

# Involvement, Recovery and Wellness Centre

Virtual workshops delivered via Microsoft Teams - access to a phone/laptop/tablet needed along with an internet connection. For information on face to face workshops please call 01625 505647.

## Workshop

## Description

## Aims

## Dates and Times

### Advance Statement

Advance statements are good for us to have for when we might lose the ability to make a decision for ourselves in the future because of illness or injury as they can reflect our views, beliefs and wishes.

- ◆ To provide a guide to anyone who may have to make decisions on your behalf.

- ◆ Please call 01625 505647 or email [cwp.involve-and-recover@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.involve-and-recover@nhs.net) to book your one to one appointment to complete an advance statement.

### Anger Management

A workbook accompanies this workshop, but it can also be requested and utilised as a stand alone tool.

Anger is a normal, healthy emotion. It is a natural response to feeling frustrated, being criticized, insulted, hurt or betrayed. Anger itself is not the problem, but how we deal with it can be.

- ◆ Learn different strategies to help us manage our anger.
- ◆ Recognise anger signs and triggers.
- ◆ Identify factors that make anger worse.

### Three week course

- ◆ Thursday 17th, 24th June, 1st July  
2pm-4pm

Workshop	Description	Aims	Dates and Times
<p><b>Anxiety Management</b></p> <p>A workbook accompanies this workshop, but it can also be requested and utilised as a stand alone tool.</p>	<p>These workshops can help you understand how anxiety affects your body mentally and physically, and introduces practical techniques to help reduce or manage anxiety.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To teach you self-management strategies that help you to learn to overcome stress, anxiety &amp; worry.</li> <li>◆ To help you regain control of your life.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four week course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Tuesday 22nd, 29th June, 6th, 13th July</b> 11am - 1pm</li> <li>◆ <b>Thursday 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th August</b> 2pm-4pm</li> </ul> <p><b>Telephone Course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Tuesday 25th May, 1st, 8th, 15th June</b> 12pm-1pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>Beating Psychological Distress with DBT Coping Practices</b></p> <p>A workbook accompanies this workshop, but it can also be requested and utilised as a stand alone tool.</p>	<p>Do you experience emotions very intensely and find it hard to manage these feelings?</p> <p>To help you feel more in control, this workshop has been developed in collaboration with people living with these difficulties and also with trained experts in Dialectical Behavioural Therapy (DBT).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To introduce you to coping skills utilising some of the strategies based on DBT coping practices.</li> <li>◆ Experience, recognise and accept intense emotions safely, so that further coping strategies can be introduced and practiced.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Six week course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Tuesday 8th June, 15th, 22nd, 29th, 6th, 13th July</b> 2pm - 4pm</li> <li>◆ <b>Thursday 29th July, 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, August, 2nd September</b> 11am-1pm</li> </ul>
<p><b>Making a Difference based on the principles of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy</b></p>	<p>Cognitive skills are the skills the brain uses to think, learn, remember, problem solve and communicate. There are a number of approaches to help people with dementia improve their memory and thinking skills and to cope with memory loss, one of these is Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To create opportunities for people to learn, express their views and work with others in a sociable setting.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Four week course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Wednesday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28rd July - 1.30pm—3.30pm</b></li> </ul> <p>These sessions are intended for people with mild to moderate dementia and or their carers/family members <i>that have been referred to the course by staff within the older peoples teams.</i></p>

## Workshop

### Diabetes Awareness Programme

## Description

This programme is tailored to those who have or care for someone who has had a recent diagnosis of Diabetes or currently live with Diabetes type 1 or type 2. **To gain the most from this course, you should be comfortable with being in a group and concentrating for extended periods of time each week.**

## Aims

- ◆ Learn new skills to manage your health condition
- ◆ Meet others who are facing similar problems and share experiences
- ◆ Gain practical advice
- ◆ Learn new skills to help you continue with your daily activities

## Dates and Times

**Six week course**  
**Register your Interest.**

### Expert Patient Programme

This programme is tailored to the needs of adults living with long-term physical or mental health condition(s) and their carers. It focuses on self-management techniques which are designed to help people improve their quality of life and take control over personal situations and experiences. **To gain the most from this course, you should be comfortable with being in a group and concentrating for extended periods of time each week.**

- ◆ Learn new skills to manage your health condition
- ◆ Gain practical advice
- ◆ Learn new skills to help you continue with your daily activities

**Six week course**

- ◆ **Friday 28th May, 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th June, 2nd July 10.30am-1pm**

## Workshop

### Free Yourself from negative thoughts

## Description

This workshop is based on the new power and science of Self-Compassion by Dr Kristen Neff (University of Texas), as a way of reducing harmful thoughts, feelings and body chemistry, which are strongly related to fear, stress, anxiety, depression and suicide, and suggested to protect against linked diseases such as; cardiovascular, cancer, and arthritis.

## Aims

- How to free yourself from negative thoughts, self-criticism and feelings of inadequacy, which research shows is strongly linked to anxiety and depression.
- How to replace the brain's fight and flight response with your brain's more helpful 'tend and befriend response'.
- How to carry out three key self-compassion strategies proven to protect against anxiety and depression when practised in your daily life.

## Dates and Times

### Two week course

- ◆ **Thursday 3rd, 10th June 11am - 1pm**

### Help with Sleep

If you are struggling with your sleep this workshop is packed full of:

- ◆ The science of sleep—(Why? What? How? When?)
- ◆ The causes of sleep problems.
- ◆ The latest tips and tricks on how you can get quality sleep.

- ◆ To understand how your brain body works in relation to sleep.
- ◆ To understand why our bodies have sleep problems.

### One week course

- ◆ **Monday 28th June 1pm - 3.30pm**
- ◆ **Monday 9th August 1pm-3.30pm**

### The IPS service provides the following support:

- Tailored information, advice and guidance relevant to your individual circumstances and future goals
- Support with permitted work rules and in work benefits
- CV creation and support with interview techniques and employability skills
- Fully supported job search
- One to one mentoring to increase health and wellbeing and assistance with the removal of barriers to obtaining paid employment
- 26 weeks in work support for both you and the employer

### Who is eligible for this service?

To be eligible for this service you must be aged 18 plus (16 plus if accessing the Early Intervention Service), be interested in moving into paid employment and receiving mental health support from either the Community Mental Health Team or Early Intervention Team in **East and West Cheshire only**.

For more information please speak to your primary worker or a member of the IRWC staff.

To find out more join our Question and Answer session on...

**Monday 16th August 11am -12.30pm**

Workshop	Description	Aims	Dates and Times
<b>How to say No without feeling guilty</b>	Our ability to say NO can depend on many factors. We will explore communication skills, assumptions and beliefs that can influence our assertiveness, what boundaries mean to us, myths about assertiveness, healthy relationship styles, and how we can find the right tools to solve prob-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Explore how self-worth and self-compassion can help us develop assertiveness</li> <li>◆ Invest in strategies to build our confidence</li> <li>◆ Learn how to communicate more effectively</li> </ul>	<b>Two week course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Monday 7th and 14th June 2pm-4pm</b></li> </ul>

<b>Relapse Prevention</b>	A Relapse can involve difficulties coping with day to day activities, increased anxiety, increased symptoms of panic or increased negative thoughts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To become aware of our triggers and other warning signs.</li> <li>◆ Learn new recovery tools.</li> <li>◆ Create a plan of action.</li> </ul>	<b>Four week course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Please register your interest</b></li> </ul>
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<b>Learning to Manage Low Mood</b>	This four week course aims to help people understand their low mood and consider what might be helpful to them in trying to tackle it. Topics include causes of both low mood and anxiety, the role of thoughts and how behaviour can affect mood, the impact of lifestyle issues and the importance of goal setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Explore different techniques to help manage low mood.</li> </ul>	<b>Four week course</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June 1.30pm-3.30pm</b></li> </ul>
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### Living Well With Dementia

These workshops provide straight-forward information about dementia, and offer practical advice and strategies for friends and family. There is also a well-being session run at the same time for people living with dementia. We acknowledge that there are many different types of dementia and some people have multiple diagnoses, this is reflected in our workshop resources.

- ◆ To gain a wider understanding of Dementia.
- ◆ Learn new strategies that may help us and or those we live with.

**Four week course**

- ◆ **Please register your interest**

### Managing Psychosis

Living with psychosis is surprisingly common, and can include hearing voices (auditory hallucinations), unusual thoughts (delusions) and more visual experiences (visual hallucinations).

Having a better understanding of psychosis can help to make sense of this diagnosis.

- ◆ To provide an awareness of issues that surround psychosis from diagnosis.
- ◆ To discuss available treatment options and self management techniques that can help to promote recovery and well - being.

**One week course**

- ◆ **Monday 21st June  
2pm - 4pm**

### Managing Your Medicines

The workshop looks to explain the common terms used to explain medication, how different types work and the factors that can affect them.

- ◆ To provide you with a greater understanding of what your medications do and what to expect when you take them.

**One week course**

- ◆ **Wednesday 16th June  
11am—1pm**

## Workshop

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### Mental Health Awareness

This Mental Health Awareness workshop raises awareness of ill-mental health (particularly stress, depression and anxiety), provides tools and guidance for daily wellbeing management.

**This course is for anyone who works/lives alongside someone who experiences a mental health problem or distress and wants to better support them.**

- ◆ To give participants a chance to explore what non-specialists can do to help people in distress feel safe, supported and understood
- ◆ Explains why there is a need when someone is unwell to ask direct questions
- ◆ To remove the stigma around mental health

#### One week Course

- ◆ **Wednesday 4th August 11am-1pm**

### Mindfulness

A workbook accompanies this workshop, but it can also be requested and utilised as a stand alone tool.

Mindfulness is the ability to be able to choose what we bring our awareness to and what we're doing, and to not overly react or be overwhelmed by what's going on around us.

It's a skill that anyone can learn. This workshop teaches and helps you practice those techniques.

- ◆ Grow confidence in how to calm your own mind and stabilise yourself.
- ◆ Take lots of things away that you can use in your daily life.

#### Three week course

- ◆ **Monday 28th June, 5th, 12th July 1pm -3pm**
- ◆ **Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th August 11am -1pm**

### Money Sense with NatWest

This workshop will look at the different ways you can do your banking, how to protect yourself against scams and also some tips on Budgeting for household expenses and how to save for the unexpected.

- ◆ To provide tips on how to manage your money better.
- ◆ To help you protect yourself from scams.

#### One week course

- ◆ **Wednesday 11th August 11.30am—13.30pm**

Workshop	Description	Aims	Dates and Times
<p><b>Self Esteem</b></p>	<p>If you feel you have low self-esteem ♦ this workshop could help you!</p> <p>During the workshop we will be looking at how different life events can affect your self-esteem.</p>	<p>Explore what you can do to improve your self esteem.</p>	<p><b>Three week course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Thursday 24th June, 1st, 8th July</b> <b>11am - 1pm</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Tai Chi</b></p>	<p>Tai Chi is a martial art which involves ♦ slow, graceful movements. It is gentle ♦ exercise suitable for all ages and levels of fitness.</p> <p>This course will involve practising Tai Chi movements to music, breathing techniques and warm-up exercises.</p>	<p>To improve your energy and well-being.</p> <p>Reduce feelings of stress and anxiety.</p>	<p><b>One week course</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Friday 11th June</b> <b>3.30pm - 4.15pm</b></li> <li>♦ <b>Friday 6th August</b> <b>3.30pm-4.15pm</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP)</b></p> <p>A workbook accompanies this workshop, but it can also be requested and utilised as a stand alone tool.</p>	<p>This workshop offers an introduction to ♦ the Wellness Recovery Action Planning ♦ process, or WRAP for short.</p> <p>WRAP is a self-management strategy designed by mental health advocate Mary Ellen Copeland, from her own experience of living with a long-term mental health condition.</p>	<p>To create your own Wellness, Recovery, Action plan.</p> <p>To gain a really good understanding of your recovery and crisis plans.</p>	<p><b>Two week course:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ <b>Wednesday 14th, 21st July</b> <b>11am - 1pm</b></li> <li>♦ <b>Tuesday 10th , 17th August</b> <b>1.30pm-3.30pm</b></li> </ul>

## DIGITAL STORY TELLING

Digital storytelling is a method of gathering feedback stories. Digital patient stories are ideal for helping people get their voices heard in a way that leads to learning and service improvement. The stories are very memorable and build empathy in the listener which leads to changes in practice.

Digital stories are voice recordings put together with images to create a short video.

The digital story format has three basic principles:

- ◆ it is a first-person story
- ◆ it is always short, usually under 3 minutes
- ◆ the storyteller remains the director of the story

Recording a story can help showcase best practice when things have gone right, it can also help people to process what is happening, but most importantly, it can give the teller a voice when things have gone wrong and help advocate for better services.

If you think you would like to share your story, please contact us on 01625 505647  
or email [cwp.involve-and-recover@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.involve-and-recover@nhs.net)

**Our virtual courses are available to anyone in East Cheshire & West Cheshire who are accessing CWP's secondary care services and for those accessing CWP's Wellbeing Hub's in primary care *in the South Cheshire and Vale Royal areas only.***

If you are interested in participating in a course, and would like more information, advice, or support, please contact us on:

Tel: 01625 505647 or email: [cwp.involve-and-recover@nhs.net](mailto:cwp.involve-and-recover@nhs.net)

Address: Jocelyn Solly Resource Centre, Victoria Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK10 3JE

To download an enrolment form or access any of our workbooks please see the link below:

<http://www.cwp.nhs.uk/services-and-locations/services/involvement-recovery-and-wellness-centre/>

To access our YouTube channel where you can find self help videos, please see the link below:

[IRWC Cheshire & Wirral NHS Foundation Trust - YouTube](#)

Please follow our twitter page for news and updates.

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**If you have any concerns, or anything or anyone makes you feel uncomfortable whilst attending one of our workshops, please inform a staff member and they will support you accordingly.**

**'Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching'**

Vivek Madlani



Helping people to be **the best they can be**