Bromley Well HEALTH FACT SHEET Updated July 2024

WHY IS IS IMPORTANT?

Living with a long term health condition can be stressful. You might be anxious about your future or worried about managing day to day tasks. Friends and family can find it difficult to understand your situation and this may make you feel isolated. Learning how to look after your emotional wellbeing and finding ways to manage your mood is an important part of self care. We've put together this list of online resources to help you. If feelings of low mood or anxiety persist, contact your GP.

<u>NHS Moodzone</u>	Advice on coping with stress, anxiety, fear, anger and panic attacks. Pages include interactive tools, videos and audio guides.
<u>Live Life to the Full</u>	Free online courses covering low mood, stress and resiliency.
<u>Good Thinking</u>	Service for people feeling anxious, stressed or who are experiencing low mood. You can take a very brief self- assessment and be directed to further sources of support.
<u>Mind UK</u>	Charity that can offer advice and materials on improving your mental health and also sign post you to other services.
<u>Get Self Help</u>	A wide range of mental health issues are covered by this site including anxiety, depression, eating disorders and phobias. Site includes an online CBT course, worksheets and video resources.

To register with Bromley Well: Freephone 0808 278 7898 Or register online: www.bromleywell.org.uk/refer

SELF CARE TIPS

GET A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP

Lack of sleep can make us feel irritable, low and overwhelmed.

EAT A WELL BALANCED DIET

Our brains need vitamins, minerals and energy to help us feel at our best

KEEP PHYSICALLY ACTIVE

Evidence shows that exercise can boost our self-esteem, improve our wellbeing and protect us from anxiety and depression.

AVOID ALCOHOL AND CAFFEINE

Alcohol is classed as a 'strong depressant' and can lower your mood and excess caffeine can contribute to feelings of anxiety.

STOP SMOKING

Evidence suggests the beneficial effect of stopping smoking on symptoms of anxiety and depression can equal that of taking antidepressants.

FIND TIME TO RELAX

Evidence suggests that techniques such as mindfulness and meditation can help to improve our emotional wellbeing.

Contact Lifestyle Support direct 07985 431484 / 07985 444210 or email enquiry@bromleywell.org.uk