



Stroud Lead Practitioner Newsletter

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Welcome to the third Extra edition of the Stroud Lead Practitioner newsletter. During this challenging and unpredictable time, we understand how important communication between partner agencies are. To support you, we will continue to send out weekly newsletters outlining updates to services and any support available for families.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Claire (07825 734396), Jose (07768 796939) and Anita (07920 270274)

CSE Team Update

The CSE team is a small countywide resource, at this time of uncertainty we will continue to support social worker's who are working with young people who are vulnerable to sexual and criminal exploitation. We are continuing to accept CSE Screening Tools and can discuss these via email. Our office is currently not in use so please do not call us on the main office number. Our current contact details are provided below. We are still able to attend virtual meetings and provide advice, guidance and support to practitioners.

We understand that in this current climate, with children and young people spending more time at home and on social media, there is a growing concern around online child exploitation. Parents can access Thinkuknow.co.uk to understand how to keep children and young people safe. There will be lots of advice on the website.

We also advise everyone to keep sending in intelligence report forms.

Our best contact details are: annmarie.o'loughlin2@gloucestershire.gov.uk & Jodie.turton@gloucestershire.gov.uk

STREET Update

We are continuing to accept referrals however all support will now be offered remotely (telephone, Skype, Whatsapp). Young people whose circumstances are considered to be high and medium risk and need support from our YPDVA will be given priority and responded to within 1 day or 7 days respectively.

All group programmes have been postponed and we are still looking for a way to deliver the Crush programme remotely.

We will not be operating a waiting list for face to face 1:1 support at this time. For new referrals where there is no current risk and remote and future group support is not appropriate we will be working with the referrer to provide ongoing advice and resources to carry out work with the young person themselves.

Rebecca Twydell – Service Manager

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Tappy Twins

Tappy Twins are pleased to be able to offer 1-2-1 sessions and online support with a qualified counsellor/therapist to your most vulnerable young people and their family, to ensure that they get support when they need it most.

For those that are truly struggling we can offer a secure 1-2-1 session online, via our helpline. In addition they would also get access in between their sessions as well.

Any children, staff or parents that need our support can be set up with a specific time each week, the same way they would when we are in school. They would login to our system and the sessions can then take place.

If you would like further information, please contact :

Suzanne Skeete on
07507 228319



 teenline

Family Group Conferencing Team

Continuing to support families either via phone calls or facetime depending on what is best for families. They will continue to do a plan with the family and make contact with extended family/friends.

The number to call for any queries is 01242 532353.



Care packages – we have launched and so far delivered about 50 care packages to vulnerable young people and families in the county, those needing essential such as food, toiletries, baby milk etc... this is young people in supported housing, families who are now unemployed and many vulnerable young people who are living alone. We are working on supporting the county council with their care package distribution scheme moving forward in addition to this

Link Chat – we have set this service up offering vulnerable young people the opportunity to register with us to receive a care call (as often as required) to ensure they have someone to talk to, check in they are ok and discuss coping strategies during this difficult time.

Mindfulness – we have launched a daily zoom mindfulness session for young people

Active Links – our active links programme is now on zoom with two fitness sessions taking place a week which any young people 16-25 can log into and take part.

Counselling – we have moved all our existing counselling offers online so Linked up, linked up+ are all now providing services to our clients using zoom and phone. We are continuing to take referrals to these programmes as normal.

Detached youth work – we have launched a detached youth work programme in partnership with the police to educate young people on the need to stay home and stay safe, in addition we are seeking to identify young people who are vulnerable and need support to stay safe and feed them in to our other programmes



Our online grants application process is live!

We have created new online application forms which can be accessed directly through the Barnwood Trust website.

We hope this will make grant applications more accessible for everyone. The new system will also help our Grants Team streamline the application process. It will reduce paper forms allowing us to process applications more quickly and to organise all the information simply and efficiently in our shiny new database.

Here is the link to apply for the grant: <https://barnwoodtrust.flexigrant.com/>

For those who still want to access paper applications; you can do so through the Grants Team by emailing grants@barnwoodtrust.org or calling 01242 539935.



Dazzle are a local drama and dance group that are offering online free dance sessions for children and their families For more information please check out the website at

www.dazzleworkshops.co.uk/dazzle-dance



Offices are now closed but if you need to speak to someone call 0808 800 0510 or email via

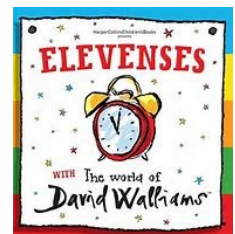
www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswolds.org.uk/stroud-cab-email-advice-php



Have been preparing meals free of charge and can deliver to those in the Stroud areas, that cannot get to the supermarket, receive deliveries or who are in need financially. Please contact info@fifthdimension.org.uk

Some things to do if parents are stuck on ideas!

David Walliams— Elevenses with the world of David Walliams—Free audio story every day 11am for 30 days. <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>



INTERNET SAFETY FOR FAMILIES



Online Safety Activities for all age groups

<http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

Facebook Window Wonderland Trail – This weeks theme is “Encouraging the World” and Next weeks is “Easter”. Create and display themed pictures for your window for other children to find on their daily walks.

24th March - Space
30th March - Encouraging the world
6th April - Easter
13th April - Silly faces
20th April - Animals
27th April - Flowers
4th May - Rainbow hearts