting coaches.	
Activity Alliance	www.activityalliance.org.uk/about-us
Join members, partners and disabled people to make active lives possible. Challenges perceptions and changes the reality of disability, inclusion and sport.	
ADHD and You	www.ADHDandyou.co.uk
Resources & people to turn to about	Tel: 01256 894003
ADHD. Help to find what works for individual YP: To keep ADHD to	For general enquiries:
themselves, just involve their family	Shire Pharmaceuticals Limited
& ADHD management team, or to share their story with a friend or	1 Kingdom Street, London, W2 6BD
family.	
ADHD Foundation	www.adhdfoundation.org.uk
Health & education service offering support to people living with ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia and Tourette's Syndrome. Website has information & useful resources for CYP, adults, parents & professionals. Topics include: returning to school after lockdown; coping with feelings of anger; boundaries; MH; conflict resolution, self-care; 10 tips to support your teenager; EHCP & transition.	
Age UK	Tel: 0800 298 0579
For people alone who want to talk.	
Amaze	www.amaze.org
Gender issues, sex education, relationships.	
Anna Freud	www.annafreud.org
MH charity for children & families.	

## **Anxiety Canada**

Information, and programmes videos on the website to help reduce excess anxiety. Home management strategies and professionals providing help. Works with experts to increase awareness, promote education and improve access to evidence based resources on anxiety. Many free of charge, self-help, downloadable resources to support management of anxiety for young people, adults, new mothers, children.

## www.anxietycanada.com

## www.youth.anxietycanada.com

The "Mindshift" app can be downloaded via this website (anxietycanada.com/resources/mindshift-cbt/)

# **Anxiety UK**

For any form of anxiety, mild to severe. Fast access to reduced cost therapy and access to several specialist helplines.

## www.anxietyuk.org.uk

Helpline: 08444 775 774 (Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30)

# **Asperger's and ASD** (see also AUTISM section below)

Resources & links for professionals, parents & people with Aspergers.

# www.tonyattwood.com.au

# **2gether Assertive Outreach Team**

Help in a crisis. Develops supportive & therapeutic relationships with service users with severe enduring mental illness.

# 0800 169 0398 24hrs

# **Aston Project**

Works with 9-17 year olds to reduce harm, crime and anti-social behaviour. Helps inspire YP to make better decisions, utilise their skills, promote ethos of 'work for reward'.

## www.astonproject.co.uk

Email: <u>AstonProject@gloucestershire.pnn.police</u> (referral form online)

#### At a Loss.org

Website with information and support to find bereavement help, practical information, resources and free counselling via the livechat service, GriefChat.

### www.ataloss.org

Autism – The National Autistic	www.autism.org.uk
Society (see also The Girl with the Curly Hair Project)	<b>Helpline</b> : 0808 800 4104 (Mon-Thu 10am-4pm; Fri 9am-3pm
- Can , Tan T 10,000,	Email: autismhelpline@nas.org.uk
	Education Rights - Tel. 0808 800 4102
	Parent to Parent Support Line: Tel. 0808 800 4106 (freephone)
	Autism support nationwide helpline tel: 0800 031 5445
	Mon-Thu 9am-8pm
	Fri 9am-5pm
	www.autism.org.uk/earlybird
Early Bird programmes	
	EarlyBird (for parents with Autistic children under 5 years) and EarlyBird Plus (ages 4-9) are support programmes for parents and carers, offering advice and guidance on strategies and approaches for dealing with young autistic children. The EarlyBird Healthy Minds programme is a six-session parent support programme to help promote good mental health in autistic children.
Carol Gray's website	https://carolgraysocialstories.com/social-stories
Social stories and other resources.	
Barnado's	www.barnardos.org.uk
Provides a number of services to YP and families.	
Beat	www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk
Eating disorders support, recovery	I'm Supporting Someone (beateatingdisorders.org.uk)
information, support services.	Helpline: 0808 801 0677. Youthline: 0808 801 0711
Blue Cross for Pets	https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-bereavement-and-pet-loss
Pet bereavement and pet loss support. If you have lost, or are	Free Helpline: <b>0800 096 6606</b> (every day from 8.30am – 8.30pm)
facing saying goodbye to, a much loved pet and need somebody to	Email: pbssmail@bluecross.org.uk

talk to, our Pet Bereavement Support Service is here.	
Blurt it out	https://www.blurtitout.org/resources
Resources/information to help understand more about depression and lifestyle changes.	
Bristol Mindline	Tel: 0808 808 0330 (Wed-Sun 8-12 midnight)
Suicide helpline (Bristol and South Gloucestershire)	
British Dyslexia Association (BDA)	www.bdadyslexia.org.uk
Brook	www.brook.org.uk
Sexual health & wellbeing for under 25's. Emergency Contraception, Chlamydia screening under 25s. Advice for professionals on CSE, health & wellbeing, sexual behaviours traffic light tool, etc	
Bullying UK (see also Family Lives)	www.bullying.co.uk
Part of Family Lives service	
Cafcass	www.cafcass.gov.uk
The Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service is a non-departmental public body in England set up to promote the welfare of children and families involved in family court.	0300 456 4000 (Mon-Fri, 9-5, excluding BH)  www.cafcass.gov.uk/contact-us
CAMHS	www.CAMHS-resources.co.uk/websites
Link to lots of websites and resources	WEBSITES   CAMHS Resources (camhs- resources.co.uk)https://www.camhs- resources.co.uk/websites
Calm (Campaign against living	www.thecalmzone.net/
miserably)	Helpline: 0800 58 58 58
Helpline for men who are down or	
have hit a wall for any reason, who need to talk or find information and	
support. Open 5pm-midnight, 365 days a year.	
Christians agains poverty (CAP)	www.capuk.org

Tel: 01274 760720
Email: info@capuk.org
www.careconfidential.com
Tel: 0300 4000 999
www.carers.org/about-us/about-young-carers
For general enquiries, please email: info@carers.org
www.centrepoint.org.uk
0800 587 5158 or email supportercare@centrepoint.org
Text a School Nurse on: 07507 333 351
www.childbereavementuk.org
Tel: 0800 02 888 40
Helpline: <b>0800 028 8840</b> (Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm)
Email: support@childbereavementuk.org
Online Chat: https://www.childbereavementuk.org/booked-telephone-support
http://childdeathhelpline.org.uk/
Free Helpline: <b>0808 800 6019</b> (from mobile) / <b>0800 282 986</b> (Mon-Fri, 10am-1pm; Tue 1pm-4pm; Wed 1pm-4pm; Every evening 7pm-10pm)
Email: contact@childdeathhelpline.org
https://childmind.org
Topics A-Z   Child Mind Institute

ChildLine	www.childline.org.uk
(Also see app 'For Me')	Tel: 0800 1111
Support on abuse, bullying, family issues	
Childnet	www.childnet.com/
Sexual harassment 13-17 years. To help make the internet safe	<b>Tel</b> : <u>+44 (0)20 7639 6967</u>
	Email: info@childnet.com
CHUMS	www.chums.uk.tics-and-tourettes
Tics and Tourettes support	
Citizen's Advice Bureau	www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Advice on a range of issues, including money, work, debt, consumer, housing, family, law, immigration, health.	Tel: (insert your local number)
Crime stoppers	Tel: 0800 555 111
To report any crime or child exploitation	
Cruse Bereavement Care	www.cruse.org.uk
(See Hope Again for the youth	Email helpline: helpline@cruse.org.uk
(See Hope Again for the youth website)  The free national helpline offers a listening ear and emotional support to anyone who has lost someone they love, or been affected by a bereavement.	Email helpline: <a href="mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk">helpline: 0808 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm (excluding bank holidays)</a> , with extended hours on Tue, Wed and Thu evenings until 8pm).
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website)  The free national helpline offers a listening ear and emotional support to anyone who has lost someone they love, or been affected by a bereavement.  Ditch the Label  Anti-Bullying Charity. Provides emotional, psychological and physical support to those who are impacted by bullying in offline and	Helpline: 0808 808 1677 (Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm (excluding bank holidays), with extended hours on Tue, Wed and Thu evenings until 8pm).  https://www.ditchthelabel.org/ Helpline: (01273) 201129 (We're in the office between 09:00 – 17:30)
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Website: <a href="mailto:www.guardiansuk.com">www.guardiansuk.com</a> Email: <a href="mailto:info@guardiansuk.com">info@guardiansuk.com</a> Tel: +44 (0)1823 703199

Support on health for schools, parents/carers, and health professionals.	
Family Links	www.familylinks.org.uk/
Online support and nurturing programmes. Good ideas and resources.	
Family Lives	www.familylives.org.uk
Advice on family issues and bullying. 24 hour helpline.	Tel: 0808 800 2222 (Mon-Fri 9am-9pm; Sat-Sun 10am-3pm) www.bullying.co.uk
Fearless	www.fearless.org/en
Non-judgemental info and advice about crime and crimality. A safe place to give info about crime anonymously. Also has a section for professionals, with resources to use with YP and info about:	
Weapons, CSE, Theft/ Robbery, Criminal damage, Violence, Gangs (County Lines), Drugs, Abuse, Cybercrime.	
Genderbread	www.genderbread.org
A teaching tool for breaking the big concept of gender into bite sized pieces.	
Get Connected	www.getconnected.org.uk
Provides private rehabilitation to	Tel: 0203 993 5571
treat drug and alcohol addiction, and process addictions like gambling, sex & love and eating disorders	Email: info@getconnected.org.uk
Get Self Help	www.getselfhelp.co.uk/anxiety.htm
Website provides CBT self help & therapy resources, worksheets, information sheets and self help mp3s.	
GIDS	www.tavistockandportman.nhs.uk/care-and-treatment/our-
The Gender Identity Development Service (GIDS) is for children/YP	clinical-services/gender-identity-development-service-gids

and their families, who experience difficulties in the development of their gender identity. It's a national specialised service, based in	
London and Leeds.	Tel: 020 8938 2030/1 Email: gids@tavi-port.nhs.uk
Gingerbread	www.gingerbread.org.uk
Support for single parents.	Tel: 0207 428 5400
Grief Encounter	www.griefencounter.org.uk
A free service that supports bereaved children and young people.	Helpline: 0808 802 0111 (Mon - Fri 9-9). Can chat via website.  Email: contact@griefencounter.org.uk
	For advice & guidance, email: ecounselling@griefencounter.org.uk
НарруМарѕ	www.happymaps.co.uk
Worried about a YP's behaviour or mental health and not sure what's normal? Signposting to books, websites, counselling and parent groups.	
harmLESS	www.harmless.org.uk
For those who have contact with YP who are self-harming. Designed to help you talk about self-harm with a YP so that you can decide what support might be helpful.	
Headway	www.headway.org.uk
Promoting life after brain injury.	Tel: 0808 800 2244
Hollie Guard	www.hollieguard.com
Turns phone into a personal safety device. If in danger, a shake or tap activates Hollie Guard and sends your location and audio/video evidence to your emergency contact. A second shake sends out a high pitched alarm and the flash starts to strobe.	
Intercom Trust	www.intercomtrust.org.uk
A lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans charity working across Cornwall, Devon, Dorset and South West,	Helpline: 0800 612 30100

providing support, advocacy,	
counselling, training, info, groups, online directory, etc.	
Kidscape	www.kidscape.org.uk
Advice about bullying for children and parents.	Tel: 0171 730 3300
Kooth	www.kooth.com/
Free advice and support. Counsellors.	Mon – Fri 12pm – 10pm; Sat–Sun 6pm – 10pm
Live, Life, Well	www.live-lifewell.net
Suicide prevention, med info, self- help (depression, anxiety, sleep), 16-19 year old section.	
Exercise Well/Eat Well/Manage Well	
Socialise Well/Think Well	
ManKind	Tel: 01823 334 244
Men's Advice Line	www.mensadviceline.org.uk
Helpline for men experiencing domestic violence from a partner or	Freephone: 0808 801 0327 (free), Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
ex-partner (or from other family members).	Email: info@mensadviceline.org.uk
Mermaids	www.mermaidsuk.org.uk
A safe place for young trans people (up to 20 yrs) to find support & help one another.	Helpline: 0808 801 0400 (Mon-Fri 9am-9pm)
(up to 20 yrs) to find support & help	
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(up to 20 yrs) to find support & help one another.  Mind  Information, advice and support for young people with a mental health problem and their carers.	Helpline: 0808 801 0400 (Mon-Fri 9am-9pm)  www.mind.org.uk  Tel: 0300 123 3393  Text: 86463  www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-
(up to 20 yrs) to find support & help one another.  Mind  Information, advice and support for young people with a mental health problem and their carers.  Sleep support.	Helpline: 0808 801 0400 (Mon-Fri 9am-9pm)  www.mind.org.uk  Tel: 0300 123 3393  Text: 86463  www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/sleep-problems/

Info and resources relevant to common psychological problems. Self-help guides and websites.	
Moodjuice	www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk
Online support for a range of issues, e.g., anxiety.	www.moodjuice.scot.nhs.uk/obsessioncompulsion.asp.ocdin fo
Muslim Youth Helpline	Tel: 0808 808 2008
NCDV (National Centre for	www.ncdv.org.uk
Domestic Violence)	Freephone: 0800 970 2070
Free, fast emergency injunction service to survivors of DV regardless of their financial	Text: Text "NCDV" to 60777 and we'll call you back
circumstances, race, gender or	
sexual orientation	To Make A Referral:
	Tel: 0207 186 8270 or 0800 970 2070 (Press option 1)
National Citizen Service (NCS)  For 16-18 year olds. Helps build skills for work and life, while taking on new challenges and meeting new friends. Runs in spring, summer and autumn. Short time away from home taking part in a team community project. Brings together YP from different backgrounds & helps them develop confidence, self-awareness & responsibility. Encourages personal & social development.	https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/national-citizen-service
National Domestic Violence Helpline	https://www.refuge.org.uk/get-help-now/phone-the-helpline/
For women experiencing DV, their family, friends, colleagues & others calling on their behalf. The Helpline gives support, help & info, wherever the caller might be in the country. Female helpline support workers & volunteers. Confidential. Translation facilities & a service for callers who are deaf or hard of hearing.	Tel: 0808 2000 247 (Freephone, 24 hours)
National Self-Harm website	www.nshn.co.uk

www.nhs.uk
Tel: 111
www.nhs.uk/livewell/depression/pages/depressionhome.asp x www.nhs.uk/conditions/suicide
www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression
www.nipinthebud.org
www.nopanic.org.uk
Youth Helpline Tel: 0330 606 1174 (3-6pm Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri; 3-8pm Thu; 6-8pm Sat)
NSPCC helpline: 0800 136 663 Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact our professional counsellors for help,	www.nspcc.org.uk
advice and support.	Tel: 0808 800 5000
ChildLine offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help.	NSPCC FGM helpline: <b>0800 028 3550</b>
	18 or under, contact ChildLine free: Tel: <b>0800 1111</b>
Parent Support Link	https://www.parentsupportlink.org.uk/
Supporting & informing families & friends of people who use drugs and alcohol.	Helpline: <b>023 8039 9764</b> (24/7)
Place2be	www.place2be.org.uk
MH resources for schools.	Mental health resources for schools - Place2Be
<b>Pregnancy Choices Directory</b>	www.pregnancychoicesdirectory.com
Help for those facing unplanned pregnancy or following an abortion.	
Prospects	www.prospects.co.uk/What-We-Do
Advice and guidance on employment and skills. Support to vulnerable YP to help reduce risk, keep them safe and improve their life chances. Education and learning for early years, schools and prisons.	
RAE (Relationships, Advice, Education)	Tel: 08456 029 035 - project coordinator
Workshops to schools & groups, complimenting the school curriculum. Identify healthy & not healthy relationship, abuse, forced marriage, fgm, who to contact.	
Rainbow Trust	www.rainbowtrust.org.uk
Supports families who have a child aged 0-18 years with a life threatening or long-term illness.	Tel: 01372 363438

Refuge	www.refuge.org.uk
Support & advice for women & children on dealing with domestic violence.	Free Helpline: <b>0808 2000 247</b> (24-hour)
Relate	www.relate.org.uk
Help with challenging relationships,	Tel: 0300 100 1234
problems with friends, parents, teachers, or in love life. Confidential space to express thoughts, feelings and emotions. Live Chat service connects to a counsellor who will listen & help find solutions to get life back on track.	Email: relate.enquiries@relate.org.uk
Relax Kids	www.relaxkids.com
Child relaxation training, classes and resources. Online mindfulness.	
Riprap	www.riprap.org.uk
Support for teenagers when a parent or carer has cancer.	
Royal College of Psychiatrists	www.rcpsych.ac.uk/healthadvice/parentsandyouthinfo/parent scarers/worriesandanxieties.aspx
Samaritans	www.samaritans.org.uk
For emotional support to people in	
despair and potential suicide	Free 24-hour helpline: 116 123
SAMM (Support after Murder and	www.samm.org.uk
Manslaughter)	Tel: 0121 471 1200
UK Charity supporting families bereaved by Murder and Manslaughter. Advice and training	
to many agencies on issues relevant to the traumatically bereaved.	
Sane	www.sane.org.uk
Saneline suicide helpline.	Helpline: 0300 304 700 (4.30pm-10.30pm every day)
Provides practical help, emotional support and specialist information to individuals affected by MH problems, their family, friends and carers.	Textcare: comfort and care via text message, sent when the person needs it most: <a href="https://www.sane.org.uk/textcare">www.sane.org.uk/textcare</a> Peer support forum: <a href="https://www.sane.org.uk/supportforum">www.sane.org.uk/supportforum</a>

Self-Injury Support (see also	www.selfinjurysupport.org.uk
Rethink and National Self Harm)	Tel: 0117 927 9600
Support for professionals. Improving support and knowledge around self-injury	Email: info@selfinjurysupport.org.uk
Sexting Advice	www.swgfl.org.uk/magazine/Managing-Sexting-
SWGfL is a charitable trust that specialises in supporting schools, agencies and families to effect lasting change with the safe and secure use of technology. Educational online safety tools, services and resources. Works closely with UK and International Governments & Agencies; organisations and technology providers in advising and shaping policy, practice and legislation.	Incidents/Sexting-Advice.aspx  SWGfL Main Office Tel: 0345 601 3203  Email: enquiries@swgfl.org.uk  https://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools  https://parentzone.org.uk/
Shelter	https://england.shelter.org.uk/
Housing & homelessness. Helpline for someone who has nowhere to sleep, might be homeless soon, have somewhere to sleep but nowhere to call home, could be at risk of harm, or feels very overwhelmed about their housing situation	Free helpline (open every day): 0808 800 4444 (for urgent need of housing advice –8am – 8pm on weekdays; 9am – 5pm on weekends)
Shout	Text SHOUT to 85258
24/7 text service for anyone in crisis, not coping, and needing immediate help. Support for anxiety, depression, abuse, panic attacks, suicidal thoughts, self-harm, relationships, bullying.	
Sibs	www.sibs.org.uk
For brothers and sisters of disabled children and adults.	Contact online
SmiRA (Selective Mutism Information and Research Association) Support for professionals.	www.selectivemutism.org.uk/ www.selectivemutism.org.uk/information/information-for- professionals/

# **Social Prescribing Service** Contact details for further information www.england.nhs.uk/personalisedcare/social-prescribing Local agencies (GP, pharmacies, multi-disciplinary teams, hospital discharge teams, health professionals, fire service, police, job centres, Social Care, housing, voluntary, community and social enterprise – or by self-referral) to refer people to a link worker who will give them time and focus on 'what matters to me', taking a holistic approach. Works for those with long-term conditions; who need support with their MH; who are lonely or isolated; who have complex social needs which affect their wellbeing. Stem4 www.stem4.org.uk Anxiety and depression, eating, Calm Harm app (see apps at end of list) self-harm, addiction support **Stress and Anxiety in Teenagers** www.stressandanxietyinteenagers.com Online support for stress and how to manage it. **Stroud Beresford Group** www.stroudwomensrefuge.co.uk Refuge and outreach DV. Tel: 01453 764385 Students against depression www.studentsagainstdepression.org Students Against Depression is a website offering advice, information, guidance and resources to those affected by low mood, depression and suicidal thinking. **Suicide Crisis** contact@suicidecrisis.co.uk **Sunflower Suicide Support** www.sunflowerssuicidesupport.org.uk Based in Stroud. Help families who have sadly lost people to suicide. They have a website and an advice line. **SurvivorsUK** www.survivorsuk.org

Text helpline: 020 3322 1860

Helps sexually abused men (aged 13 and above), as well as their friends and family, no matter when the abuse happened. Talk to Frank www.talktofrank.com Tel: 0300 123 6600 information, advice and support about drugs. Text: 82111 www.talktofrank.com/treatment-centre/youth-support-teamgloucester Link for alcohol/drug information cards which can be given out to young people and their families/carers: www.gscb.org.uk/media/1671/workbook\_cards\_screenprints-56954.pdf The Calm Zone www.thecalmzone.net Free nationwide helpline: Tel: 0800 58 58 58 & webchat (5pm-The Campaign Against Living Miserably. Online support, helpline midnight every day) & webchat for young men from 15 Webchat is available on the website (same times as the years with low mood. Suicide helpline). prevention. Information & support. For anyone who needs to talk about life's problems. Support for those bereaved by suicide through the Support After Suicide Partnership (SASP) The Children's Sleep Charity www.thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk Supporting children with sleep Tel: 01302 751 416 issues. Support for families and Email: info@thechildrenssleepcharity.org.uk accredited training and leaflets for professionals and commercial organisations. The Girl with the Curly Hair Project http://thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk Supports people on the Autistic Join the community on Facebook Spectrum and the people around Email: alis@thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk them. or fill out the contact us form. Not just for girls, we have also helped thousands of Spiky Haired Boys too! Resources used by psychiatrists, GPs, psychologists,

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teaching

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counsellors

professionals. You'll need to	
subscribe and pay for this.	
The Hideout	www.thehideout.org.uk
Online support to help children understand domestic abuse.	
The Lullaby Trust	https://www.lullabytrust.org.uk/bereavement-support
Information and advice about safe baby care to reduce the risk of cot death. How to support a grieving sibling.	Helpline: 0808 802 6868 (10am-5pm, Mon-Fri; Tue & Thu 7-9pm; weekends and bank holidays, 6pm-10pm)
	Email: <u>support@lullabytrust.org.uk</u>
The Mix	www.themix.org.uk
Support on all issues for under 25's	Tel: 0808 808 4994 (11am-11pm)
(mental health, homelessness, drugs, money, abuse, bullying, etc).	Crisis text line 24/7 by texting THEMIX to 85258
	Email or chat online (4pm-11pm) via the website.
The Sleep Council	www.sleepcouncil.org.uk
An impartial advisory organisation that raises the awareness of the importance of a good night's sleep to health and wellbeing and provides helpful advice and tips on how to improve sleep quality and create the perfect sleep environment.	info@sleepcouncil.org.uk  Tel (for admin): 01756 791089  Freephone leaflet line: 0800 018 7923  Fax: 01756 798789
The Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust (see GIDS)	www.tavistockandportman.nhs.uk
TIC+ (Teens in Crisis)	www.ticplus.org.uk
Face to face and online counselling for 9-21 year olds. Works closely with CYPS.	Email: admin@ticplus.org.uk
	Tel: 01594 372777 (office opening hours: Mon & Wed 9am-4pm and 6-8pm; Tue & Thu 9am-1pm and 6-8pm; Fri 9am-3pm; Sun 6-8pm
	<u>Text support: 07520 634063</u>
Parent Support & Advice Line for parents of children aged 0-25 years.	Parent Support & Advice Line: 0800 652 5675
	www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers
	Mon & Wed: 5pm-9pm; Tue & Sat: 9.30am-1pm.

TICS	www.nhs.uk/conditions/tics/treatment/#selfhelp
Support for YP with tics.	
Time To Heal	
Works with homeless people in hospital.	
TOP (Triumph Over Phobia)	www.topuk.org
Self-help groups in Cheltenham & Glos.	
Tourette Syndrome	https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/tourettes-syndrome/
Voice Collective	www.voicecollective.co.uk
UK-wide, London-based, project	Email: info@voicecollective.co.uk
that supports CYP who hear voices, see visions, have other 'unusual'	Tel: 020 7911 0822
sensory experiences or beliefs.	
Support for parents/families. Training for youth workers, social workers, MH professionals, etc.	Not able to provide immediate crisis support, so if you need to talk with someone urgently, please call Childline (0800 1111) or NHS 111.
	If you're an adult looking for a peer support group near you, visit: <a href="https://www.hearing-voices.org">www.hearing-voices.org</a> for support groups across the UK, and <a href="https://www.intervoiceonline.org">www.intervoiceonline.org</a> for support groups in other countries.
Winston's Wish	www.winstonswish.org.uk
Bereavement service.	National helpline: 08088 020 021.
Women's Aid	https://www.womensaid.org.uk/
National charity working to end domestic abuse to women and children.	For information and support, email:  helpline@womensaid.org.uk, or contact a local domestic abuse service by using the Domestic Abuse Directory: www.womensaid.org.uk/domestic-abuse-directory
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk
Website with a range of information	Young person looking for help and support
for YP, their families and practitioners, including tips, advice	Text the YoungMinds Crisis Messenger, free 24/7 support
& guidance for support during the	across the UK if you are experiencing a mental health crisis.
Covid-19 pandemic, such as anxiety about returning to school;	If you need urgent help <b>text YM to 85258</b>
struggling with self-isolation & social distancing and for those who have lost a loved one due to	Parent Help Line: 0808 802 5544

coronavirus. They also provide a parents' helpline, which is contactable by phone, webchat or email.	
Youth Access	www.youthaccess.org.uk
Advice, counselling, money, rights. Works closely with Government, NHS, academic and voluntary sector to improve youth MH policy.	Tel: 020 8772 9900 Email: admin@youthaccess.org.uk
Zero Suicide Alliance (ZSA)	
Suicide Awareness Training.	
ZERO TO THREE	https://www.zerotothree.org/parenting
Works to ensure that babies and toddlers benefit from the family and community connections critical to their well-being and development. Healthy connections help build babies' brains.	