

How to look after your Mental Health

- **1. Talk about your feelings**

- Talking about your feelings can help you stay in good mental health and deal with times when you feel troubled.

- **2. Keep active**

- Regular exercise can boost your self-esteem and can help you concentrate, sleep, and look and feel better. Exercise keeps the brain and your other vital organs healthy, and is also a significant benefit towards improving your mental health.

- **3. Eat well**

- Your brain needs a mix of nutrients in order to stay healthy and function well, just like the other organs in your body. A diet that's good for your physical health is also good for your mental health

- **4. Drink sensibly**

- Drinking plenty of water will help us to stay hydrated.

- **5. Keep in touch**

- There's nothing better than catching up with someone face to face, but that's not always possible. You can also give them a call, drop them a note, or chat to them online instead. Keep the lines of communication open: it's good for you!

- **6. Ask for help**

- None of us are superhuman. We all sometimes get tired or overwhelmed by how we feel or when things don't go to plan.
- If things are getting too much for you and you feel you can't cope, ask for help. Your family or friends may be able to offer practical help or a listening ear.
- Useful support groups to help you are www.mind.org.uk, www.kooth.com, www.mentalhealth.org.uk

- **7. Take a break**

- A change of scene or a change of pace is good for your mental health.
- It could be a five-minute pause from cleaning your bedroom, a half-hour lunch break at work, or a weekend exploring somewhere new. A few minutes can be enough to de-stress you. Give yourself some 'me time'.

- **8. Do something you're good at**

- What do you love doing? What activities can you lose yourself in? What did you love doing in the past?
- Enjoying yourself can help beat stress. Doing an activity you enjoy probably means you're good at it, and achieving something boosts your self-esteem

- **9. Accept who you are**

- We're all different. It's much healthier to accept that you're unique than to wish you were more like someone else. Feeling good about yourself boosts your confidence to learn new skills, visit new places and make new friends. Good self-esteem helps you cope when life takes a difficult turn.

- **10. Care for others**

'Friends are really important... We help each other whenever we can, so it's a two-way street, and supporting them uplifts me.'
Caring for others is often an important part of keeping up relationships with people close to you. It can even bring you closer together.

10 Practical Ways To Look After My Mental Health.

