



Teignbridge Community & Voluntary Services

COVID-19 Update from the CVS 6th April 2020

Resources, Information and Funding

We continue to update our website daily with Government guidance, Devon County and Teignbridge District Council updates, support sheets and funding; if something is missing please let us know <https://www.teigncvcs.org.uk/coronavirus/>

We have a closed Facebook site for groups working to support the Covid-19 emergency; where you can ask questions of other providers, suggest good practice and generally make contact. To join the group please contact Holly at office@teigncvcs.org.uk

Devon County and Teignbridge District Councils and Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust in brief

Teignbridge District Council

- have started to deliver food packs to those who are being shielded; where they find someone who is particularly vulnerable and who might benefit from VCSE intervention they are passing details onto CVS to refer into community support
- have provided grant funding to foodbanks, Citizens Advice, Westbank and CVS to support their work during this time
- have nominated Rob Kelley as the interface between VCSE and TDC - rob.kelley@Teignbridge.gov.uk

Devon County Council

- Have published a map of community support providers across the County at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/support-groups/council/teignbridge/>; CVS recognise that there are of course many other VCSE groups providing support who are not listed on this site but we know that local promotion of your activities is reaching those who need support
- Have made 2 grants available to support community intervention at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/document/covid-19-prompt-action-fund/>
- Have invested £7,000 into each district to support volunteering

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

- Are exploring how they might work with the national NHS Volunteer Responders; we know that there were far more people signing up to this scheme than was

expected and we don't yet have a good understanding of how they might be engaged locally <https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>

- CVS have a weekly 'meeting' with the Trust to update them on the response within local communities, the challenges that you are facing and future developments

Understanding better the support in our local communities

Over the next week or two we are hoping you will engage with us as we try to improve our intelligence to report back to Devon County Council, Teignbridge District Council and the NHS. We will be keen to understand:

- The impact Covid-19 is having on your organisation
- How many volunteers have come forward from your local community and how you have been able to engage them
- How your services might support people discharged from hospital over the weekends or evenings

Please help us by supporting us with information

Single Point of Contact

CVS is working with Social Care at Care Direct Plus and Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust to develop a single point of contact for people who have contacted Devon County Council for social care support or for those being discharged from hospital who might benefit from community intervention. This will not be a contact point for referrals from the public or for people who wish to volunteer but rather a dedicated point to refer into the community.

And finally ...

As we see more and more referrals for community intervention a reminder that the CVS staff team are now working in a different way; please contact them to let them know what is happening, where there are gaps or if you need support:

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