

# COMMUNITY RESPONSE UNIT

## NEWSLETTER

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### Voluntary and Community Sector Safeguarding Practice

Voluntary and Community Sector agencies will come into contact with many people and become aware of concerns that other organisations may not. This means that they can play an important part in keeping children and vulnerable adults safe.

All organisations should have their own guidance to ensure that their staff and volunteers are aware of how to recognise and respond to any safeguarding concerns of neglect and abuse.

This includes having an up-to-date safeguarding policy in place. This policy should include all relevant areas of the organisation's work, including recruitment, the process for staff and volunteers to raise concerns about children, and vulnerable adults.

Information should include the statutory duty to share concerns with the relevant agencies to safeguard children and adults at risk of harm or who are experiencing abuse.

Organisations can find information regarding what is a good safeguarding policy by accessing these websites:

- [KnowHow](#)
- [NSPCC](#) (specifically for children)
- [Ann Craft Trust](#) (specifically for adults)

The Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Partnership's [website](#) contains all of the relevant information you will need.

**In cases of emergency or immediate harm always call 999.**

### Disclosure & Barring Service



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The role of DBS is to:

- Help employers and voluntary organisations make safer recruitment decisions
- Help prevent unsuitable people from working with vulnerable groups including children

#### Who should refer?

Employers or voluntary organisations who are responsible for the management or control of regulated activity and make arrangements for people to work in regulated activity.

#### How to get in touch & further resources

If any organisation wishes to discuss any concerns or would like any information please contact Beth Dale Email: [Elizabeth.dale@dbs.gov.uk](mailto:Elizabeth.dale@dbs.gov.uk) & [DBSRegionaloutreach@dbs.gov.uk](mailto:DBSRegionaloutreach@dbs.gov.uk)

Leaflets: [DBS Guidance Leaflets](#)

### Castle Donington VC - Grow, Cook, Share

Castle Donington Volunteers received funding from Leicestershire Community Foundation and completed their first meal home delivery service to 52 people this week.

Wayne Tranmer said "it was a shame about the weather as we had decided as a first event to provide a salad main with CDVC cooked chunky ham followed by a rather tasty lemon posset dessert. It was good to get back to providing meals and a pleasure to doorstep chat with a number of "clients". All were delighted and send their thanks that the meal was supported and free.

The insulated crates were invaluable and are of such a size that allowed volunteers to use their own cars so we had six delivery drivers operating in parallel. All delivered by 12:45pm".



### COVID-19 Mental Health Support

#### Mental health support for children, young people and families during COVID-19

The following resources have been shared by Leicestershire County Council – Connor Melia, Health Improvement Officer, Public Health.

[Resource pack – Booklet \(7 pages\)](#)

[Resource pack – Leaflet \(4 pages\)](#)

[Resource pack – Poster](#)



## Leicestershire Business Recovery Fund



A new recovery grant funding programme has been launched, please click on [link](#) to go to the funding website.

The Leicestershire Business Recovery Fund has been launched to provide support for rural businesses and independent retail businesses, to enable them to overcome the impacts they may have faced, or are still facing, as a result of COVID-19.

Grants are available between £2,000 and £10,000 (excluding VAT) and the scheme will provide 50% grant support, with the applicant providing the other 50% as match funding.

It is managed by Leicestershire County Council and funded through the Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership Business Rate Pool, and has been set up to ensure business recovery, including supporting businesses to diversify and increase their digital skills.

Eligibility criteria applies including, but not limited to:

- Business must be located within, or relocating to the administrative area of Leicestershire (businesses within the Leicester City boundary are ineligible)
- Employ less than 50 full time equivalent (FTE) employees i.e. a Micro or small business
- Apply for minimum of £2,000 and a maximum of £10,000

Before applying we advise getting in touch with one of their business advisers to go through the criteria in more detail, calling on 0116 366 8487 (Lines open Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm).

## Can you Help Hospice Hope?



Can you help Hospice Hope provide a "little pack of hope" for their clients?

They are looking for donations of craft packs, jigsaws (complete), books, colouring books, and other goodies which might provide relief and entertainment to people living with a condition limiting quality or length of life and currently isolated due to COVID-19.

Please contact [Liz@hospicehope.org.uk](mailto:Liz@hospicehope.org.uk) or telephone 07591 952027 for details of where to send them.

## Key national and county wide information booklet

The Leicestershire Local Area Co-ordination team have created a booklet that provides contact details for sources of support around some key themes such as emotional wellbeing, physical wellbeing, access to food, housing related/financial information and information on the Coronavirus CV19.

Click [here](#) to see the document



## Loneliness Awareness Training

Covid-19 has had a huge impact on the issues of rural isolation and loneliness across the UK. It is widely estimated that one in four of us (that's over 165,000 people) living in Leicestershire and Rutland have suffered the unwanted feelings and negative impact of loneliness as a result of lockdown and ongoing social distancing measures.

To help people take action across Leicestershire and Rutland the RCC are offering some FREE Zoom based training sessions in early August. These sessions are open and suitable for all and will include:

- Explaining the common causes and effects of loneliness
- Talking through ways to reach out, connect and help others that may be experiencing loneliness
- Sharing useful links, tools and resources to help tackle loneliness

Details of the sessions are below.

### Wednesday 12 August 2020

6:00 – 7:30pm

### Thursday 13 August 2020

3:00 – 4:30pm

### Tuesday 18 August 2020

10:00 – 11:30am

Places are limited and booking is on a first come first served basis. Please email Rural Community Council—[training@ruralcc.org.uk](mailto:training@ruralcc.org.uk) | 01455 856330



Click [here](#) to book online

## Community Focus



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