# Mental Health Improvement Team Stress Awareness Month April 2024



#### What is Stress?



Stress is a natural emotional response to the challenges and demands in our lives. People have different ways of reacting to stress, so a situation that feels stressful to one person may be motivating to someone else. Stress is not an illness but can cause illness if not addressed and managed in a healthy way.

#### **Causes and Impact**

	Work	$\bigcirc$	Anxiety	
Unemployment			Socia	l Withdrawal
School	Exams		Sleep problems	
Debt	Cost of Living	<u>]</u> .∿.(	Mood Swings	Depression
Relationships	Bereavement	<b> </b> · <b> </b> \.		
Bullying	<b>Global Affairs</b>	$\bigcirc$ $\bigcirc$		

#### **Resources for Managing Stress**

click on images to download information



If you're feeling anxious, stressed, or low, or having problems sleeping or dealing with grief – find out how you can improve your mental wellbeing by hearing what others have found helpful.



**Steps to deal with stress**: A downloadable simple guide to stressing less and enjoying life more.

Are you feeling stressed? A downloadable booklet to help you cope better with stress.





A downloadable guide that provides tips on how to manage and reduce stress.

Useful information on what to do if you are struggling with stress.



**Understanding and dealing with stress**: Activities helping to recognise and how to deal with feelings of stress.

### **APPS**

click on images to download information



An online sleep improvement programme which delivers tailored and engaging advice 24/7.



Learn proven and techniques to face difficult emotions, and be more present.

## **Helplines and Support**



Free and private service for young people. Online, on the phone, anytime. Call **0800 1111** or visit <u>www.childline.org.uk</u>

For anyone in Scotland over the age of 16, feeling low, anxious or depressed. Call free on **0800 83 85 87.** Mon-Thurs 6pm to 2am, Fri 6pm-Mon 6am.

Breathing Space

TALK TO US If things are getting to you 116 123

Call any time, day or night. Whatever you're going through, you can call any time, from any phone for FREE, **116 123.** 

Phone **111** if you are feeling distressed, in a state of despair, suicidal, in need of emotional support and asked to be put through to the Mental Health Hub.





Call 0808 808 4000, Mon- Fri 9am-8pm and Saturday 9:30am - 1pm.