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Pre Bereavement Support (Cancer)

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Ruth Strauss Foundation - A family support service who offer free one to one virtual appointments with parents and care givers to help start, and continue, open and honest conversations with their children about their condition.

Experienced practitioners who will consider a child's age, developmental stage, family setup and, and most importantly, how the family are all currently coping, living with an incurable diagnosis.

The team will provide emotional support, guidance and resources to parents and primary care givers to help them through this difficult time.

Free resources to support the family.

Facilitated peer support groups for teenagers, offering them the opportunity to meet with other teens who are also facing the death of a parent to cancer.

Peer support groups for parents/co-parents, whose partner has incurable cancer, which gives them the opportunity to talk to someone who is in a similar situation.

Link: https://ruthstraussfoundation.com/

Fruitfly Collective - A team of experts who empower parents to navigate family life and to support their children after a cancer diagnosis.

The team offer a free 8 weeks online coaching programme that is designed to empower parents and help them to navigate difficulties experienced when raising children and dealing with cancer.

Resources available for children that are affected by parental cancer, and support guides for those parents living with cancer. The resources include tools to provide understanding about what cancer is and how it is treated, to support emotional wellbeing and practical tools.

Link: https://www.fruitflycollective.com/

The Cove Macmillan Support Centre - Support centre for people living with cancer and their carers. It offers information and practical and emotional support including financial and benefits advice, counselling, physiotherapy, nutritional advice, complementary therapy, a wig service, yoga, tai-chi, relaxation sessions, support groups and carer groups.

Link: https://royalcornwallhospitals.nhs.uk/services/the-cove-macmillan-support-centre/

Rip Rap - A site is developed especially for teenagers who have a parent with cancer.

Link: <u>http://www.riprap.org.uk/</u>

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Penhaligon's Friends - A local charity supporting bereaved children, young people, parents and carers throughout the county. Offering children and young people the chance to meet others and share their experiences, as well as practical resources for children and parents.

Tel: 01209 210624 Link: <u>http://www.penhaligonsfriends.org.uk/</u>

Winston's Wish - Winston's Wish provides free digital bereavement information and support for children and young people across the UK who are grieving the death of someone important to them.

They provide online access to useful information, resources and publications to help educate and inform about grief.

Instant online support from a Bereavement Support Worker. Real time support over the phone, on live chat or via email between the hours of 8am and 8pm, Monday to Friday. There's no need to book an appointment and no wait lists.

Facilitated peer support groups and one-to-one individual sessions.

Link: https://winstonswish.org/

Child Bereavement UK - Child Bereavement UK helps families to rebuild their lives when a child grieves or when a child dies. They support children and young people (up to the age of 25) when someone important to them has died or is not expected to live, and parents and the wider family when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying.

Link: https://www.childbereavementuk.org/

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Action for Happiness – Action for happiness is a charity that promotes a happier and more caring society, by helping people to take practical action. Its website provides many resources and evidence-based ideas for actions that can be taken to feel happier and help reduce and prevent mental ill health.

Link: <u>https://actionforhappiness.org/children-young-people</u>

Anna Freud – A children's mental health charity that provides specialist help and resources.

Link: https://www.annafreud.org/

Brave - BRAVE is a fun, easy to use, evidence-based program designed for children and young people who want to learn how to reduce to reduce stress and anxiety, and improve their mood – There is also help for parents too.

Link: https://www.brave-online.com/

Childline – A free private and confidential service run by the NSPCC for young people up until their 19th birthday, where they can talk about anything either online or on the telephone

Link: https://www.childline.org.uk/

Ditch the Label – A global youth charity, that helps young people navigate the tough stuff. For anyone aged 12-25 yrs. and struggling with things like mental health, relationships, bullying or identity, Ditch the label are there to provide advice and support.

Link: https://www.ditchthelabel.org/

<u>HeadStart Kernow</u> (dedicated parent/care support) - Working to improve the social, emotional, mental health and wellbeing of children and young people in Cornwall.

Link: <u>https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents--carers/</u>

Kooth – Kooth provides free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing service, providing online counselling and support for children and young. Kooth is the UK's largest digital mental health provider and is a confidential way for young people to get help with their emotional wellbeing.

The online service offers peer to peer support through moderated discussion forums, as well as self-help through reading or submitting content. Kooth's fully trained, qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners are also available to talk to every day from midday to 10pm every weekday, and from 6pm to 10pm at weekends.

Young people can drop in for one-to-one text-based chats, or more structured booked sessions depending on their individual needs. There are no waiting lists, no referrals and no thresholds required to access the service

Link: https://www.kooth.com/

MindEd for Families - Support for parents and those caring for children and young people in their family when they are concerned about a young person's mental health or wellbeing.

Link: https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people/

Start Now Cornwall - Multimedia emotional and mental health support and interactive resources for Children and young people

Link: https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk/

Stem4 - Stem4 is a charity that supports positive mental health in teenagers. The website provides Mental health information, apps and education. Link: <u>https://stem4.org.uk/</u>

SilverCloud - SilverCloud is an online cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) programme which allows people to complete therapy in their own time and at their own pace.

Silver cloud also offer digital on demand family mental health programmes. These programmes are designed to fit into the lives of every child, young person and parent/carer to support the whole family

Link: <u>https://www.silvercloudhealth.com/uk/programmes/family-programmes/on-demand-family-mental-health-programmes</u>

The Mix -The Mix is the UK's leading digital charity for under 25s. Whatever issue a young person is facing, The Mix is always there for them – via their website, text, or social media. They provide free confidential and anonymous support that can be accessed wherever young people are.

The mix connect young people to experts and their peers to talk about everything from money to mental health, homelessness to jobs, break-ups to drugs and more. No topic is out of bounds.

Link: <u>https://www.themix.org.uk/</u>

The Charlie Waller Trust - Provides mental health training, resources and consultancy with a focus on children and young people. They work with young people, parents and carers, schools, colleges, universities and employers.

Link: https://www.charliewaller.org/

Young Minds – Young Minds is the UK's leading charity committed to improving the emotional well-being and mental health of children and young people.

The website is full of advice and information to give young people the tools to look after their own mental health.

They will also empower parents and professionals to be the best support they can be to the young people in their lives.

Link: <u>https://www.youngminds.org.uk/</u>

Young People Cornwall – Young people Cornwall help young people confidently tackle life's challenges, head on. From drop-in youth groups to one-on-one mental health sessions, they offer a wide range of support all over Cornwall.

Link: <u>https://youngpeoplecornwall.org/</u>

Anxiety, Panic Attacks, Phobias and OCD

No Panic - No Panic is a registered charity that helps and supports those living with Panic Attacks, Phobias, Obsessive Compulsive Disorders and other related anxiety disorders.

No Panic also provides support for the carers of people who suffer from anxiety disorders.

Link: https://nopanic.org.uk/

OCD Action – OCD Action provides advice and support for people with Obsessive Compulsive Disorders and related disorders including Body Dismorphic Disorder, Skin picking, and trichotillomania.

Link: https://ocdaction.org.uk/

OCD-UK – OCD-UK is a national charity that provides information and support relating to obsessive compulsive disorders in children and young people.

Link: https://www.ocduk.org/

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Students Against Depression - Students Against Depression is a website offering advice, information, guidance and resources to those affected by low mood, depression and suicidal thinking.

Link: https://www.studentsagainstdepression.org/

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Cornwall Safer Futures – supports children, young people and families who have experienced domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Their Reconnect Programme is a needs-led support programme tailored towards children and young people (CYP) aged 8-18 years who have experienced/witnessed Domestic abuse. The programme focuses on the long-term recovery and resilience of children and young people affected by domestic abuse.

The Reconnect Respect Programme is a programme providing behaviour change for children aged 8 to 16 years of age whom are displaying abusive behaviours or violence, whilst providing support to their parents or carers, helping to improve family relationships.

Link: <u>https://saferfutures.org.uk/</u>

True Butterflies Foundation - True Butterflies Foundation is dedicated to supporting

survivors of domestic abuse in the south west of England. This foundation provides a wide range of services including mentoring, therapies, group work, and court support.

Link: https://www.truebutterflies.org/

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Frank - *FRANK is a free drug advice service* that is aimed at parents and children in particular. It is available 24 hours a day and online and by text message.

Link - https://www.talktofrank.com/

We are with you - For young people looking for advice and support around drugs, alcohol or their mental health, we are with you are here to help. Parents/carers or any other family members worried about a young person, can also find support here too.

Link: <u>https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/what-we-do/young-persons-services</u>

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Beat - The UK's eating Disorder charity exists to encourage and empower people to get help quickly, because the sooner someone starts treatment, the greater their chance of recovery. People can contact Beat online or by phone.

Beat will also support family and friends, equipping them with essential skills and advice, so they can help their loved ones recover whilst also looking after their own mental health.

Link: https://www.beateatingdisorders.org.uk/

The Charlie Waller Trust - Offers guidance for parents/carers whose young people are experiencing difficulties with eating or have been diagnosed with an eating disorder. The Charlie Waller Trust also runs a series of free online workshops for anyone caring for a loved one with an eating disorder. The five-week course consists of a weekly two-hour workshop full of practical tips, real life scenarios and case studies. It is delivered by trained facilitators and is based on the New Maudsley Approach, which aims to lower anxiety and distress in family members. The course aims to provide carers with communication tools, skills and techniques that can help them engage their loved one to improve their self-esteem and develop the resilience to embark on change.

Link: <u>https://www.charliewaller.org/mental-health-resources/mental-health-difficulties/</u> <u>supporting-a-child-with-an-eating-problem</u>

Neurodiversity

Neurodiversity Hub Cornwall - Information relating to the ND Profiling Tool and other

helpful advice and resources to support young people and families with neurodiversity.

Link: https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/neurodiversity/

Self-Harm - Self-Injury

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Battle scars - This website helps those who struggle with self-harm by running easy-toaccess services for them and for those who support them (families, carers, friends and professionals).

Link: https://www.battle-scars-self-harm.org.uk/

Harmless – Harmless is an organisation who works to address and overcome issues related to self-harm.

Link: <u>https://harmless.org.uk/</u>

LifeSIGNS (Self-injury Guidance and Network Support) - An online, user-led charitable organisation created to help and support people of all ages affected by self-injury across the UK

Link: https://www.lifesigns.org.uk/

Alumina (Previously Self Harm UK) – Alumina is a free, online 7 week course for young people struggling with self-harm. Each course has up to 14 young people, all accessing the sessions from their own phones, tablets or laptops across the UK. The courses take place on different evenings of the week and are run by friendly, trained counsellors and volunteer youth workers. Young people don't need an adult to refer them or sign them up, and no-one will see or hear them during the sessions.

Link: https://www.selfharm.co.uk/

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Barnardos - Barnardo's is one of the UK's largest charities. Their services provide counselling for children who have been exploited and suffered trauma from being sexually abused. Barnardo's also provide support for children leaving care and other specialist mental health services.

Link: <u>https://www.barnardos.org.uk/</u>

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Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM) - CALM (Campaign provide suicide prevention resources to help prevent suicide in the UK

Link: https://www.thecalmzone.net/

Papyrus – A leading youth suicide prevention charity that is dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the promotion of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people.

Link: <u>https://www.papyrus-uk.org/</u>

The Tomorrow Project -The Tomorrow Project is a confidential suicide prevention service set up to provide both suicide crisis and bereavement support in response to the needs and concerns of our local communities.

Link: https://harmless.org.uk/the-tomorrow-project-3/

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Teen sleep hub – The teen sleep hub is specifically for teenagers and contains a great amount of informative videos as well as tips and tricks for teenagers, schools and carers that can help them establish healthy habits, identify reasons for sleep disturbances and make small alterations that can greatly improve sleep hygiene.

On top of just providing information, the Teen Sleep Hub puts emphasis on reassuring young people that more often than not their sleep issues aren't their fault and they are not lazy, but that they have the power to improve their sleep given the right resources.

Link: <u>https://teensleephub.org.uk/</u>

Requires a Referral

The Dreadnought Centre - Dreadnought undertakes work with children and young people who are experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties in their lives. This includes those children and young people who are adopting an ever decreasing profile and are in danger of disappearing 'off the radar' as well as those who have a high profile. The Dreadnought centre also offer the Dreadnought Aspires project. Working with Children & Young People with a diagnosis of an Autism Spectrum Disorder and of Mainstream Educational ability.

Link : http://thedreadnought.co.uk/

Brook (Cornwall Wellbeing Hub) – Brook Well-being hub in Cornwall (Truro) supports young people aged between 11 -24 yrs to improve their own mental health and wellbeing. They offer three different programmes that can support boost a young person's motivation and self- worth and also help them make positive changes in their life. Young people are able to self-refer for a programme by completing the form on the website. After submitting a referral Brook aim to be in touch within 3 working days.

Link: <u>https://www.brook.org.uk/regions/cornwall-wellbeing-hub/</u>

NHS Cornwall Talking Therapies (Young People Ages 16+) - The NHS Cornwall talking therapies service is a free and confidential service for people aged 16 years and over who are registered with a GP in Cornwall. They provide treatment for common mental health difficulties such as low mood, stress, anxiety and depression.

Link: https://www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/talking-therapies/

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Calm Harm - Manages Self-Harm.

Free of charge and offers teenagers many different ways to overcome their impulses to harm themselves. There are both 5 and 15 minute activities as well as a timer that helps users to find healthier ways of handling their emotions and impulses. It suggests a range of ideas which can help young people to distract themselves, express their emotions, calm themselves down and release their anger so that they don't hurt themselves. Activities are pro-self and pro-social.

This app lists websites, resources and county- specific telephone hotlines which young people are able to access to get more social and mental health support relating to self-harm, depression and family issues.

Finch – Self-care

Finch is a self-care pet app that helps you feel prepared and positive, one day at a time. Take care of your pet by taking care of yourself! Choose from a wide variety of self-care exercises personalized for you.

For Me - Wherever you are and whatever life throws at you, Childline is now easier to access than ever before. 'For me' is the brand new way to get advice and support on loads of topics – from issues that can play a big part in everyone's life, like school and exam stress, through to extremely personal issues, such as self-harm and mental health. This app gives young people access to self-help advice, and opportunities to chat with other young people about whatever they want on their supportive message boards. Via the app young people can also call or email a childline counsellor.

Mindshift CBT– A free evidence-based anxiety management app that uses scientifically proven strategies based on cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT).

This is a is a free self-help anxiety relief app, that helps people to reduce worry, stress, and panic by following evidence-based strategies. Using CBT tools, that can challenge negativity, people can learn more about anxiety, develop more effective ways of thinking, be mindful, and relax.

Smiling Mind- Mental Wellbeing

The Smiling Mind App helps people learn the skills that underpin wellbeing and create the habits to thrive. By developing their own, unique approach to building mental fitness, navigating challenges and meeting goals. It's a daily workout for life.

Smiling Mind supports people to practise mental fitness through five core skill sets, empowering them to: live mindfully, embrace flexible thinking, grow connections, act purposefully and recharge their body.

The Smiling Mind App provides personalised content, tools and resources to support

specific wellbeing needs and goals. There's a range of content for minds of all ages and stages, with children's collections suitable for ages 5 to 12, and adult collections that take them from beginner practice to everyday habits!

Feeling Good Teens - Feeling Good Teens is for 10-15-year-olds to develop selfesteem, resilience and goal focused motivation.

Feeling Good Teens has 11 free to download tracks, of varying length from 3 minutes to 11 minutes, that guide mindful relaxation, muscle relaxation, calming the mind, building self-confidence, coping with exam stress and sleeping well. These age-appropriate relaxing audios combine relaxation, positive psychology and Olympic Sports coaching techniques to build core non-cognitive skills, such as increasing self-confidence, and self-esteem. There is a short video to develop calm breathing too. Regular listening to the audio tracks builds inner mental strength, in much the same way as exercise builds muscle, so listening develops skills for life.

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SAM - Manage anxiety, depression and loneliness

SAM is a non-profit, community-backed wellbeing app to help monitor and manage mental health, with self-help techniques to help with anxiety, depression, loneliness and coping. SAM is informed by clinical best practice and academic research. SAM provides a range of self-help techniques organised into several main wellbeing themes, together with tools for recording and monitoring changes in mood.

Moodgym - An online self-help program designed to help users prevent and manage symptoms of depression and anxiety.

It is like an interactive, online self-help book which teaches skills based on cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). People can log back in to at any time to learn more skills or to add to their workbooks and diaries.

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Mood Track Diary- Monitor and track your emotional health. The app records a range of emotions for anxiety, depression, stress, post-traumatic stress and your general well-being.

Moodometer – This approved NHS choices app is an interactive mood diary for monitoring and understanding emotional well-being. It also includes tips and guidance on how to influence mood.

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Grief: Support for Young People This app has been created by leading bereavement charity Child Bereavement UK and the bereaved young people we work with. It is for 11-25 year olds who have been bereaved of someone important to them. It can also be used by friends, teachers, parents and professionals who would like to know how to support bereaved young people.

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Three Good Things (Happiness Journal) - Three Good Things is a gratitude-focused daily journal designed to cultivate a habit of gratitude in your life. This daily gratitude journal encourages you to appreciate the small moments and elevate your overall well-being through consistent self-reflection.

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Calm - Calm provides a wealth of options, with a focus on personalization. For example, young people can choose from more than 20 peaceful audio-visual nature-scapes. There are also countless soothing music options and multi-day courses for specific issues, such as "Confidence," "Panic SOS," "Performance Anxiety," and "Easing Depression."

Calm also features Sound Baths, a Breathe Bubble that guides you in deep breathing, and Sleep Stories, which are narrated bedtime tales to help people fall asleep. For adolescents who don't get adequate sleep due to anxiety, stress, excessive schoolwork, and/or screen time, this bedtime relaxation feature may be especially beneficial.

Calm requires a paid subscription, though you can try it for free for seven days without commitment.

Head Space - With the slogan "Meditation Made Simple," Headspace is perfect for beginners or teens who have no prior experience with mindfulness. It has an animated, cartoony aesthetic that feels like a friendly, welcoming embrace.

Headspace sends reminders for teens to complete their daily meditation, keeps track of users meditation frequency and duration, and also allows users to team up with friends to help keep each other on track.

The app is free to try but requires a paid subscription.

Smiling Mind - A not-for-profit app-based meditation program developed by psychologists and educators to help bring mindfulness into people's life.

SuperBetter - This evidence- based app has been created to help young people build resilience to become stronger, happier and healthier.

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Relax melodies - Select sounds and melodies to help you sleep.

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Emotional Based School Avoidance

BBC Bitesize - BBC Bitesize Parents' Toolkit have teamed up with educational psychologist Dr Amanda Furness and SEN advisory teacher Sarah Barton to provide parents/carers advice on how to handle 'school refusal' and where to go for help.

Link: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zdkn3qt

Young Minds- If your child is anxious about school, or they are unable to go to school, Young Minds have advice on supporting them and working with the school and other services.

Link: <u>https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/school-anxiety-and-refusal/</u>

Mental Health Support and Wellbeing

Young Minds Parents Helpline- Support parents and carers who are concerned about their child or young person's mental health. The Parents Helpline provides detailed advice and information, emotional support and signposting.

You can speak to us over the phone or chat to us online.

Telephone number 0808 802 5544

Headstart Kernow - Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world and to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

Link: https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Parent Carers Cornwall - Parent Carers Cornwall is a parent carer led not for profit Community Interest Company providing advice and support to parent/carers of children and young people with SEND.

Parent Carers Cornwall believes parents are key to improving the life chances of children with special educational needs and that all parents should be well informed and well supported with accurate and timely advice. They aim to work in a way that recognises the impact on the whole family and empower and enable parent /carers to achieve the best possible outcomes.

Link: https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/

Out of Hours Crisis Services

Calm - If you're struggling, you can talk to CALM. Chats are free, confidential and anonymous – helpline open 5pm–midnight, 365 days a year. If you're under 15 and need support, find more information here.

Call: 0800 58 58 58

Web: thecalmzone.net

Childline- If you're under 19, you can contact Childline about anything. Whatever your worry, it's better out than in. They're here to support you and there's lots of different ways to speak to a Childline counsellor or get support from other young people. Call: **0800 1111** Web: <u>childline.org.uk</u>

Hopeline 247 - If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINE247 for confidential support and practical advice.

Call: **0800 068 4141** Text: **07860039967** Web: <u>papyrus-uk.org</u> Email: <u>pat@papyrus-uk.org</u>

NHS CORNWALL HELPLINE - In a crisis, or know someone in crisis? Need someone to talk to? The helpline is open 24/7 to listen and determine how best to help. Call: 0800 038 5300

Samaritans - Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. They're open 24/7. If you need someone to talk to, they listen and won't judge or tell you what to do.

Call: **116 123** Web: <u>www.samaritans.org</u> Web: <u>cornwallft.nhs.uk/mental-health-crisis-cornwall</u>

SANEline services - If you are over 16, get specialist emotional support, guidance and information – they're normally open every day of the year from 4pm to 10pm. Call: 0300 304 7000 Web: <u>sane.org.uk</u>

Shout 85258 - Shout 85258 is a free, confidential, anonymous text support service. You can text from wherever you are in the UK. If you are struggling to cope and need to talk, trained Shout Volunteers are there for you, day or night. Text: Send the word "SHOUT" to 85258 Call: 999 for immediate help.

Web: giveusashout.org

Stamp out Suicide - Stamp Out Suicide is a counselling service for anyone in England, Scotland and Wales living with suicidal thoughts. They are there to listen and provide free ongoing over the phone counselling to help people get through their darkest moments.

Text: 07766-808-222 - 10am - 2am

(yes, that is 2 o'clock in the morning!) Once they receive a text message, they will call back and organise for a counsellor to take it from there.

Web: <u>https://www.stampoutsuicide.co.uk/index.php</u>