



HEALTH AND WELLBEING RESOURCES

2026

Health and Wellbeing
resources for young people

Web: [We are the
Gloucestershire Youth Support
Team](#)

Email:
YSTOpportunitySupport@gloucestershire.gov.uk

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The logo for 'talkWell' features the word 'talk' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'Well' in a black, cursive script font.

Talk Well - [Let's Talk Well in Gloucestershire | Free counselling and support for 9-25 year olds](#)

- Counselling for young people aged 9-25 – chose from face-to-face, online, telephone or video counselling
- TalkWellChat – call or live message their friendly, trained team members about anything that is troubling you.
 - [TalkWellChat | Counselling | Let's Talk Well](#)
 - Sunday-Thursday – 5pm-9pm
 - Call: 0300 303 8080
- One at a Time – a single, solution focused session. Ideal if:
 - You want support quickly, want to try out counselling, enjoy the flexibility of a single session
- InTER-ACT – webinars to help learn new ways to manage difficult thoughts and feelings



Young Gloucestershire - [Young Gloucestershire | Youth Work, Counselling and Mentoring](#)

- One-to-one work with Mental Health Youth Workers – flexible services, over the phone, text, online and face-to-face
- They offer support in partnership with the NHS for young people who are experiencing a complex level of mental health
- Support is available with YG for Young People in hospital or leaving in-patient mental health services
- Waitlist support – a range of one-to-one and group opportunities to support those waiting to access YG and NHS CAMHS services



Young Minds Gloucestershire - [Young Minds Matter > CYPS Gloucester Health & Care](#)

- A charity that supports children and young people (up to 18) in participating schools across Gloucestershire and provides young people and families with resources.
- YMMChat can provide regular face-to-face, telephone or online appointment(s) each week (Mon-Fri, 9am-4:30pm)
- Email: camhsschoolsymm@ghc.nhs.uk

If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Shout – text SHOUT to 85258 - [Shout: the UK's free, confidential and 24/7 mental health text service for crisis support | Shout 85258 \(giveusashout.org\)](https://giveusashout.org)

- For immediate mental health support
- Shout is a free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope

The Samaritans logo, consisting of the word 'SAMARITANS' in white, uppercase, sans-serif font on a green rectangular background.

SAMARITANS

Samaritans – [Contact Us | Samaritans](https://www.samaritans.org/contact-us)

- A listening service that does not offer advice or intervention
- Whatever you are going through, you can call anytime
- Available 24/7 – call 116 123 – from any phone for FREE



The Door - thedor.org.uk

- Offers confidential support, advice and guidance for young people aged 11-25
- 01453 705350 / Chat online – 5pm-7pm / Monday-Friday <https://thedor.org.uk/chat>
- Youth Clubs – young people aged 11-17 – a safe space to hang out with friends - free entry – range of activities including table tennis, games consoles, cooking and music

The logo for Winston's Wish, featuring the words 'WINSTON'S WISH' in a bold, sans-serif font. 'WINSTON'S' is in black and 'WISH' is in red. Below it is a stylized 'WW' logo in black. Underneath the logo is the tagline 'Giving hope to grieving children' in a smaller font.

WINSTON'S
WISH WW
Giving hope to grieving children

Winston's Wish - [Winston's Wish - Bereavement Support for Children](https://www.winstonswish.org.uk)

- Winston's Wish offers free, accessible online grief support to children and young people (aged 25 of under)
- [Grief support for young people | Winston's Wish](https://www.winstonswish.org.uk)
 - Chat online
 - Call 08088 020 021
 - Text or Whatsapp 07418 341800 (Mon-Fri, 3pm-8pm)

If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



On Your Mind Glos (Mental Health Support Finder) - [On Your Mind Gloucestershire - children & young people's mental health - NHS \(onyourmindglos.nhs.uk\)](#)

- NHS Gloucestershire programme for children and young people, an anonymous online support network/support finder

childline

ONLINE, ON THE PHONE, ANYTIME

Childline - [Contacting Childline | Childline](#)

- No problem is too big or small, talk to Childline anytime
 - Call 0800 1111 or chat online
- Information and advice on website, including: Bullying; Abuse; Drugs; Alcohol; Puberty; Home and Families; Feelings; Mental Health; Sex and Relationships; School and College and more

Essential Space – [Counselling | Essential Space Affordable Counselling](#) - based at Kingsley House GL51 4TQ

- Affordable easy-to-access counselling and mentoring service for adults and young people
- Cost is dependent on individual financial circumstances and income
- Identity Space – LGBTIA+ mentoring and counselling

Millpond Children's Sleep Clinic – [Expert Sleep Help For Teenagers - Millpond Sleep Clinic](#)

- Website has a wealth of information, private clinic but great tips on the website regarding:
 - Body clock changes, difficulty falling/staying asleep, waking up exhausted.
 - Poor sleep habits, bed swapping.
 - Other mental and physical factors affecting sleep including, anxiety, stress, sleep apnea and more.
- Foods and snacks to improve sleep: [Foods That Help Better Sleep: A Guide to Restful Nights - Millpond](#)



If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

ANXIETY

Anxiety UK – [National charity helping people with Anxiety - Anxiety UK](#)

- Provides information, support and advice for anyone struggling with anxiety
 - Call 03444 775 774 OR 07537 416905
 - Opening times: Monday-Friday – 10:30am-4:40pm

No Panic - [Home - NoPanic](#)

- Supports people struggling with panic attacks, phobias, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and other anxiety-related issues
 - 0300 772 9844
 - Opening times: 10am-10pm – 365 days a year
- Call 01952 680835 for a recorded breathing exercise to help you through a panic attack (available 24/7)

DEPRESSION

CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) – [Homepage | Campaign Against Living Miserably \(CALM\) \(thecalmzone.net\)](#)

- Provides support to anyone aged 16+ who is feeling down and needs to talk or find information
- Free webchat service available
 - Call 0800 58 58 58
 - Opening times: 365 days a year – 5pm-12am

Papyrus – [Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide \(papyrus-uk.org\)](#)

- Offers confidential advice and support for young people struggling with suicidal thoughts, as well as family and friends
- Information on how to make a safety plan



If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

OCD – Obsessive Compulsive Disorder

OCD Action – [OCD Action](#)

- Offers support and information to anybody affected by obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)
 - 0300 636 5478
 - Opening times: Monday – Friday - 9:30am-8pm

AUTISM

National Autistic Society – [National Autistic Society \(autism.org.uk\)](#)

- Offers support to autistic people and their families
- They have a wide range of information about Autism – from what autism is, to diagnosis, to socialising and relationships

ADHD – Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

ADHD UK – [ADHD UK - Homepage - ADHD UK](#)

- Information and resources on subjects including diagnosis, medication, education and employment as well as online support groups

EATING DISORDERS

Beat – [The UK's Eating Disorder Charity - Beat \(beateatingdisorders.org.uk\)](#)

- Offers information and support for anybody affected by eating disorders
- One-to-one web chat available
- Also run a range of online support groups which are fully moderated and anonymous
 - Opening times: 365 days a year
 - Weekdays: (9am-8pm) | Weekends (4pm-8pm)



If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PTSD UK – [PTSD UK](#)

- Provides resources and support for people affected by PTSD
- Their website has detailed information about PTSD symptoms, treatment options and coping strategies

LGBTQIA+

GayGlos - [Youth Group](#) | [GayGlos](#)

- Support sessions are held every other Saturday between 11:45 and 15:00 – the first 45 minutes of each session is a ‘Gender Group’
 - The location of these meetings is kept private to ensure it is a safe space
 - They can help with transport cost
- Online alternative called GaySpace

TransUnite – [Trans Unite](#) | [Find a Transgender Support Group in Your Area](#)

- women as well as those who identify as non-binary
 - Every other Sunday 1pm-4pm
- Group focuses on expressing thoughts and feelings, socialising with like-minded individuals, increasing self-understanding and providing help to others
- They provide online support through blogs, forums and chat rooms

Pink Therapy – Online – [Pink Therapy Directory of LGBTQIA+ Therapists & Counsellors](#)

- Pink Therapy provides counselling to lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, asexual, intersex and anyone who identifies as gender, sex or relationship diverse
- Pink Therapy Counsellors in Gloucestershire: [You searched for - Pink Therapy Directory](#)



If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SEXUAL HEALTH

LOCAL GP surgery can offer a range of sexual health services including:

- Contraception
- STI testing
- Sexual health advice and sign posting

Young people do not need to be a registered patient to access these clinics. Practices should be contacted prior to attending as clinic days, times and frequency vary.

COMMUNITY PHARMACIES can offer:

- Contraception, including free emergency contraception and condoms
- Chlamydia testing and treatment

Hope House – Gloucester / **The Milsom Centre** –

Cheltenham - [Home New | Hope House Sexual Health Services](#)

- Provides sexual health or contraception services
- Services are free, confidential (even for U16s) and available to anyone
- Hope house is the Specialist Sexual Health Service in Gloucestershire and can offer
 - Contraception
 - HIV screening
 - Chlamydia screening
 - Signposting to other services
 - Pregnancy advice
 - STI Testing
 - Advice on sexual assault
- If you have any symptoms, it is really important that you see a health professional.
- Phone in only service
 - Call 0300 421 6500 - Monday-Friday 8am-4pm
- [Home STI Testing Kits](#) - [Home Testing Kit | Hope House Sexual Health Services](#)
 - Home testing available for; chlamydia, gonorrhoea, HIV and syphilis
 - You can online home test if:
 - Aged 16 of over
 - You have NO symptoms
 - You have a Gloucestershire postcode



If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

SWITCHBOARD

Switchboard – [Homepage](#) | [Switchboard](#)

- National LGBTQIA+ support line
- Can discuss sexual health, relationships and feelings
- Phone, chat or email services
 - Opening times: 10am-10pm every day

BOOTS – [Sexual Health Services Online](#) | [Boots Online](#) [Doctor UK](#)

- Tests or quick prescription treatment for a variety of sexual health issues
 - Convenient and discreet treatment
- No appointment needed – fill out quick online consultation

GL3 Community Hub – [GL3 Community Hub](#) [Churchdown](#)

- Man up – Men’s Mental Health Group – peer to peer support – Every Tuesday 7-8:30pm
- Woman up – Women’s Mental Health Group – peer and peer support – Every Wednesday 7-8:30pm
- Wellbeing Wednesdays – relaxed afternoon for all with board games, crosswords etc – Every Wednesday 1:30pm-2:30pm

GL3Community
Hub & Cafe

If you are at imminent risk, please ring **999**

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

PHYSICAL HEALTH

NHS Fitness – [Fitness Studio exercise videos - NHS](#)
(www.nhs.uk)

- Aerobic Fitness – aerobic for beginners; belly dancing; la bomba dancing; wake up work out
- Strength and Resistance – warm up; waists, abs, arms, legs, glutes, cool down
- Pilates and Yoga – chair based; beginners; pyjama, scoliosis

Leisure Centres

Gloucester: [GL1 Leisure Centre - Gloucester | Freedom Leisure](#)
(freedom-leisure.co.uk)

Cheltenham: [Leisure Centre and Gym Cheltenham | Leisure at Cheltenham](#)

Stroud: [Stratford Park Leisure Centre | Gym, Sports Hall & Swim | Everyone Active](#)

Cirencester: [Cirencester Leisure Centre | Leisure Centre, Gym, Swimming in Cirencester | Freedom Leisure | Freedom Leisure](#)
(freedom-leisure.co.uk)

Forest of Dean: [Leisure centres and leisure activities - Forest of Dean District Council](#)

- Gym / Junior Gym – functional training; group cycling; group exercise
- Swimming – fitness or fun
- Fitness classes – dance, yoga, Pilates, legs bums and tums, aqua aerobics, body pump, HIIT, Zumba, Tai Chi and more
- Squash, badminton, basketball, tennis, football, pickleball, table tennis, roller-skating



HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Gloucestershire Football Association - [Home - Gloucestershire FA](#)

- Football for 16–18-year-olds to help you move into adult groups – boys and girls teams
- They also offer Turn up and Play as well as walking football

Couch to 5K - [Get running with Couch to 5K - NHS](#) (www.nhs.uk)

- Free NHS app for beginners to start running
- Running is a good stress reliever and is known to help with mental health