

Caring for yourself while you care for others:

A toolkit for nursing ambassadors to look after their own health



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Caring for yourself:

A toolkit for nursing ambassadors to look after their own health

This toolkit was designed especially for ambassadors by the health charity C3 Collaborating for Health. Through its NURSING YOU programme, C3 has spoken with over 450 nurses who have made it clear: it's hard to look after ourselves when we're so focused on caring for our patients. With the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic, prioritising our own health seems even more out of reach, yet remains vital.

COVID-19 has also amplified the profound inequalities that our black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) colleagues and patients face daily. The physical and psychological toll that racism and discrimination exert on a person's health and wellbeing cannot be overstated. Racism is absolutely not tolerated in the NHS. As nurses and ambassadors we have a duty to actively stand against racism, which starts with each one of us and also must include systemic changes. NHS England and NHS Improvement are working to address racism through these key areas.

Thanks to feedback about the toolkit from our ambassadors, and an extensive review led by our ambassador colleagues in the Midlands region, we have incorporated a wider range of relevant apps, websites, and podcasts that recognise the cultural differences and preferences within health and wellbeing. Resources for additional health topics have also been included, such as for menstruation. Through this toolkit we hope you find a resource that will help you put your needs first, and that you can go on to share with your patients and communities.

Remember, there are also multiple support offers available at national level, and more in development. You may want to keep an eye on The NHS People website and also the NHS Horizons hosted health and wellbeing webinars including the #Caring4NHSPeople Online Community.

You can follow both on social media <u>@people_nhs</u> | <u>@HorizonsNHS</u> and using the hashtags #Caring4NHSPeople | #OurNHSPeople





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Active 10

Make exercise easy with this free walking tracker app

What is it?

The free Active 10 walking tracker app is a simple way to take away the guesswork of how active you have been.

By using the sensors in your device, the app anonymously records every minute of walking you do, even if those minutes are spread out across the day. Just pop your phone in your pocket and away you go!

It will then show you how much brisk walking you're doing and how you can do more. The app is easy to use and helps you set goals for the day.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use

Created by:

OneYou (Public Health England)

Reviews:



"As someone who has never run I would say this app has the potential to change lifestyles. I get a huge sense of well-being after every run."

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Couch to 5K

A free app that takes you through a nine week programme to get you off the couch and running a 5K

What is it?

An app that gives the user stepby-step instructions and coaching to get them walking and running a 5K in just nine weeks. It provides motivation and advice from a choice of five trainers, and also allows the user to track their progress throughout the nine weeks. *Couch to 5K* gives advice and tips throughout the journey, and connects the user to like-minded people through its community forum.

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Mobile Application – FREE to download / use offers in-app purchases to access MyFitnessPal Premium

Reviews:



"I love that you can scan in what you eat, track your progress, your friends can join which means you can develop your own support network."

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MyFitnessPal

A free app that allows you to track your food intake and calories with ease, and record your physical activity

What is it?

MyFitnessPal is an app that allows users to log their food and calorie intake, physical activity, number of steps and make goals. The app allows the user to chart their progress in terms of physical activity, weight loss and nutrition.

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Created by:

OneYou (Public Health England)

Reviews:



"The meal ideas are varied but not complicated making them useful every day. I feel encouraged to try a variety so healthy eating isn't boring."

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Easy Meals

A free app that allows you to search for delicious and simple recipes to cook for breakfast, lunch and dinner

What is it?

Easy Meals is app that gives
easy calorie counted recipes and
meal ideas; saves recipes; offers
information on healthier choices
and provides a shopping list feature
to help the user keep
track of what they need by
emailing ingredients and saving
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Podcast – FREE to access

Reviews:



"Fabulous: some really inspirational topics discussed here."

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The Food Medic

A podcast that offers expert advice from leading professionals on how we can live healthier, happier lives

What is it?

A free podcast, hosted by Dr Hazel Wallace – medical doctor, personal trainer, blogger and author – where experts in their field are interviewed on evidence-based advice from female hygiene, to diet, to exercising and stress.

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Podcast – FREE to access

Reviews:

★★★★★ 5/5

"Great Podcast."

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The Doctor's Kitchen Podcast

A podcast with a specific focus on what you can eat to promote good health

What is it?

A free podcast, hosted by Dr Rupy Aujla – GP and author – who interviews experts in health, nutrition and well-being on healthy eating to how to prevent disease and illness.

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MAXIMUS UK & C3 Collaborating for Health

Reviews:



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NURSING YOU

A free app designed by nurses exclusively for nurses to support their well-being and weight management goals

What is it?

Designed by nurses, for nurses: NURSING YOU is an exclusive app to help nurses care for themselves so they can keep doing what they do best - caring for others. Now in its second year, the NURSING YOU app comes from a partnership with MAXIMUS UK. Building on MAXIMUS' digital well-being platform, NURSING YOU enables nurses to reflect on how they make decisions at work and to identify well-being goals, such as how to help maintain a healthier weight or drink more water.

The app includes well-being assessments, tracking functions, and recipes and health tips.

For 2019, C3 and MAXIMUS are adding one-to-one health coaching. This unique 12-week behavioural change programme will better support nurses on their weight-loss journey, as health coaches help decide on goals, track progress and help nurses push through relapses.

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Vitamin D – NHS Guidance

Free guidance from the NHS on the importance of Vitamin D to help regulate the amount of calcium and phosphate in the body

What is it?

Free guidance from the NHS on the importance of Vitamin D including sources of Vitamin D and advice on supplements.



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Public Health England

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The Eatwell Guide

The Eatwell Guide from Public Health England helps you get a balance of healthier and more sustainable food. It shows how much of what you eat overall should come from each food group

What is it?

The Eatwell Guide shows the proportions in which different types of foods are needed to have a well-balanced and healthy diet. The proportions shown are representative of your food consumption over the period of a day or even a week, not necessarily each meal time.

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Eat Well

The *Eat Well* pages from the NHS cover healthy eating advice for the general population including food & diet, recipes and tips and digestive health

What is it?

Eating a healthy, balanced diet is an important part of maintaining good health, and can help you feel your best.

This means eating a wide variety of foods in the right proportions, and consuming the right amount of food and drink to achieve and maintain a healthy body weight.

This website from the NHS covers healthy eating advice for the general population.

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We Are Undefeatable

We Are Undefeatable is a movement supporting people with a range of long-term health conditions, developed by 15 leading health and social care charities.

What is it?

Being undefeatable is understanding that how you feel can change from day-to-day, that everybody's situation is unique, and that moving more when you can is just as important as accepting when you can't. We believe that every achievement, no matter how small it might seem to someone else, is worth celebrating.

The campaign website brings together partners who reach people living with: arthritis, some long-term limiting mobility conditions, Alzheimer's, asthma, back pain, cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/ lung condition, dementia, heart disease, stroke, hypertension (or other heart related condition), long-term depression or anxiety, MS, Parkinson's, type 1 diabetes and type 2 diabetes.

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Join the movement

Tips, advice and guidance on how to keep or get active in and around your home. Join the Movement and share how you're getting active during this time

What is it?

Join the Movement is our brandnew campaign, funded by The National Lottery, giving you the advice and tools you need to help you do this while the country deals with the coronavirus outbreak.

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This Girl Can

This Girl Can celebrates active women focussing on physical activity for women and girls

What is it?

Research shows that many women are put off taking part in physical activity due to a fear of judgement – this might be about the way the look when they exercise, that they're not good enough to join in or they should be spending more time on their families, studies or other priorities.

This Girl Can website seeks to tell real stories of women who get active or play sport in the way that's right for them using images that show what activity really looks like.

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Mobile Application – FREE to download / use offers in app-purchases for monthly and annual subscription

Reviews:



"Calm gives you a toolbox with multiple different tools that you can use in various situations. I love it and highly recommend it to anyone."

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Calm

An app that offers guided meditations, sleep stories, breathing programmes and stretching exercises

What is it?

Calm is app that aims to reduce stress levels and improve quality of sleep through a range of inbuilt services. These services include: guided meditations; sleep stories; breathing programs; stretching exercises; and relaxing music.

The app features a daily 10 minute programme of Daily Calm; a 7 and 21 day mindfulness programme for beginners and advanced users and allows the user to track their progress by recording their mindfulness (meditation) minutes.

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Podcast – FREE to access

Created by:

OneYou (PHE)

Reviews:



"Great Podcast."

SLEEP

Sleep Life

A podcast designed to help you unlock your sleeping potential

What is it?

A free podcast that provides advice on how sleep interacts with daily life such as relationships and nutrition, and provides tips and tricks on how to get a better night's sleep.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use

Reviews:



"I appreciate this app so much. I've always had anxiety when my daily responsibilities have overwhelmed me. But the breathing exercises and 'retraining my brain' with positive thoughts has been life changing. Thank you."



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Thrive: Mental Well-being

An evidence-based app to prevent and manage stress, anxiety and related conditions

What is it?

Developed in the UK by specialists with many years of clinical experience, the app uses easy-to-learn, clinically proven techniques to help live a happier, more relaxed, stress-free life.

The app helps to monitor mood and teaches relaxation techniques such as meditation and deep muscle relaxation that – with practice – have shown to help people cope better with stressful situations. It also has a 'thought trainer' programme based on cognitive behavioural therapy to help manage negative thoughts.

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Mobile Application -FREE to download; offers in app-purchases for subscription

Created by:

Researchers at University College London using evidence and theory from the field of behavioural science

Reviews:



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Headspace: Meditation and Sleep

An app offering mindfulness and meditation techniques with the aim of improving focus and decreasing stress and anxiety

What is it?

Headspace is an app that provides a completely free 'basics' course to teach the fundamental techniques of meditation and mindfulness, with the aim of reducing stress.

After completing the 'basics' course, users have the chance to gain access to the full Headspace meditation library by subscribing (monthly / annually). The app offers guided meditations on topics such as focus, exercise, sleep and 'everyday headspace' to help tackle all aspects of daily life.

"This app has 100% helped me to manage my mental health for the better and has encouraged me to appreciate life. Cannot praise this app enough. Absolute life changer."

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CIPD (Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development)

Resources developed to support those experiencing stress and mental ill health issues and sets out practical steps that employers can take to create a mentally healthy workplace

What is it?

Factsheet:

Mental health in the work place

Gives an overview of mental health issues in the workplace. It provides guidance on supporting employees' mental health at work, including spotting early signs of mental health issues, training line managers, and promoting a good work-life balance. The factsheet emphasises the importance of making adjustments at work and offers guidance on providing specialist clinical and professional advice for employees who need it.

Guide:

People managers' guide to mental health

Produced in collaboration with MIND. This guide is designed to support anyone involved in managing people, from line managers in large organisations to owner-managers of small firms. It includes practical guidance such as checklists and templates for facilitating conversations about mental health that are easily adaptable for different workplace environments and relationships.

Poster:

Let's talk mental health

Poster available to download and print. It is designed to help raise awareness of the ways in which colleagues can support each other's mental health at work.

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2 Websites + 2 PDF resources

Created by:

OneYou (PHE)

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Mental Health at Work

A set of resources that offer a starting point in looking out for healthcare workers' mental health

What is it?

Toolkit:

Four free resources – two websites and two PDF documents:

Creating healthy workplaces: a toolkit for the NHS

How are you feeling, NHS?

How to be mentally healthy at work

Everything you need to know about sickness absence: mental health

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Mobile Application – FREE to download; offers in app-purchases for additional audio track

Created by:

Positive Rewards Ltd. (Approved by NHS Digital)

Reviews:



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Feeling Good: positive mindset

An app that provides a programme based on positive psychology and the principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT)

What is it?

Feeling Good is an app that provides a programme based on positive psychology and the principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). The audio tracks on the app combine deep relaxation with resilience techniques to promote focus and mental clarity. Themes covered by the tracks include: mindfulness; body relaxation; and confidence boosting.

"Highly recommended: This app is amazing and has really helped me turn negative thoughts into positives."



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Videos – **FREE** to watch

Created by:

RCN Nursing in Justice and Forensic Health Care Forum

Reviews:

"Every nurse needs this."

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Time and Space

Short videos created for nursing staff providing mindfulness techniques to practice as part of a daily routine

What is it?

Six, seven-minute videos created for nurses to coach them on mindfulness techniques that they can practice at multiple points during the day. Each video is linked to a stage of the working day.



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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download

Reviews:

★★★★★ 4.5 / 5

"This has helped me so much to calm me down and get through things."

MENTAL HEALTH | SELF-CARE

InnerHour – Live Happier

An app that facilitates self-care, giving you the tools to combat depression, anxiety, stress and more

What is it?

InnerHour is an app that helps to create a space for self-care by providing the user with tools and techniques – utilising cognitive behavioural therapy – to help manage stress, anxiety and depression.

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Reviews:



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Reflectly

A personal journal app that enables you to deal with negative thoughts, learn self-care and happiness

What is it?

Reflectly is an app that uses positive psychology, mindfulness and cognitive behavioural therapy and allows the user to create stories in a personal journal and reflect on each day.



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Available online – Wellness Action Plan FREE to download

MENTAL HEALTH AT WORK

Taking Care of Yourself

Small, simple steps you can take and look after your mental health at work

What is it?

An online resource outlining evidence-based steps to well-being; tips and information on how to look after mental health at work and a free Wellness Action Plan – a guide for employees (available to download), which includes an electronic interactive template and information on how to approach the subject of employee well-being with managers.



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Podcast – **FREE** to access

Reviews:



"Fantastic."

"Podcast I listen to most."

MENTAL HEALTH | STRESS | ANXIETY | SLEEP | DIET

Feel Better, Live More

A podcast that provides easy health life-hacks and expert advice to give you tools to manage stress, sleep, eating habits and more

What is it?

A free podcast, hosted by Dr Rangan Chatterjee - a GP, author and TV Presenter - who interviews experts and provides easy, lifestyle and health hacks; from mental health, to gut health, to stress, to mindfulness.

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Reviews:



"Utterly inspiring, motivating, life changing."

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Happy Place

A free podcast that promotes ways to find joy in every-day life

What is it?

A free podcast, hosted by Fearne Cotton, who interviews famous people on the tools they use to promote their own well-being and positive mental health.

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Mobile Application -Liberate has partnered with the NHS to offer you a **FREE** subscription until December 2020

Created by:

Zen Compass, Inc.

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Liberate meditation

Liberate Meditation offers culturally sensitive and diverse meditations and talks that have been curated for the BAME community

What is it?

Liberate is the #1 meditation app for the Black, Indigenous, and People of Color community. Listen to dozens of guided meditations to ease anxiety, find gratitude, heal internalised racism and micro-aggressions and celebrate Blackness.

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The Black, African and **Asian Therapy Network**

This website provides a list of free counselling specifically set up to serve the BME community

What is it?

The UK's largest independent organisation to specialise in working psychologically, informed by an understanding of intersectionality, with people who identify as Black, African, South Asian and Caribbean. The primary focus and area of expertise is to support people from these heritages.

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Course -FREE to access

Created by:

Maudsley Learning

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COVID-19: Psychological Impact, Wellbeing and Mental Health

Short 3-week course exploring the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on wellbeing and mental health at an individual, group and societal level

What is it?

Improve your understanding of the psychological impact of COVID-19.

The coronavirus pandemic is placing unprecedented mental strain on people around the world. You may be caring for someone vulnerable, struggling with finances, at risk yourself, or even grieving a loved one. All our lives have been affected.

On this course, you'll identify the factors specific to COVID-19 that impact our wellbeing and mental health – at an individual, group and societal level.



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Website -FREE to use

Created by:

NHS People

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A guide to good sleep

A guide to good sleep for clinicians and healthcare professionals

What is it?

COVID-19 has changed the way we all live and work. For those working in healthcare, especially those on the frontline, this stressful period may present a real challenge to both mental health and to sleep. Sleep is a cornerstone of our health and so protecting it is important. This brief guide aims to help that.

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Mobile Application – FREE access for NHS staff using code NHS2020

Created by:

SilverCloud

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SilverCloud is a leading digital mental health company. Their programmes are used globally by over 300 healthcare providers, health plans and employers

What is it?

Programmes offered include: space from COVID-19, space for resilience and space from stress.

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Mobile Application -**FREE** to access

Created by:

Grassroots Suicide Prevention

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#StayAlive

The *Stay Alive* app is a suicide prevention resource for the UK, packed full of useful information and tools to help you stay safe in crisis

What is it?

You can use it if you are having thoughts of suicide or if you are concerned about someone else who may be considering suicide. The app includes:

- A safety plan with customisable reasons for living
- A LifeBox where you can store photos and memories that are important to you
- Strategies for staying safe and tips on how to stay grounded when you're feeling overwhelmed
- Guided-breathing exercises and an interactive Wellness Plan

The app also links you directly to local and national crisis resources, with space to add in your own as well.

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Mobile Application – Big Health is offering FREE access to Daylight for all NHS staff until 31 December, active now.

Created by:

Big Health

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Daylight

Daylight is a smartphone-based app that provides help to people experiencing symptoms of worry and anxiety, using evidence-based cognitive behavioural techniques, voice and animation

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Mobile Application – They are offering **FREE** access to NHS staff until the end of December 2020, active now.

Created by:

Unmind

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Unmind

Unmind is a mental health platform that empowers staff to proactively improve their mental wellbeing

What is it?

Using scientifically backed assessments, tools and training you can measure and manage your personal mental health needs, including digital programmes designed to help with stress, sleep, coping, connection, fulfilment and nutrition.



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Online programme – **FREE** to download

Created by:

C3 Collaborating for Health through funding from the **Burdett Trust for Nursing (2019)**

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NURSING YOU

Resources to help nurses implement changes in their work environments to better support nurses' health

What is it?

Designed by nurses for nurses, C3's NURSING YOU programme has spoken with over 450 nurses about how to engage nurses in becoming healthy lives champions. It includes 7 steps to implementing NURSING YOU at nurses' organisations and changing work environments to better support nurses' health, including a fact sheet about nurses' health, template letters for managers, Twitter kit, flyers and an access to food at work survey.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use

Created by:

Public Health England

Reviews:



"This great app helped to motivate me and kept me going when I needed a bit of extra support!"

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NHS Smokefree

A free app to assist you in stopping smoking with a four-week programme of daily motivation and support

What is it?

Smoke Free is app that provides a four-week programme that includes practical support, motivation and advice to help stop smoking. Features include daily support messages; badges to reward progress; a savings calculator and tips to help quit smoking.

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Website – **FREE** to use

Created by:

Action on smoking and health

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Fact sheet from action on smoking and health

What is it?

This fact sheet includes the latest data and evidence on tobacco use by ethnic minorities in England, Wales, Great Britain and the UK (differences due to the population covered by each data source).

It includes:

- Smoking prevalence by ethnicity and nationality
- Smokeless tobacco
- Shisha
- The health impacts of tobacco use among ethnic minorities

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Website – FREE to use

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Evidence into practice: Supporting Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) populations

This briefing is intended to act as a guide for local authorities, NHS organisations and others working with smokers to support them to consider the needs of BME smokers

What is it?

It provides an overview of current differences in smoking rates between different populations, barriers to accessing quit support or engaging with quit messaging and insights into use of different tobacco products by different populations. It provides case studies to support practice and areas to consider as organisations are developing local approaches.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use

Created by:

OneYou (Public Health England)

Reviews:



"I find this a really good way of reminding myself not to drink! It is non judgemental and low key – just a private little nudge."

ALCOHOL

Drink Free Days

A free app to help you track and reduce your daily alcohol consumption by nominating Drink Free Days

What is it?

Drink Free Days is an app that records and tracks alcohol consumption. It also allows the user to nominate Drink Free Days in order to reduce their weekly alcohol consumption. The app provides daily motivation and advice to reduce alcohol consumption, delivers reminders, and provides information on the impact of alcohol on the wallet and the waistband.



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Website

Created by:

OneYou (PHE)

Reviews:



"It is a good App and I really like the fact I can see when I am walking briskly."

ALCOHOL

Alcohol Change UK

A website that provides free resources on cutting down alcohol consumption

What is it?

Content includes practical tips on how to cut down; a link to a unit calculator; a comprehensive list of no/ low-alcohol options – with reviews; and an interactive alcohol body map.



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Mobile Application -FREE to download / use

Created by:

Researchers at **University College London**

Reviews:



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Drink Less

A free app that aims to help people reduce their alcohol consumption

What is it?

Drink Less is an app that allows the user to keep track of how much they drink, set goals to drink less, get feedback on whether what they are doing is working and access some unique and fun ways of changing their attitude towards alcohol.

Created by Researchers at **University College London using** evidence and theory from the field of behavioural science.

"Wish I'd found this app a long time ago. I knew I was a heavy drinker but to see how much I actually drink and the thousands of calories I consume a week in black and white has really been a major eye opener."

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Charity, website, blog **FREE** to access

MENSTRUAL HEALTH

Bloody Good Period

Charity about getting sanitary pads to people who need them

What is it?

Bloody Good Period is a charity who give period products to those who can't afford them and provide menstrual education to those less likely to access it. They also help everybody talk about periods.

Bloody Good Period also seeks to eradicate the shame and stigma surrounding menstruation, simply by encouraging the conversation around periods. Everyone should have access to the information they need. No-one should feel ashamed because of a biological process.



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Podcast – **FREE** to access

Created by:

Dr Kate Clancy, University of Illinois

Reviews:



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For menstruators and their friends to learn all about the biology and culture of the menstrual cycle

What is it?

A series of podcasts lead by Dr. Kate Clancy, an anthropologist and period enthusiast, as she explores anything and everything to do with the menstrual cycle. Not afraid to get into everything menstrual, including the bloody bits for example "Where the tampon goes", about the Canadian Muslim experience with menstruation, and "Menstrual hygiene, whatever that means."



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Website – FREE to access

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Safe n Happy Periods

An organisation based in India about creating awareness around shame-free and pain-free menstruation

What is it?

This is an organisation based in India which focuses on creating awareness around shame-free and pain-free menstruation through the lifetime journey of menstruation. Safe n Happy Periods links with schools and colleges with volunteers from across the world.

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Podcast – FREE to access

Created by:

BBC News, World Service, The Conversation

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Busting Period Taboos

Two women who've made it their mission to smash period taboos and make it easier for girls to manage their menstrual health

What is it?

Two women from different countries discuss their first period experiences.

Aditi Gupta was banned from sitting on the family sofa or touching certain foods. As an adult she decided to help break the taboo, and created the Menstrupedia comic book, a global resource for parents and teachers to talk about periods comfortably with their girls.

Lucy Odiwa's first period arrived just as she was called on to answer a question in class. As she stood up her classmates began to snigger at the stain on her skirt. Now a successful businesswoman, she has developed a low-cost reusable sanitary towel.

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Mobile Application -**FREE** (with in app purchases)

Created by:

BioWink GmbH

Reviews:



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Clue

Period and cycle tracker

What is it?

App that allows tracking to get period, PMS, and fertile window predictions. Can see all tracked data in the calendar function. Analysis predications become more accurate with increased tracking.

"This is such a great app. I remember to fill it in about 99% of the time which is quite miraculous for me and must say something about its simplicity and usefulness. It takes just a couple of minutes at most so is an unintrusive habit. I have what feels to be a quite irregular cycle and it's been useful to track what actually happens in a clear and simple way."

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Mobile Application -**FREE** (with in app purchases)

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GP APPS

Reviews:



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Period Tracker

Period and cycle tracker

What is it?

App that allows period input by simply pressing a button at the start of period every month. Log period dates to calculate and predict the start date of next period. View period history and track future periods dates.

"I've used this app for years and it tracks my cycle perfectly. Knows the exact day I'm going to start, predicts it either spot on or I begin my cycle a day or two before/after. But usually it's spot on. Like today the app says '0 days left' - meaning I'm supposed to begin my cycle today - and sure enough, this morning in bed before sunrise my cramps woke me."

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Blog – FREE (product discount with subscription)

Created by:

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Website and blog promoting alternative to pads and tampons that is eco-friendly

What is it?

Blogs and website demonstrating that there is much more to menstruation than pads and tampons. Learn the inside story on everything menstruation and modern methods for more comfortable and eco-friendly periods.

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Online resource – **FREE** to use

Developed by:

the Royal College of General Practitioners

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RCGP Menstrual Wellbeing Toolkit

Toolkit for primary care for problems with menstrual dysfunction

What is it?

Easy to use, logical, evidence-based resource for GPs and other primary care clinicians when diagnosing, supporting and managing the concerns of women with problems caused by menstrual dysfunction.



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Online resource -FREE to use

Created by:

OneYou (PHE)

Reviews:



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Endometriosis: diagnosis and management

Information for the general public on these **NICE Guidelines**

What is it?

These guidelines cover diagnosing and managing endometriosis. It aims to raise awareness of the symptoms of endometriosis and to provide clear advice on what action to take when women with signs and symptoms first present in healthcare settings.

It also provides advice on the range of treatments available. There is a section for the general public which has links to podcasts along with useful websites.

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Website – **FREE** to use

Created by:

Wash United

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Menstrual Hygiene Day

Resources about menstruation

What is it?

A website dedicated to campaigning about *Menstrual Hygiene Day* (May 28) and providing education about menstruation. Includes a library of resources with fact sheets, educational materials for adults and children, webinars and technical guides. Some materials are available in languages other than English.

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Online resource – **FREE** to use

Created by:

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List of organisations providing free period products to healthcare workers and communities

What is it?

Directory of organisations offering a COVID-19 period support initiative in the UK, updated on a weekly basis. Includes initiatives for frontline and healthcare workers.



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Online resource -**FREE** to use

Created by:

The Red Box Project

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Red Box Project

Free period products for healthcare workers

What is it?

For COVID-19, this organisation has established a project delivering #FreePeriodProducts to NHS hospitals and care settings.



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A Dialogue on Menstrual Taboo

This paper compiles information on the menstrual taboo and various practices regarding it

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Website – FREE to use

Created by:

Indian journal of community health

What is it?

Throughout history, menstruation has been linked to a range of perspectives and attitudes towards women and female health. Social and cultural differences in beliefs about menstruation continue to have significant implications for the health and wellbeing of women and girls.

Understanding menstruation and its role in reproductive and general health is an important aspect of female wellbeing. Where menstruation is taboo or poorly understood, it can limit social and economic opportunities for women and girls as well as presenting risks to their physical and mental health.

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Women's Health Concern

Three PDF fact sheets

Type / Price:



PDF resources to download

What is it?

Three PDF factsheets: the menopause; menopause and insomnia and; menopausal hair loss, which aim to explain just what these changes are, and what you can do to make things easier.

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Manage my menopause

Bespoke menopausal advice from experts in post reproductive health

What is it?

Free online resources:

Manage my Menopause questionnaire contains a number of sections, data is then used to tailor specific lifestyle advice. If a donation is made it allows the user to download an advice document as a PDF. There is an additional option for the user to calculate their QRISK, QFracture and Frax scores.

Manage my Menopause handbook highlights the changes and how they impact on long-term health and suggests small lifestyle changes.



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Menopause Support

To improve menopause GP education and raise awareness within the workplace to support women experiencing symptoms

What is it?

Free PDF documents available to download:

menopause symptoms checker;

ten things your doctor should know about menopause;

getting the most out of your doctors' appointment;

understanding menopause for men

Poster

#MakeMenopauseMatter poster to download and print to raise awareness in the workplace

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use

Created by:

NAMS

Reviews:



"Walks you through steps for a treatment plan tailored to your patient."

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MenoPro

An app to facilitate symptom control of menopause between doctors and women who work together

What is it?

MenoPro is an app for menopausal symptom management, designed to facilitate personalised treatment of symptom decisions between doctors and women going through the menopause, based on the patient's preferences, medical history and risk factors. The app has two modes, one for clinicians and one for women, to facilitate shared decision making.

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MenoPro has several unique features, including the ability to calculate 10-year risk of heart disease and stroke, which is important in deciding whether a treatment option is safe for you. It also has links to online tools that assess the user's risk of breast cancer and osteoporosis and fracture. MenoPro was developed in collaboration with NAMS (the North American Menopause Society) and includes links to NAMS education materials, including a downloadable

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MenoNote on behavioral and lifestyle modifications to reduce hot flushes, and information pages on the pros and cons of hormone versus nonhormone therapy options, a discussion of pill versus patch therapy, and information on treatment options for vaginal dryness and pain with sexual activities, with links to tables with information about different medications. These pages can be printed out or directly accessed from a phone or tablet.

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Mobile Application -FREE to download; offers in app purchases

Reviews:



"Easy to use to track symptoms and print a report to share with my doctor. Makes having an awkward conversation a little easier."

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mySysters

An app for women experiencing symptoms of perimenopause and menopause who want to track their symptoms and join the mySysters community

What is it?

The *mySysters* perimenopause tracking app allows the user to track their symptoms of perimenopause and menopause, learn how to better manage symptoms, get more out of visits to the doctor and find support in community discussion groups.

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Website -**FREE** to use

Created by:

The Faculty of Occupational Medicine

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Guidance on menopause and the workplace

Free guidance for women and managers/employers on menopause and the workplace

What is it?

Free guidance from the Faculty of Occupational Medicine for women and managers/employers on menopause and the workplace.

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Type / Price:



Mobile Application -FREE to download; one off payment of £2.00 to set up a network

Created by:

Carers UK

Reviews:



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Jointly

An app that has been created for carers by carers, to link carers together

What is it?

Jointly is an app that provides the user with a resource to communicate with other carers, support others and be supported, keep organised with their tasks list and calendar, and keep track of the current medication for the person they are caring for.



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Online forum, **FREE**

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Carers UK Forum

An online forum where you can ask questions and access support and advice

What is it?

A website that provides an online forum to access support and advice on caring for different conditions, tips and practical advice, fun and games and current campaigns.

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Cityparents

Cityparents' programme offers expertise and support to help you balance work with family life

Type / Price:



Mobile Application – Cityparents have offered their online programme of support and resources to NHS employees **FREE** until the end of 2020.

Created by:

Cityparents

What is it?

The programme consists of a curated collection of positive and practical support for working parents, delivered through expertled webinars/seminars, advice, peer insights, online articles, blogs and podcasts.



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Free verbal advice and support via telephone, grant applications for financial support available online.

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Cavell Nurses' Trust

Cavell Nurses' Trust is a charity that provides practical and financial support for UK nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants

What is it?

Cavell Nurses' Trust offers practical advice and financial support through grants to UK nurses, midwives and healthcare assistants who are suffering financial hardship, often due to illness, disability, older age or domestic abuse.

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Online Tool – **FREE**

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Money Health Check

The Money Advice Service – free online financial health checker tool

What is it?

Free Money Health Check to find out areas to focus on and practical way to improve a financial situation. Produces bespoke advice plans with simple tasks.



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Telephone service; **Free** advice.

FINANCE

Lamplight Support Service

The Lamplight Support Service offers a telephone support service to nurses who are dealing with financial hardship

What is it?

The Lamplight Support Service work in partnership with the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) to provide a telephone service to support and provide advice to healthcare assistants, nurses and midwives who are adapting to change or dealing with pressures adversely affecting their financial situation.

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Podcast – **FREE** to access

Reviews:



"Compulsive listening."

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Money to the Masses

A podcast with useful information on how to save, make or spend money wisely

What is it?

A free podcast, hosted by Damien Fahy, that provides advice on where to and how to spend money, and what to do in the event of companies going bust.

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Website -FREE to use

Created by:

NHS People

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NHS People Financial Wellbeing Guide

This guide for employers gives an insight into the context, challenges and resources supporting financial wellbeing

What is it?

Evidence based content that covers research, resilience, diversity, resources and financial wellbeing during Covid-19.



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STOPLOANSHORKSIntervention . Support . Education

Stop Loan Sharks

Providing specialist support, help and advice for victims of loan sharks during this difficult time

Type / Price:



Website – **FREE** to use

Created by:

The England Illegal Money Lending Team

What is it?

The Stop Loan Sharks team have developed a range of free education resources.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use

Reviews:

★★★★★ 3.5 / 5

"I love this app. I never get enough water during the day but this app makes me try harder. It is easy to use and is very well organised."

HYDRATION

Hydration Genius

A free app that allows you to log your water content to calculate the amount of water you need to stay hydrated

What is it?

Hydration Genius is an app that encourages the user to record water intake and – using a simple algorithm – it calculates the exact amount of water needed to stay hydrated throughout the day. The app provides information on hydration levels and sends daily reminders to encourage the user to drink more water.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download / use; offers in-app purchases

Reviews:



"I use this to track my water intake and it's very useful as I suffer with bad acne and measuring my water intake motivates me to drink more water."

HYDRATION

Waterlogged – Drink More Water

A free app to help you stay healthy and hydrated

What is it?

Waterlogged is an app that provides personalised charts and reminders to help you stay on top of hydration.

You can sync the app with your fitbit/apple health, and unlock reminders to help you stay hydrated.



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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download

Reviews:



"This app is a really good step forward in the grieving process I look forward to using it for a long time and helping other people through healing and repair."

BEREAVEMENT

Good Grief: Chat and Messaging

An app that provides you with a social network to chat, connect and grieve with others

What is it?

Good Grief - The Social Network for Loss app allows the user to connect with others by putting them in touch with individuals who are grieving over a loved one, creating a community where they can share their thoughts over messages.

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Mobile Application – **FREE** to download

Reviews:

★★★★★ 4.4 / 5

"This app has hands down best collection of "real" grief support resources."

BEREAVEMENT

Grief Support Network

A free social networking app that allows you to connect and support people who are grieving or have grieved

What is it?

app that aims to create a global community of 'Grief Angels' by connecting people who are grieving. The user can enable a proximity feature to communicate with those grieving close by, connect with others through a grief wall or grief messenger, seek advice on 'grief attacks' and grief health.

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Helpline – **FREE** to use

Created by:

NHS

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Bereavement and trauma support line for our Filipino colleagues

A confidential and free service, seven days a week between 8am and 8pm

What is it?

There is a team of fully qualified and trained professionals, all of whom are Tagalog speakers, ready to help you at our *NHS Bereavement & Trauma Line for Filipino Staff.* This assistance is available from anywhere in the country and is provided by Hospice UK.

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Framework via multiple PDF documents

Created by:

Public Health England (2018)

HEALTH PROMOTION OF PATIENT GROUPS

All Our Health

A framework for healthcare professionals (including nurses) to prevent illness, protect health and promote patient well-being

What is it?

All Our Health is a resource that aims to help healthcare professionals maximise the impact they can have on improving health outcomes for the patients they care for.

All Our Health is the overarching framework, that provides evidence and guidance on a number of different health topics including:

- → MAKING EVERY CONTACT COUNT
- → WORKPLACE HEALTH: APPLYING ALL OUR HEALTH
- → ADULT OBESITY: APPLYING ALL OUR HEALTH
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A Report and Toolkit – **FREE** to download / use

Created by:

Royal Society of Public Health (2017)

The Everyday Interactions

A resource that allows health professionals to record and measure the impact they have on the patients they care for

What is it?

The Measuring Impact Toolkit was created by the Royal Society for Public Health to be used as a guide and encourage healthcare professionals, including nurses, midwives and allied healthcare professionals to record their brief interventions with patients surrounding a number of lifestyle risk factors, and measure how they have impacted the health of the public by doing so.

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A framework and e-learning tool

Created by:

NHS England (2016)

COMPASSIONATE CARE

Leading Change, Adding Value

A framework for nursing, midwifery and care staff that aligns with the Five Year Forward View with a focus on Compassion in Practice

What is it?

A framework for nursing, midwifery and care staff to provide them with information about tackling three workplace domains: health and well-being; care and quality; funding and efficiency to lessen the gap between different healthcare services and health inequalities of their patients.

In addition to the framework, to support the use of LCAV, an e-learning tool has been developed to build capacity of nurses and address health inequalities.



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We are immensely proud of the phenomenal contribution made every day by our BAME nurses and midwives throughout the Midlands.

Our aspiration is to ensure that all our nursing and midwifery colleagues feel supported to prioritise their own physical and mental health and wellbeing. To supplement this national health and wellbeing toolkit, within the Midlands Nursing Professional Standards team we have worked with local organisations to identify recommended faith and community groups which may be of specific value to our local nurses and midwives. Although comprehensive, this list is not exhaustive and may be added to if further support organisations are identified.

NHS England and NHS Improvement Midlands



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FAITH/COMMUNITY GROUPS

All Nations for Christ Church

Type / Price:



Community group – **FREE** to access

All Nations for Christ Church is a vibrant, warm, welcoming, dynamic multicultural family orientated community, located in the heart of the City of Derby

What is it?

All Nations Church has a passion to serve Derby and the surrounding areas with one goal in mind- to bring the undiluted Word of God to life and to the people.

Within our church community, there are several departments including biblestudy academy, prayer community, praise & worship, women's community, men of valour, youth services, children's community and Slovak community, which when pieced together allow the church to function successfully.

No matter your age, gender, background or interests, we will ensure all feel loved and welcomed at ANFC.



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The Indian Community Centre

Type / Price:



Community group – **FREE** to access

Our vision is to be the first port of call for all things Indian within the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. We aim to be a centre of excellence for high quality service provision and we have an ambition to serve all communities in our locality.

What is it?

As a registered Charity the Indian Community Centre works hard to develop and maintain community based services including visa and passport advice, Dosti lunches, sports and social activities, cultural events, health and social care service for the elderly, exercise classes and more.

The ICCA is inclusive. It makes its building and its services available to all, creating a rich environment for cultural and social development in the City of Nottingham and beyond.

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Community group -**FREE** to access

FAITH/COMMUNITY GROUPS

Pakistan Community Centre Derby

Pakistan Community Centre is a focus for the Pakistani community. Our aim is to provide service for all communities regardless of the race, beliefs, views and religion.

What is it?

The Pakistan Community Centre provides advice on benefits. and help with visa and passport issues and we also offer some sports opportunities for young & old people, particularly Gymnasium facilities.

The Centre also provides help with recruitment of Pakistanis info further education, training and jobs.

They also run a social club for mature adults and host the Minority Senior Citizen luncheon club and a drop in.

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West Bromwich African Caribbean Resource Centre

Type / Price:



Community group – **FREE** to access

Caring for yourself: A toolkit

The mission of our charity is that as a result of our work, the life chances, experiences and opportunities of African Caribbean communities and local people are improved.

What is it?

The resource centre makes a positive impact on the quality of life for local people, by delivering culturally appropriate services including financial planning, health and wellbeing, advice drop in and domiciliary care that are efficient and effective in meeting the changing needs of the diverse community.

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Sandwell African Caribbean **Mental Health Foundation**

Our vision is the best quality of life for people who are affected by mental ill health. To be a leader in the delivery of holistic, recovery-focussed and culturally responsive mental health services

What is it?

The foundation offers a range of culturally responsive services for people of African and Caribbean descent who are affected by mental ill health. Services include: bereaved carers support service, ex-offenders project, user forum, carers support, family support and outreach support

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