

# PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID-19: THRIVE LDN COMMUNICATIONS TOOLKIT

# **Updated Monday, 12 April 2021**

- This toolkit has been updated for use throughout the pre-election period.
- We have identified emerging issues for partners to consider which can be shared at this time.

# Using this toolkit

Please explore the below web copy and digital messaging for your own communications to help signpost Londoners to appropriate resources and guidance during this time.

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In this document (Ctrl + Click on link to go directly to that section):

# 1. Key messages to share on digital channels

- NHS wellbeing webinars running until 5 May
- New article: Dealing with change as lockdown restrictions ease
- Reassurances and support moving out of lockdown
- Building Londoners' emotional resilience (including BSL resources)
- Support for sudden bereavement
- Suicide prevention training

# 2. Suggested content for web and newsletters:

Standard text for newsletters and/or offline copy

# NHS wellbeing webinars – running until Wed, 5 May

# The following is suggested copy for web pages and newsletters

#### 1. 125 words

# NHS wellbeing webinars return for a new series

Thrive LDN and partners are running another series of live wellbeing webinars designed to support people with the emotional impact of the pandemic.

Two live webinars will take place each week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until the 5th of May. The free, hour-long sessions are led and delivered by Emily Gardner, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist, East London NHS Foundation Trust.

Led by a trained NHS professional, the webinars offer you the chance to explore ideas and strategies to support your mental health and wellbeing, in a safe and welcoming environment. Topics include managing wellbeing, low mood and burnout, worry and fear, and sleeping difficulties, as well as keeping well whilst working from home, and mindfulness.

To register and explore the full schedule, visit <u>Thrive LDN's website</u>.

### 2. 300 words

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Thrive LDN and partners are running another series of live wellbeing webinars designed to support people with the emotional impact of the pandemic.

The coronavirus pandemic has had a huge impact on our wellbeing, with many people feeling anxious about its impact on them and their loved ones. Many also have concerns about as we ease out of lockdown and the future.

Two live webinars will take place each week, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until the 5th of May. The free, hour-long sessions start from the principle that it's normal and okay to feel upset, anxious or confused at times. However, there are things we can all do to support our mental health and wellbeing during this challenging time.

The Coping Well During Covid webinars are led and delivered by Emily Gardner, Cognitive Behavioural Therapist, East London NHS Foundation Trust. Topics include managing wellbeing, low mood and burnout, worry and fear, and sleeping difficulties, as well as working from home, and mindfulness.

Whether you are joining the webinars for the first time or took part in the webinars when they were <u>first</u> <u>launched</u> and are looking for a refresher, they will offer you the chance to explore ideas and strategies to support your mental health and wellbeing, in a safe and welcoming environment, led by a clinician.

As one participant said: "It was excellent. Emily presented the information in an engaging, caring, fun, non-judgemental, open and supportive manner. I had been a little apprehensive in advance but soon felt at ease because of the way the information was conveyed."

Live webinars take place on Tuesdays at 12.30pm and Wednesdays at 4pm. So, you can pick either a lunchtime or afternoon session each week. To register and explore the full schedule, visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com/nc/40/2016/">Thrive LDN's website.</a>

# Webinar schedule:

- 1. <u>Managing Wellbeing</u> webinar recording now online
- 2. Working from Home and Staying Well webinar recording now online
- 3. Managing Worry and Fear

- Tue 13 April, 12.30pm
- Wed 14 April, 4pm

# 4. Managing Low Mood and Burnout

- Tue 20 April, 12.30pm
- Wed 21 April, 4pm

# 5. Sleeping Better

- Tue 27 April, 12.30pm
- Wed 28 April, 4pm

# 6. Mindfulness

- Tue 04 May, 12.30pm
- Wed 05 May, 4pm

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# You can download bespoke graphics for each of the above topics:

- Wide (Twitter and Facebook compatible)
- <u>Square</u> (Instagram feed compatible)
- Tall (Instagram stories compatible)
- x2 promotional videos for the series



# Instagram

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http://thriveldn.co.uk/resources/coping-wellduring-covid/

You can also find the link in @ThriveLDN's bio.

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#CopingWellDuringCovid #London #LowMood #Sleep #Sleeplessness #Wellbeing #MentalHealth #Anxiety

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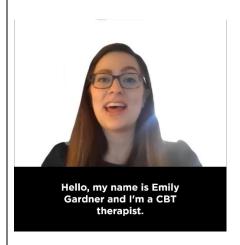
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# New article: Dealing with change as lockdown restrictions ease

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Thrive LDN's new blog article discusses the possible emotions and concerns Londoners may be dealing with as we come out of lockdown, and some tools and resources that may help.

Visit: https://thriveldn.co.uk/2021/04/12/dealing-with-change-as-lockdown-restrictions-ease/

Twitter 1	You may have a mix of feelings and emotions as we begin to ease out of lockdown. Whatever you're feeling is valid.  It's normal to feel upset, anxious or confused. But help and support are available if you need it. Read @ThriveLDN's latest blog for more https://thriveldn.co.uk/2021/04/12/dealingwith-change-as-lockdown-restrictions-ease/	SOMETIMES WE FEEL SAD, ANGRY, TIRED, WORRIED, UNSURE, SCARED AND THAT'S OK
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# Reassurances and support moving out of lockdown

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### Support available from Thrive LDN Twitter 1 When times are uncertain, it's understandable to experience a rollercoaster of emotions. Now more than ever Remember, there are a range of free before, we need to resources, online tools, and helplines be kind to ourselves available to help you deal with uncertainty and and to each other. stay mentally healthy. Don't be afraid to talk to someone. Support is available for whatever you are going through. Find out more \$\frac{1}{2}\$ http://thriveldn.co.uk/resources/tools-andresources-to-help-your-mental-health-andwellbeina When times are uncertain, it's understandable Instagram Now more than ever before, to experience a rollercoaster of emotions. we need to be kind to ourselves and to each other. Remember, there are free resources, online tools, and helplines available to help you deal Don't be afraid to with uncertainty and stay mentally healthy. talk to someone. Support is available for whatever you @ThriveLDN's website has a range of are going through resources to help you help your mental health and wellbeing, and some ways to get support if you are finding things hard. Follow the link in @ThriveLDN's bio. **Facebook** When times are uncertain, it's understandable to experience a rollercoaster of emotions. Now more than ever before, we need to Remember, there are a range of free be kind to ourselves resources, online tools, and helplines and to each other. available to help you deal with uncertainty and Don't be afraid to talk to someone. Support is available for whatever you are going through. stay mentally healthy. Thrive LDN's website has a range of resources to help you help your mental health Accounts to tag: @thriveldn and wellbeing, and some ways to get support if you are finding things hard. Find out more \( \frac{1}{2} \)

http://thriveldn.co.uk/resources/tools-and-resources-to-help-your-mental-health-and-

wellbeing

# Good Thinking - London's digital wellbeing service

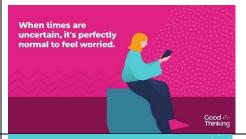
#### **Twitter**

When times are uncertain or things are changing, it is perfectly normal to feel worried.

London's digital wellbeing service, @GoodThinkingUK, has a range of free apps & resources to help if you have anxiety, low mood, sleeping difficulties or stress.

www.good-thinking.uk





# Instagram

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London's digital wellbeing service, @goodthinkinguk, provides a range of free apps, blogs, videos and resources to help if you have anxiety, low mood, sleeping difficulties or stress.

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#MentalHealth #Wellbeing #London #Londoners #Support





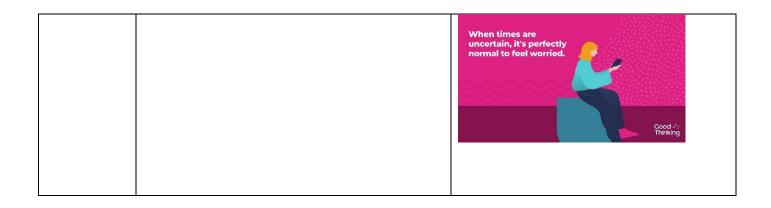
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# **Building Londoners' emotional resilience (resources include BSL interpretation)**

A fundamental part of the public mental health response to the pandemic needs to be continuing to normalise what Londoners' are experiencing and supporting them build on the strength and resilience they already have. The following can be used over the coming month for what may be a challenging period as we approach anniversary points of the pandemic.

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# Building Emotional Resilience with Dr Radha – now with BSL

# Twitter

Resilience is our ability to bounce back and adapt to stressful circumstances.

@ThriveLDN's worked with NHS GP & wellbeing expert @DrRadhaModgil to give you invaluable ideas and tips on how to stay resilient.

Now available with #BritishSignLanguage

www.thriveldn.co.uk/resources/emotional-resilience

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#### Instagram

Our ability to adapt well to the stress of life, as well as being able to bounce back from adversity, crises or trauma, is often referred to as emotional resilience.

Several Londoners told @dr\_radha what tops up their resilience: "I take the first and the last hour of the day and don't use any technology. Small things like that can make a difference."

Take 20-minutes to learn more and hear expert advice from Dr Radha on how to stay resilient.

Link available via @ThriveLDN or www.thriveldn.co.uk/emotionalresilience

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Did you know there are simple things you can do to top up your resilience reserves when you're running low?

Take 20-minutes to learn more and hear advice from Dr Radha, NHS GP and wellbeing expert, on how to stay resilient:

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# building emotional resilience





# Support for sudden bereavement

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#### Twitter

Bereavement is one of the most challenging things that we can experience, affecting us all.

@ThriveLDN's resource is there to help if you, or someone you are supporting, is grieving the sudden death of someone close. Remember, you're not alone.

https://thriveldn.co.uk/resources/support-after-sudden-bereavement

Sudden bereavement can bring about feelings of shock, disbelief, and difficulty accepting the loss of your loved one.

Knowing that these reactions are normal can help you to cope.



Other options available within the <u>Thrive LDN</u> <u>Comms Toolkit Dropbox</u>

## Instagram

Bereavement is one of the most challenging things that we can experience, affecting every one of us.

If you have experienced loss for any reason, the anniversary of the first lockdown may well intensify your feelings and emotions.

Please know that you are not alone. Help and specialist advice is available.

Explore @ThriveLDN's resource to help if you, or someone you are supporting, is grieving the sudden death of someone close.

Visit: thriveldn.co.uk/bereavement

We are living through extraordinary times and it is easy to feel isolated

Please know that you are not alone.



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# Instagram story

Link / swipe to <a href="https://thriveldn.co.uk/resources/support-after-sudden-bereavement">https://thriveldn.co.uk/resources/support-after-sudden-bereavement</a> using the following images:

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# Suicide prevention training

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# Suggested content for web and newsletters

# 1. Standard text for newsletters and/or offline copy

This standard text can be adapted for e-newsletters and bulletins. We advise that it becomes a standing item during periods when more restrictive safety measures are in place as people experience heightened anxiety. Below is both a full and concise post.

# [CONCISE - 60 words] Resources to help your mental health and wellbeing

It is perfectly normal to feel upset, anxious or confused at times. Whatever you are feeling is valid.

Support is available through a <u>range of free resources</u> and online tools to help you cope and stay mentally well. If you need urgent help or feel more comfortable talking to someone you don't know, then use one of the following helplines.

# [FULL - 200 words] Resources to help your mental health and wellbeing

It has never been more important for each of us to think and talk more about mental health and wellbeing, and to seek support when needed.

Our ability to adapt well to the stress of life, as well as being able to bounce back from adversity, crises or trauma, is often referred to as **emotional resilience**. Watch a <u>new 20-minute training video</u>, hosted by Dr Radha Modgil, NHS GP and campaigner for wellbeing, on how to keep your resilience 'topped up' through various simple techniques.

There is support available for whatever you are going through. In London, there is a range of support available now from Good Thinking, Every Mind Matters, and NHS wellbeing webinars.

Or if you feel more comfortable talking to someone you do not know, then try the following helplines:

- **Samaritans** are here when life is difficult. They won't judge you or tell you what to do, they're here to listen so you don't have to face it alone. Call the free, 24-hour listening service on 116 123.
- **Shout** is the UK 's first 24/7 text messaging service for anyone in crisis. Text Shout at any time to 85258 to start a conversation with a trained volunteer.