

NO WRONG DOOR

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Now with 44 partner agencies signed up to a data sharing protocol and a collaborative way of working to support young people in Herefordshire

Still looking positively forward to meeting everyone face to face, and starting youth work delivery hopefully later this month, this semi lockdown seems to be dragging on and on and whilst the fish offer some tranquillity here in the office they do not offer stimulating conversations.

Our Practitioner Briefings have started with a good conversation on Black Lives Matter. It helped me gain an understanding of the context of this civil rights movement and why it matters in a predominately white community as it does anywhere else. A key issue raised was:

“White Privilege – is an advantage based upon racial bias which is independent of wealth and socio - economic status.

It is not based upon materialistic gains; it is the privilege of being able to think without being afraid of prejudices because of societies institutionalised racism, and the micro aggressions that follow. These cause minority groups, to have to think, act and live in a completely different way to avoid certain situations. “

For more information and support please contact: Neville.Meredith@herefordshire.gov.uk;

Our Ongoing Program

29th June: Black Live Matter – Understanding BLM in a predominantly white community – Neville Meredith

6th July: Introduction to Crimestoppers – Andre’a Atkinson - understanding the service of our anonymous service for young people, to report crime, with a focus on dangers of drug exploitation

13th July: NWD Youth Reps- Presentation of issues that have been identified by Young People from lockdown

20th July: Understanding neurodiversity - Anna Wainwright In2

27th July: Issues of Youth Unemployment.

6th August: Common Sexually Transmitted Infections and services at Sexual Health 4 Herefordshire.

IN THIS WEEK’S EDITION:

- NWD Perspective
- NEW - NWD weekly Zoom Practitioner Briefings – Monday 6th July 2pm Crimestoppers
- NWD Partner updates
- Local & National regional updates

NWD Perspective

From a No Wrong Door perspective we fully endorse the National Youth Agency's call that Youth workers must be mobilised to deliver summer activities and support young people, including the most vulnerable, as they prepare to return to education.

The regulatory body for youth work said the move formed part of a proposed package of support which would see youth centres re-open and youth workers classified as key workers. The recommendations, set out in its latest **report**, Time out: Re-imagining schools

Youth workers are key to maintaining young people's well being

An imaginative response starting with young people's needs and how best to engage them with the re-opening youth centres and supporting vulnerable young people to catch-up and be school-ready for September

Research by the National Foundation for Educational Research shows during lockdown, four in 10 pupils in England have not been in regular contact with their teachers, raising concerns that millions of children are falling behind or not doing any schoolwork at all. The report highlights pupils in the most disadvantaged schools are least likely to be engaged in remote learning.

Leigh Middleton, NYA's chief executive officer, said youth work had a much bigger part to play in the response to the pandemic to ensure no young person was left behind.

Anne Longfield, children's commissioner for England, backed the NYA's calls for an immediate programme of support to be put in place for young people. "Most young people have been out of school for three months already, with another three months before they get back into the classroom. "As we emerge from lockdown, we need to look at how young people can benefit, and quickly. "Let's support youth workers in and around schools and make sure those young people who are facing particular disadvantages and struggles have the help they need to recover and get ahead," she said

For many vulnerable young people in Herefordshire, being locked-down in homes that are not places of stability and safety has been a 'pressure cooker', putting them on the cusp of not coping. Many cannot find a safe space to express themselves. Others are becoming reclusive, overwhelmed by going out.

We have a crucial window over the summer to support them to process lock-down experiences, build confidence and self-esteem and take back control of their lives. Otherwise, we risk many young people feeling rejected and at risk of mental health problems, from anxiety to increased susceptibility to exploitation.

The youth sector represents a rich and varied range of youth and community organisations, professional youth workers and volunteers. Youth work is a distinctive form of education. It has its own curriculum, pedagogy and professional practice supporting a broader base of trusted adult volunteers. Now to respond to the scale of need, significant investment is required in training and building stronger local partnerships. A bold approach and mobilising youth work for summer activities and young people to support their health and wellbeing to get them school ready for September!



NWD Partner updates



“Throughout August the National Citizenship Service NCS through NCS Catch 22 will be delivering a revised summer programme, ‘Keep Doing Good’, which asks young people in Year 11 and Year 12 to pledge 16 hours of their time to volunteer or take part in social action, collectively generating one million volunteer hours across the UK, and helping the country get back on its feet post Covid-19.

Visit wearencs.com/keep-doing-good for more details and to access the sign-up page.

We are also asking local partners if they have any volunteering opportunities for our young people. Please contact sarah.hackley@catch-22.org.uk if you’d like to discuss further.”



A message from [Michelle Morgan, Communications and Engagement Officer- West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner](#)

The Safer Neighbourhood teams have been busy over the last couple of weeks, erecting Home and Dry corex signage at known hotspots, where younger people tend to gather in hot weather to swim. Also, where there are bars and clubs near the water. If you know anywhere that officers haven’t covered but could benefit from these please do let me know.

In the run up to this weekend, we will be sharing some of the RLSS Don’t Drink and Drown materials along other Home and Dry messages, and I would be very grateful if, wherever possible, you could share these. And, conversely, if you have plans of your own, could you let me know and we will make sure we share your messages too.

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From the Inclusion Network Herefordshire, Things to do during lockdown - their issue July 2020



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West Mercia Women's Aid have produced this practical guide

[Domestic Abuse - Practical steps for keeping safe during social distancing](#)

'Make Yourself Heard' - getting help for domestic abuse during lockdown

Hereford based production company and charity Rural Media have produced a short film called ‘Make Yourself Heard’ for West Mercia Women’s Aid. The target audience is anyone living with domestic abuse during lockdown. It is designed to be circulated via social media and the links are below:

Instagram

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w9odfn670hvwsnh/AACsG5b12rsWkc3-NUmcYNo3a?dl=0&preview=RMP040_WMWA_MakeYourselfHeard_H264_1-1.mp4

YouTube/Facebook/Twitter

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/w9odfn670hvwsnh/AACsG5b12rsWkc3-NUmcYNo3a?dl=0&preview=RMP040_WMWA_MakeYourselfHeard_H264_16-9.mp4

NWD Practitioner Briefing Topic:

Introduction to Fearless

By Andre'a Atkinson

Time: Jul 6, 2020 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84594210622?pwd=enczdUIGeSs2d0IRNnRCbEVYMnN2dz09>

Meeting ID: 845 9421 0622

Password: 553693



Ray Le Tarouilly

National Careers Service Adviser has sent us details of his next two webinars. Ray has asked if you have clients who might benefit from ones that have already been covered, please let me know as I can easily run more...

If anyone wants to join (staff included), all Ray needs is a name, telephone number and e mail address (e mail vital so we can send link to join event).



Higher Education 10th July 2020.pdf



Student Finance 17th July 2020.pdf

Local & National regional updates



[@WestMerciaPCC](https://twitter.com/WestMerciaPCC) [West Mercia PCC](https://www.facebook.com/WestMerciaPCC)
www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

Latest general guidance

- Guidance on the [NHS Test and Trace service](#), including what happens if you test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or have had close contact with someone who has tested positive.
- The Prime Minister provided an update on the [easing of lockdown restrictions](#) from Saturday 4 July. This includes pubs, restaurants and hairdressers being able to reopen, providing they adhere to COVID Secure guidelines.
- There is [updated guidance](#) for those shielding from COVID-19. Those shielding will be advised they will be able to spend more time outside their homes from 6 July.



Please continue to refer to [GOV.UK/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for the latest guidance on the government's response to COVID-19.

UK Government information on Coronavirus (Covid-19) <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Herefordshire Council Talk Community contact details The Talk Community Covid-19 response team can be contacted on 01432 260027 or talkcommunitycovidresponse@herefordshire.gov.uk

And more from the Herefordshire Safeguarding Business Unit:

Covid 19 - Resources and information for Polish victims of domestic abuse

Vesta - Specialist Family Support CIC have a page of resources and information for Polish victims of domestic abuse. The website can be found here:

<https://www.vestasfs.org/domesticviolence>

Domestic abuse during COVID-19: a reminder of advice

NHS England and NHS Improvement have published a letter entitled "Domestic abuse during COVID-19: a reminder of advice for NHS staff." The letter may be useful for staff from other agencies as well and can be downloaded here: [Domestic abuse during COVID-19](#)

Campaign launches safe space in Boots stores for victims of domestic abuse across the UK

From today (May 1), victims of domestic abuse will be able to access safe spaces at Boots pharmacies consultation rooms where they can contact specialist domestic abuse services for support and advice. More details can be downloaded here: <https://www.hestia.org/news/press-release-campaign-launches-safe-space-in-boots-stores-for-victims-of-domestic-abuse-across-the-uk>

Covid-19 / Coronavirus – Domestic abuse, sexual violence, and other forms of gender-based violence.

The following information leaflets have been produced containing a lot of useful information and links:

[How can you help? Advice for friends, family, neighbours and community members.](#)

[Safety and Wellbeing Advice for Survivors](#)

Resources from SafeLives and Respect

[SafeLives](#), are a UK-wide charity dedicated to ending domestic abuse, for everyone and for good. They work with organisations across the UK to transform the response to domestic abuse. They have collated resources and useful information which will be updated regularly

<https://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>

[Respect](#) is a pioneering UK domestic abuse organisation leading the development of safe, effective work with perpetrators, male victims and young people using violence in their close relationships.

Twitter messaging targeted at perpetrators: #Noexcuseforabuse <https://twitter.com/RespectUK>

Please help us work together to create a joined-up, effective and properly resourced youth provision for all young people in this wonderful county

Kind regards, Keep safe and Well

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