

Catch22's Derby & Derbyshire C.A.R.E.S. support during the COVID-19 restrictions

We are aware that current and future closures of schools, services and public places along with instructions for social distancing could put children and young people at additional risk. As the situation continues to develop, we're doing our utmost to ensure staff and service users are protected as much as possible. In the light of the Government's latest advice for people to 'limit social contact' where possible, **Catch22 remain committed to ensuring all children and young people get the support they need. We are working tirelessly to find creative ways of connecting with children and keeping them safe.**

We will risk assess all one-to-one support and make decisions on an individual basis depending on the level of risk and the child's needs on how best we can meet those needs.

CRE support will be ongoing, with case workers using messaging, phone and video calls as appropriate in addition to face-to-face meetings if deemed to be appropriate and safe to do so.

We are also looking at other ways we can support children, young people and their families. Watch this space!

So far, we have produced a guide for children on places they can access immediate online or telephone support without thresholds or referrals, including support with mental health, self-harm, online safety, going missing, reporting abuse etc.

We have also produced a guide for parents with sources of support for parenting children at risk of exploitation, financial support and information, mental health crisis support etc.

In preparation for more stringent measures being enforced, we have started to provide our young people with bespoke resource packs. Case workers will then be able to interact via telephone, email, Skype and other suitable social media platforms to deliver the required support.

This is in addition to our leaflet for young people who think their relationships may not be healthy and our poster series for professionals and members of the public about Missing, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).

If you would like electronic copies of these guides to send out to children and families, please email us at catch22CRE@catch-22.org.uk

Team members will be available by phone throughout the current crisis to give information, advice and support.

Call the office number for further information on our services throughout Derby & Derbyshire
07714 614 563

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