



Many of the listed resources are not commissioned or officially endorsed but may still be found useful

- **Herts County Council Services for Young People – HCC SfYP - (formerly YC Hertfordshire) 11-17yr**
 - 0300 123 7538; text: 07860 022943
 - Email: SfYP@hertfordshire.gov.uk yc@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 - <https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/>

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- **Helplines**
 - Samaritans: www.samaritans.org 08457 90 90 90
 - Shout: crisis texting service: text 85258; www.giveusashout.org
 - Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk <19yr
 - HPFT Single point of access for child and adolescent mental health: 0800 6444 101
 - Hertfordshire Night Light service: helpline: Friday-Monday: 7pm -1am: 01923 256391: 18yr+

Now 24/7

Hertfordshire commissioned therapeutic support	
COMMUNITY COUNSELLING	CREATIVE THERAPIES
 5-19yrs (in-person or online) Counselling from Hertfordshire Mind Network	 5-19yrs (in-person or online) Creative therapies from Signpost

- **Herts Mind Network:** www.hertsmindnetwork.org; 020 3727 3600
 - **With YOUTH service for 5-19yrs:** Children & Young People's Digital Wellbeing Service, including helpline, instant messaging, one to one and group support and digital therapeutic gaming app:
 - www.withyouth.org/ 0208 189 8400 Daily including weekends 2pm-10pm
 - **Lumi Nova Digital Therapeutic Gaming App for ages 7-12**
- **The Sandbox:** [Sandbox Homepage \(mindler.co.uk\)](http://SandboxHomepage(mindler.co.uk)) Online Mental Health Digital Advice and Guidance service **10-25s**
Website 24/7; Therapy sessions: 7am to 8pm (last one finishing at 9pm) Monday to Sunday; **Live Chat:** Mon-Fri:9am-6pm
- **Mind in Mid Herts:** local charity supporting **16+yr** with their mental health
 - www.mindinmidherts.org.uk; 01727 865070
- **Youth Talk 13-25yr:** counselling service for those living, working or at school in St Albans district
 - 01727 868684; www.youthtalk.org.uk
- **Signpost: 10-25yr** South and West Hertfordshire
 - 01923 239495 or 07444 768078 12 counselling sessions; www.oneymca.org/signpost
- **HarpendenPlus Partnership**
 - 07985 330941; 01582 623676
- **Relate:** North Herts www.relate.org.uk 0300 100 1234
- **Tilehouse Counselling: 13-19yrs** www.tilehouse.org 01462 440 244 North Herts
- **Young People's Healthy Hub:** social prescribing function [Young People's Healthy Hub \(stevenage.gov.uk\)](http://YoungPeople'sHealthyHub(stevenage.gov.uk))
- **Youth Link: 10-24yrs** South and West Hertfordshire social prescribing function
 - <https://www.watfordfccsetrust.com/project/youth-link/> 07510 927143
- **Watford FC Community Sports & Education Trust programmes**
 - **Youth Link** (10-24yrs) social prescribing links CYP to sustained activity to improve their physical and mental health – SW Herts
 - **Empower:** (9-12yrs) 6 month project that aims to improve mental health through physical activity
 - **Kicks:** (8-18yrs) aims to inspire CYP to achieve their potential and improve wellbeing
- **Togetherall: 16+yrs** www.togetherall.com an evidence-based, clinically moderated, online 24/7 peer-to-peer mental health community, for residents of Hertfordshire

- **HCC SfYP Supporting You Programme: 11-17yrs**
 - <https://www.ychservicesforyoungpeople.org/support-for-young-people/support-with-health-and-emotional-wellbeing/supporting-you/>
 - 12 CBT skills delivered over a weekly programme of 7 weeks
- **HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Team: 5-19yrs** trained to deliver manualised guided self-help interventions for mild-moderate anxiety, behavioural difficulties, and low mood. [Search | Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust \(hct.nhs.uk\)](#)
- **Hertfordshire Talking Therapies: 16+yr:** free confidential talking therapy and practical support: via self-referral or GP
 - www.hpft-iapt.nhs.uk/; 0800 6444 101
- **CYPMHs/Public Health website:** <https://www.healthyyoungmindsinherts.org.uk/>
- **CYPMHs:** www.hpft.nhs.uk/ : 0800 6444 101; NHS111 option 2
- **THE MIX: <25YR:** free confidential multi-channel service that aims to find young people the best help
 - 0808 808 4994 (freephone 7 days a week 3pm-12am); 1-2-1 chat; www.themix.org.uk
- **NHS Every Mind Matters:** <https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/> emotional wellbeing and mental health resources
- **Anna Freud Information Mental Health Treatment Options:** <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/understanding-treatment-options/>
- **What's Up app:** teaches simple strategies to help cope with a wide range of mental health issues
- **Sane:** www.sane.org.uk 0300 304 7000
- **Young Minds:** www.youngminds.org.uk; Crisis messenger: text YM 85258
- **Mind:** www.mind.org.uk; 0300 123 3393; text 86463: national charity Monday – Friday 9-6pm
- **Side by Side:** <https://sidebyside.mind.org.uk/> supportive online community through MIND >18yrs
- **Stem4:** www.stem4.org.uk teenage mental health charity
- **Childline:** www.childline.org.uk Childline For Me app: <https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/for-me/>
- **Saneline:** www.sane.org.uk 0300 304 7000 mental health support and guidance >16yrs
- **Help for vulnerable people with additional needs: Guidepost Trust:** <https://guideposts.org.uk/>
- **Mental Health Complex Needs service:** Turning Point <https://www.turning-point.co.uk/home.html>
- **Muslim youth helpline:** www.myh.org.uk
- **Mindfulness app for all ages:** Smiling Minds; Headspace
- **It's OK to say:** mental health support: www.itsoktosay.org.uk
- **DBT Self-help Resource:** www.dbtselfhelp.com
- **Help with anxiety:**
 - www.anxietyuk.org.uk 08444 775 774
 - <https://www.anxietycanada.com/> : help with anxiety
 - **WorryTree app:** practical tool for capturing and dealing with worries
 - **SAM app:** help with anxiety
 - **Clear Fear app:** Help with anxiety management: <https://www.clearfear.co.uk/>
 - **No Panic:** 13-20yrs: Help with panic and anxiety www.nopanic.org.uk; **No Panic app;** 0330 606 1174 youth line
 - Daily 10am-10pm
 - **OCD**
 - **OCD Action** <https://ocdaction.org.uk/> 0300 636 5478;
 - **OCD UK** <https://www.ocduk.org/> 01332 588112
- **Help with self-harm**
 - **Harmless:** www.harmless.org.uk
 - **Alumina (previously SelfharmUK):** www.selfharm.co.uk 14-19yr free online support
 - **Self Injury Support:** <https://www.selfinjurysupport.org.uk>
 - **Helpline** 0808 800 8088 webchat or TESS text 07800 472 908 Tuesday-Thursday 7-9.30pm
 - **Lifesigns:** <http://www.lifesigns.org.uk/>
 - **Calm Harm app:** <https://calmharm.co.uk/> from 12yrs
 - **distrACT app:** advice about SH and suicide <https://www.expertselfcare.com/health-apps/distract/>

Lots of excellent resources on website

- **Help with suicidal thoughts**
 - **The OLLiE Foundation:** <https://theolliefoundation.org/> suicide awareness, intervention and prevention training
 - **Hector's House:** <https://hectorshouse.org.uk/> information resource. Crisis texting service: **text 85258**
 - **PAPYRUS: (Prevention of Young Suicide)** support for young people up to age 35yrs
 - www.papyrus-uk.org HOPELINEUK: 0800 068 4141 10-10pm weekdays; 2-10pm weekends
 - **CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably)** charity to help prevent male suicide: 15-35yrs
 - Helpline: 0800 585858: 5pm – midnight 365 days of the year. www.thecalmzone.net
 - **Maytree:** residential space for people in crisis www.maytree.org.uk 0207 236 7070
 - **Saneline:** <https://www.sane.org.uk/> daily helpline - 4pm to 10pm 0300 304 7000.
 - **Stay Alive App:** [Stay Alive App \(hpft.nhs.uk\)](http://StayAliveApp(hpft.nhs.uk)) suicide prevention pocket resource
 - **Help is at Hand:** NHS resource www.supportaftersuicide.org.uk/help-is-at-hand
- **Help with Eating Disorders**
 - **First Steps ED:** <https://firststepsed.co.uk/> early intervention eating disorder service in Hertfordshire
 - **The Eating Disorders Association:** www.b-eat.co.uk
 - **The National Centre for Eating Disorder:** www.eating-disorders.org.uk
- **Help with addiction**

CGL: remote support: call 0800 652 3169 or email Herts@cgl.org.uk

 - **Drug/alcohol issues**
 - **Spectrum (CGL):** <https://www.changegrowlive.org/spectrum-fyp-hertfordshire/info>
 - **Frank** 0800 776600: www.talktofrank.com
 - **The Living Room:** <https://www.livingroomherts.org/> >18yr and includes eating disorder
 - **Get Connected:** www.getconnected.org.uk; helpline: 080 8808 4994 (1pm to 11pm).
 - **DrugWise:** <https://www.drugwise.org.uk/> non-judgemental, evidence-based information about drugs
 - **Gambling**
 - **GamCare Hertfordshire:** <https://www.gamcare.org.uk/>: Young people: www.bigdeal.org.uk
 - **National Gambling Helpline:** 0808 8020 133
 - **Gaming addiction:** <https://www.priorygroup.com/addiction-treatment/gaming-addiction-treatment>
 - **Gamblers Anonymous:** support for friends and or family: www.gamblersanonymous.org.uk
- **Help with bereavement**
 - Coronavirus Bereavement guides: [Coronavirus bereavement guides | Hertfordshire County Council](#)
 - NHS Guide and resources: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/children-and-young-adults/advice-for-parents/children-and-bereavement/>
 - www.Ataloss.org: signposts bereaved to bereavement services and information
 - www.thegoodgrieftrust.org
 - www.griefencounter.org.uk
 - www.childbereavementuk.org
 - www.cruse.org.uk: 0808 808 1677 Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm
 - www.stand-by-me.org.uk: Bereavement support for young people and families in North Herts
 - **Suicide Bereavement Support:** resources in Hertfordshire
 - <https://www.suicidepreventionherts.org.uk/Suicide-bereavement-support.aspx>
 - <https://chums.uk.com/hertfordshire-suicide-bereavement-service/>
 - **SOBS (Survivors of Bereavement By Suicide):** national charity www.uk-sobs.org.uk 0300 111 5065
- **Help with debt**
 - Consumer Counselling Credit Services: www.stepchange.org
 - National Debtline: Tel: 0808 808 4000 www.nationaldebtline.org
- **Help with mental health of all types:**

Updated regularly with support and resources

 - **JustTalk:** <https://www.justtalkherts.org/just-talk-herts.aspx>
 - **Self-help resources**
 - www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications
 - <https://web.ntw.nhs.uk/selfhelp/>
 - <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/>

- **Hub of Hope:** mental health database: www.hubofhope.co.uk
- **On My Mind:** <https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/> empowers young people to make informed choices about their mental health
- **SafeSpace Mentoring Programme:** through HCC and referral through professional
 - Meet with a volunteer mentor for an hour a week for 3-6 months
 - Opportunity to talk about anything they wish to discuss or want advice on
 - [Safe Space, Mentoring programme | Hertfordshire MarketPlace](#)
- **New Leaf Wellbeing College:** free educational support for >18yrs to enable better control of wellbeing
 - www.newleafcollege.co.uk; students@newleafcollege.co.uk; 01442 864966

PHYSICAL AND SEXUAL HEALTH SUPPORT

- **Kids Hub:** offers information and support to parents and carers of disabled children aged 0-25yrs in Hertfordshire
 - 01923 676549 www.kids.org.uk
- **DSPL (Delivering Special Provision Locally):** information about support and services for children and young people 0-25yrs with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Hertfordshire
 - www.dspl7.org.uk (St Albans, Harpenden and villages)
- **Help with contraception and sexual health**
 - **In Hertfordshire: Sexual Health Hertfordshire**
 - 0300 008 5522 www.sexualhealthhertfordshire.clch.nhs.uk
 - <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/Health-in-Herts/Sexual-health/Sexual-health.aspx>
 - Text 07860 057369: HCC SfYP information relating to sexual health
 - [Free condoms & advice for young people | Get It: www.getit.org.uk](#)
 - www.contraceptionchoices.org
 - www.brook.org.uk; 0808 802 1234 Mon-Fri 9-7pm
 - www.fpa.org.uk;
 - www.sh24.org.uk: includes free sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing >16yrs
 - www.test.hiv: HIV testing
 - **BISH:** www.bishuk.com/about-bish: guide to sex, love and you for everyone over 14.
 - **Scarleteen website:** www.scarleteen.com: sex education for teens and emerging adults
- **Help for LGBT+ community**
 - **HCC SfYP LGBT website Young Pride in Herts:** <http://www.youngprideinherts.org/>
 - **The Proud Trust:** <https://www.theproudtrust.org/>
 - **Switchboard:** LGBT+ helpline: 0300 330 0630; www.switchboard.org.uk
 - **Stonewall:** national LGBT+ rights charity
 - www.stonewall.org.uk
 - **Albert Kennedy Trust:** charity for LGBT+ people who are homeless: www.akt.org.uk
- **Abuse**
 - **Herts Sunflower:** <https://www.hertssunflower.org/herts-sunflower.aspx>
 - **Herts SARC:** Sexual violence or abuse <https://www.hertssarc.org/>
 - [Sexual Violence Help and Advice \(idas.org.uk\)](#)
- **Domestic Abuse**
 - Hertfordshire Domestic Abuse Helpline
 - Mon-Fri: 9-9pm; Weekends 9-4pm: 08 088 088 088
 - The Hideout: www.thehideout.org.uk
- **Health for Teens and Kids website**
 - <http://www.healthforteens.co.uk/>
 - **Herts Chat Health:** 11-19yrs Text 07480 635050
 - <http://www.healthforkids.co.uk/>

SH:24: Increase in online STI tests and provision of oral contraception

Operating as usual Monday-Friday 9-5pm

- **Weight or body image concerns**
 - BeeZee Bodies: <http://beezeebodies.com/> also includes a teen clinic
 - Teenweightwise.com
- **Help for University Students:** *'Thrive and Survive'* guide
 - <https://www.justtalkherts.org/media/documents/thrive-and-survive.pdf>
- **Healthy Hubs:** free information, advice and support to help you stay healthy and well:
 - www.healthyhubs.org.uk

PARENTAL SUPPORT

- **Happy Maps:** Reliable resources and help for parents on children's mental health
 - <https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>
- **Anna Freud:** advice and guidance for parents with children and young people struggling with mental health
 - www.annafreud.org
- **Anxiety UK:** Children & Young People with Anxiety – A guide for parents & Carers
 - https://www.moodcafe.co.uk/media/19579/cyp_parents_1_2_web.pdf
- **Family lives:** national family support charity: help and support in all aspects of family life
 - 0808 800 2222 (formally Parentline Plus) 24/7
 - www.familylives.org.uk
- **Young minds:** supporting and empowering young minds
 - www.youngminds.org.uk;
 - Helpline: 0808 802 5544: Mon-Fri 9.30-4pm; email parents@youngminds.org.uk; also online webchat
 - Parental advice and support for children up to 25yr
- **MindEd:** free educational resource on CYP with advice and information for families from experts
 - Health Education England www.minded.org.uk
- **HealthTalk online:** www.healthtalk.org patient and parents' experiences **NSPCC:** www.nspcc.org.uk
 - help@nspcc.org.uk) professional counsellors 24/7 offering help, advice and support if worried about a child
 - 0808 800 5000)
- **Vista:** <http://www.vistastalbans.org.uk/>
 - 07584 798528 vistastalbans@gmail.com
 - Extra support for parents and their children through the schools
- **Families Feeling safe:** Protective Behaviours Service
 - www.protectivebehavioursconsortium.co.uk
 - 01438 728653
 - Protective Behaviours service 0-19yr
 - Early Intervention service to improve emotional wellbeing of children and families
 - Aims to promote resilience in children, young people, and adults, using empowerment strategies, clear communication, and awareness of "safe" behaviours
- **Families First:** www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/familiesfirst
 - 0300 123 4043 or via email familiesfirst.support@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 - Help with behavioural problems: request assessment through SENCO/Family Support worker

- **Home Start Herts:** emotional and practical support to parents of children <12yrs:
 - www.home-startherts.org.uk; 01438 367788
- **Families in Focus:** Hertfordshire council-approved
 - www.familiesinfocus.co.uk
 - 01442 219720
 - Free courses to build on parenting skills and anger management
- **Supporting Links:** parenting workshops in Hertfordshire
 - www.supportinglinks.co.uk 07512 709556 or 01442 300185 email info@supportinglinks.co.uk
- **Directory of Parenting Support:** <https://directory.hertfordshire.gov.uk/Categories/53>
 - Free parenting courses through Hertfordshire county council to help and support
- **DrugFAM:** support for families struggling with loved one's addiction
 - www.drugfam.co.uk 0300 888 3853
- **Families going through break up:** services for parents
 - The Tavistock Centre: <https://tavistockrelationships.org>
 - www.separatedfamilies.info
 - www.kidsinthemiddle.org
- **Information on finding a therapist**
 - British Association of Counselling and Psychotherapy
 - www.bacp.co.uk; 01455 883300
 - UK Council for Psychotherapy
 - www.psychotherapy.org.uk; 0207 014 9955
- **Staying safe online**
 - Childnet: www.childnet.com aims to make the internet a safe place for children and young people
 - Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP): <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
 - The education programme from NCA-CEOP: UK organisation that protects children both online and offline
 - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
 - Safety Net Kids: <https://mysafetynet.org.uk/>
 - NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk 0800 138 663
 - Parents Protect: practical advice including a dedicated helpline 0808 1000 900
 - <https://www.parentsprotect.co.uk>
 - ParentZone: advice and support for parenting in the digital world
 - <https://www.parents.parentzone.org.uk/>
- **Information on Alcohol and Young People**
 - <https://alcoholeducationtrust.org/parent-area/>
- **Every Mind Matters Public Health Campaign:** <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>.
- **Hertfordshire Family Centre Service**
 - <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>
 - 0300 123 7572
- **Educational psychologist in Hertfordshire**
 - 01992 588 574 Wednesdays: 2-4.30pm
- **Carers in Herts:** advice, information and support to unpaid carers in Hertfordshire
 - www.carersinherts.org.uk
 - 01992 58 69 69
 - www.ycih.org young carers

- **HWE Healthier Together Website:** <https://hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/>
 - Parental resources across broad range of health issues and ages
 - Parental resources relating specifically to mental health and wellbeing:
<https://www.hwehealthiertogether.nhs.uk/health-for-young-people/mental-health-and-wellbeing/support-advice-hertfordshire-parents>

- **Autism, ADHD, Sensory and Functional Issues**
 - **Neurodiversity Support Hub:** parental helpline 01727 833963 school term weekdays 9-1pm
 - **The Toolbox:** <https://thetoolbox.mindler.co.uk> (< 16yrs Hertfordshire) neurodiversity support and resources including live chat function
 - **Autism Hertfordshire:** >16yrs: <https://www.autismbedfordshire.net/support-in-hertfordshire/>
 - **Autism information and support** - For information, advice and signposting related to Autism.
 - **Autism Helpline** 10am – 3pm, Monday to Friday - 0808 800 4104 or via online contact form
<https://www.autism.org.uk/enquiry>
 - **SPACE Hertfordshire – Supporting families in Hertfordshire | Autism | ADHD | Neurodiversity**
<https://spaceherts.org.uk> - For information, advice and support for children and young people in Hertfordshire who have a diagnosis of Autism or ADHD or where these are suspected
 - **ADD-vance** - Information, advice, support, training and workshops related to children and young people with a diagnosis of or suspected Autism and/or ADHD
 - ADD-vance Helpdesk is open from 9am to 1pm every weekday via 07716 744 662 or email to herts@add-vance.org
 - **Angels** - for families of children with ADHD and on the Autistic spectrum
 - **Children's Occupational Therapy** - Useful information, strategies and support for children/young people who may be experiencing sensory, motor skills and other functional difficulties.
 - **Home - NESSie IN ED, CIC** - Workshops focused on supporting children/young people with additional needs, particularly girls