This page features items that may be useful for Council teams and community groups responding to COVID-19.

Some may be helpful for staff and volunteers for their own wellbeing, and others may be helpful for them in carrying out their role during COVID-19.

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- General Helpline Training (Advice NI) a series of short (10-20 minute), concise modules covering key helpline skills - quickly identify routine enquiries, priorities, quick fixes and emergencies. Assign resources that best fit the client's needs.
- Helplines NI website now includes all new COVID -19 related helplines, both national and local
- Psychological First Aid interim guidelines and a short E-Learning module course
- <u>Suicide prevention e-learning</u> to explain some of the warning signs and helps the learner to feel more equipped when dealing with difficult conversations around suicide.
- <u>Stress Control online classes</u>. The sessions are effective in helping to reduce symptoms of stress, anxiety, and depression and they include techniques to get a good night's sleep!
- Health Protection and Health and Wellbeing guidance and resources. These include translated versions and adaptations for various groups
- <u>Healthcare Apps</u> to support health and social wellbeing, eg. manage stress, improve wellbeing, stay fit, eat well, improve sleep.
- <u>Directories of local mental health and emotional wellbeing services</u> (local to each health and social care trust area)

Anyone in crisis should contact their GP or call Lifeline 0808 808 8000. If in immediate danger, they should call 999.

