Mind's School Website Fact Sheet

Anger

We all feel angry at times – it's part of being human. Anger is a normal, healthy emotion, which we might experience if we feel:

- attacked
- deceived
- frustrated
- invalidated or unfairly treated

It isn't necessarily a 'bad' emotion; in fact it can sometimes be useful. For example, feeling angry about something can:

- help us identify problems or things that are hurting us
- motivate us to create change, achieve our goals and move on
- help us stay safe and defend ourselves in dangerous situations by giving us a burst of energy as part of our <u>fight or flight system</u>

Most people will experience episodes of anger which feel manageable and don't have a big impact on their lives. Learning healthy ways to recognise, express and deal with anger is important for our mental and physical health.

Students - Childline 0800 1111

Adults - 116 123 / samaritans.org/wales

Student resource - https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/feelings-emotions/anger/

Adult resource - https://www.mind.org.uk/media-a/2962/anger-2018.pdf

Anxiety

Blurb - Anxiety is what we feel when we are worried, tense or afraid – particularly about things that are about to happen, or which we think could happen in the future. Anxiety is a natural human response when we perceive that we are under threat. It can be experienced through our thoughts, feelings and physical sensations.

Most people feel anxious at times. It's particularly common to experience some anxiety while coping with stressful events or changes, especially if they could have a big impact on your life. Anxiety can become a mental health problem if it impacts on your ability to live your life as fully as you want to.

Students - Anxiety UK – 03444 77577 (Mon-Fri) / Anxietyuk.org.uk

Adults – Anxiety UK – 03444 77577 (Mon-Fri) / Anxietyuk.org.uk

Student resource - https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/conditions/anxiety/

Adult Resource - <u>https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/types-of-mental-health-problems/anxiety-and-panic-attacks/self-care-for-anxiety/</u>

Healthy Relationships

Blurb – We have relationships with anybody that we interact with on a regular basis, this might be a working relationship, family or friends, or a romantic relationship. Healthy relationships bring out the best in you and make you feel good about yourself. A healthy relationship does not mean a "perfect" relationship, but if you find yourself having more bad times than good with a person, this can be a sign of an unhealthy dynamic.

Relationships that are not healthy are based on power and control, not equality and respect. In the early stages of an <u>abusive relationship</u>, you may not think the unhealthy behaviours are a big deal. However, possessiveness, insults, jealous accusations, yelling, humiliation, pulling hair, pushing or other abusive behaviours, are — at their root — exertions of power and control. Remember that abuse is always a choice and you deserve to be respected. There is no excuse for abuse of any kind.

Students - Safeline - Call: 0808 800 007 / Text: 0780027573 / Safeline.org.uk

Adults - Live Fear Free Helpline - 0808 80 10 800 / info@livefearfreehelpline.wales

Student Resource - <u>https://www.childline.org.uk/globalassets/info-and-advice/bullying-abuse-and-</u> safety/abuse-and-safety/relationship-abuse/instructions-for-safety-plan.pdf

Adult Resource - https://www.womensaid.org.uk/the-survivors-handbook/making-a-safety-plan/

Low mood & Depression

Blurb – Feeling sad or fed up is a normal reaction to experiences in our life that we feel are difficult or stressful. Usually these feelings pass in due course, however if the feelings interfere with your life and don't go away after a couple of weeks, or if they come back over and over again for a few days at a time, it could be a sign that you're experiencing depression.

Depression is a low mood that lasts for a long time and affects our everyday life. In its mildest form, depression can means just being in low spirits. It doesn't stop you leading your normal life but makes everything harder to do and seem less worthwhile. At its most severe, depression can be life-threatening because it can make some people experience suicidal thoughts and feelings.

Support for students – Childline 0800 1111

Support for adults – CALL helpline 0800 132 737

Student resource - <u>https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/managing-your-health/mental-health-substance-use/child-teen-mental-health/dealing_with_teen_depression_writable.pdf</u>

https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/feelings-emotions/depression-feeling-sad/

Adult resource - <u>https://www.mind.org.uk/media-a/2935/depression-2019.pdf</u> https://www.blurtitout.org/

Self-harm

Blurb – Self harm is the term used to describe when someone intentionally hurts themselves as a way of dealing with difficult feelings, painful memories or overwhelming situation or experiences. Selfharm was previously thought of as attention seeking behaviour where as it is more a form of communication for someone to show that they are struggling. Self-harm therefore is a coping strategy that helps people to manage their emotional hurt or stress. It is important to remember that it is not attempted suicide, but it is something that people do in order to survive.

Support for students - the mix helpline 0808 808 4994 Support for adults - <u>Supportline</u> helpline 01708 765200 Student resource - <u>https://calmharm.co.uk/#row1</u> <u>http://www.lifesigns.org.uk/</u> <u>file:///C:/Users/Stephanie/Downloads/factsheet-people-who-si-v2.pdf</u>

Adult resource - https://www.mind.org.uk/media-a/2956/self-harm-2016.pdf

Suicidal thoughts and feelings

Blurb – Suicide is the act of intentionally taking your own life. Suicidal feelings can range from being preoccupied by thoughts about ending your life, or feeling that people would be better off without you, to thinking about methods of suicide, or making clear plans to take your own life. Experiencing thoughts of suicide can be frightening but anyone can experience thoughts of suicide, in fact, an estimated 1 in 5 will experience thoughts and feelings of suicide at some point in their lifetime (time to change). If you are experiencing thoughts of suicide, its important to know that there is help available. Please take the time to look at the resources below and reach out to talk to someone about how you are feeling.

Student helpline – papyrus hopeline 0800 068 4141

Adult helpline - Samaritans 116 123

Student resource - <u>https://papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/Stay-Safe-Plan-Print-out.pdf</u>

https://papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/HOPEBOX-resource.pdf

Adult resource - <u>https://papyrus-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Suicide-Safety-Plan-</u> Template-1.pdf

https://www.mind.org.uk/media-a/2960/suicidal-feelings-2016.pdf