News from Justlife
a Frontline Network Partner

Coronavirus (COVID-19) email update (14th April)

We hope this update finds you and your services doing ok and you all found some time to try and enjoy some of the Easter weekend at home.

Find listed below some more updates you may find helpful, including the link to the new VRF Emergency Fund - see the National News section below for details.

And, again, do let us know if you have any updates from your service that you would like us to share - email: kate@justlife.org.uk

Kate and Simon
Brighton & Hove Frontline Network Team

Local news

Cell Groups in response to COVID-19

As you may or may not know the local authority set up a number of cell groups to help deal with the response to COVID-19. The groups relate to everyone one in the city but some are either specifically related to homelessness or cover issues faced by those who are homeless.

Those that we know of are listed below, if you hear of others please let us know so we can keep a list, and if you want the contact details for people running the groups please contact Simon.

- Homelessness
- Voluntary & Community Sector Homelessness & Rough Sleeping Providers (Sub group)
- Food
- Vulnerable People
- Vulnerable Accommodation
- PPE
- Digital Inclusion

Sussex CCGs - COVID-19 Virtual Training for Providers

The Sussex CCGs Infection Prevention and Control team are offering a number of weekly virtual training sessions.
PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE FOR PROVIDERS.

Topics include:

- What is Corona Virus?
- Transmission
- Hand hygiene Personal Protective Equipment

Free Training - 'How can I provide remote digital skills support?'

Diversity & Ability are partnering with Citizens Online to deliver some Free training. The session will focus on the software tools available to help provide remote support during this time - with an emphasis on accessibility and meaningful support.

Thursday 16th April at 11 am

You can register via Eventbrite.

NHS Homeless Team update

Click here for the latest NHS Homeless Team update.

Food & Supplies for People

Mungo's and Brighton & Hove Rough Sleeping Commissioning team are overseeing meals and food for those rough sleepers placed in accommodation as part of the COVID-19 response.
Access to triage for rough sleepers is via Streetlink or by emailing Brighton SOS BrightonSOS@MUNGOS.ORG

Others who need help with food can contact the local authority portal and

they will be able to access the food distribution hub being run by The Food Partnership across the city. https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/request-help-yourself-or-someone-else

Justlife are continuing to work with other agencies to deliver food to people in emergency accommodation in partnership with the food hub once it is up and running. If you or your organisation are able to help out please contact Martin Coll at martin@justlife.org.uk

Brighton and Hove Food Partnership are constantly updating their website with food providers. https://bhfood.org.uk/coronavirus-update/

Some more tips for those working from home

CharityJob have produced some guidance for managers and their teams about working from home.

Digital Brighton & Hove

And don't forget to click here for the latest updates from Digital Brighton & Hove. There are helpful resources and guides both for us and those we support, plus details of grants to access etc.

Wellbeing

Homeless Link are hosting a free webinar - **Feel Good Friday - five elements of emotional wellbeing and COVID-19** on Friday 17th April 10am click here to book.

New Blog - next week we will be sharing the first of a series of blogs about how we can look after our wellbeing during this time from Abby Perrins:

Abby worked as a frontline worker in homelessness and drug and alcohol services for 7 years - she has since trained as a counsellor and is passionate about using her experience and training to support frontline workers in managing their wellbeing. She facilitates reflective workshops for frontline workers in wellbeing and self care and was due to deliver a workshop as part of our Wellbeing Forum that we postponed last month.

Brighton & Hove City Council main COVID-19 page

here is the link to the Council's main COVID-19 page.

National news

National Frontline Network Team:

St Martin-in-the-Fields Charity is pleased to announce the launch of the VRF - Emergency Fund. Details and how to apply are all on this link:
Apply to the VRF - Emergency Fund Today

C-19 Frontline Worker Support Forum.
Join the C-19 Frontline Worker Support Forum Today!

Homeless Link Resources and Information

Online Network:
COVID-19 Homelessness Response Online Network. Non members request to join from this webpage.

Webinars/training:
Homeless Link are running weekly online sessions:
Feel-Good-Friday (free) and **Training Tuesday** (see listing for prices)
Click here for details...

...and here for a link to the recent previous webinars and other resources.

Find out what other local networks are doing across the UK, read the latest **stories**, search for **events** and explore what **funding** opportunities are available to you as a frontline worker.

You can also sign up to the latest news from the national Frontline Network **here**.

The Brighton & Hove Frontline Network

The Brighton and Hove Frontline Network is for local frontline workers who support people experiencing homelessness to come together and share ideas and expertise.

The Brighton and Hove Frontline Network is hosted by <u>Justlife</u> and is part of the national <u>St Martin's Frontline Network</u>.

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