



Teignbridge Community & Voluntary Services

COVID-19 Update from the CVS 15th April 2020

Resources, Information and Funding

Our website updates include:

- Additional Funding sources to support your group in delivering a response to Covid-19
- Supporting the pets of your clients
- Stay Scam Aware – support from Trading Standards
- How to access hot and cold food deliveries from voluntary and community groups
- And more!

Our Facebook page for community groups remains busy; to join the group please contact Holly at office@teigncvcs.org.uk

Please visit **our Funding Page** [here](#); we aim to add funding opportunities as we receive details.

Nationwide Community Grants have announced a £4m package of funding support to organisations who are working to find and support local housing issues such as too few properties being built, rentals in poor condition and a lack of support for those who are vulnerable.

They are inviting groups to join them for their live Community Grants event on **21 May 2020 at 2:30pm**, to:

- find out more about our programme and the brand new and improved application process
- hear from one of our awarded charities about their experience and how they've used the grant money
- ask our experts any questions you've got about our Grants programme.

They ask that you 'simply [email us](#)' to let them know you're coming. They will send you the link seven days before the event which you can save in your calendar.

MHFA England - resources to support mental health

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) England have produced a range of resources to help with your mental health.

- Their **Mental Health First Aider guide** now includes information on how to support people remotely.
- This **animation and fact sheet** has tips on how to stay well when working remotely. The **Address Your Stress toolkit** including simple self-care tips and a wellbeing check-up. Their **Empower Half Hour** programme gives 30-minute activities to boost your wellbeing during the workday.

The Chancellors Announcement of Funding for Charities – what we know

Last week the Chancellor announced funding of £750m for Charities; this is made up of two parts:

- £370m for smaller organisations delivering essential frontline COVID-19 related services for vulnerable people, to be delivered via the National Lottery Community Fund
- £360m from Government Departments to support existing voluntary sector partners such as Citizens Advice, St Johns Ambulance etc

For both pots of funding the emphasis will be on working with 'vulnerable people' although the Government has not yet defined who they deem to be vulnerable for this purpose. The Lottery will prioritise for the next 6 months those who are working directly on a COVID-19 response but again it is unclear what constitutes a response.

We understand the common definition of small will remain any organisation under £1m; applications will be for up to £100k and consortia applications will be permissible; funds will be distributed within weeks of a decision.

We now wait for further guidance with details of the application process from the Lottery.

This funding is welcome but nationally it is believed that, during the first 12 weeks of this crisis period, those organisations that rely on fundraising income and which currently have no opportunity to provide revenue-generating services will have a black hole of an estimated £4.3bn. Locally, CVS has lobbied Teignbridge District Council, the NHS Trust and Devon County Council to put aside funds to meet the needs of these groups in the near future.

Other news in brief

Teignbridge District Council

Have launched a hotline as part of their Coronavirus support for vulnerable residents. The hotline will be a back-up to the support operation already in place which includes food parcel deliveries co-ordinated by central and local government, NHS responders checking in on patients, plus local voluntary sector groups providing care and advice.



The hotline service will enable anyone not so far on the radar of the help network to make helpers aware of their needs. This will be especially important for people who are elderly or disabled and unable to leave their home and are desperate for help.

- The hotline number is: 01626 215512 and will be answered 9am - 5pm on weekdays
- The email address is: coronavirus.support@teignbridge.gov.uk.

The Council also have a useful guide to understanding 'shielding' for the most vulnerable and how to add yourself if you feel you should be registered within this group

Devon County Council

Have agreed with CVS how the single point of contact for referrals for Social Care will operate; where CVS does receive a referral to pass onto one of the providers from our community the email address we will use to share these with you is s.wroe@nhs.net; this is a CVS secure email address for sharing personal information.

Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust

Following on from our last CVS newsletter, the Trust is still working through how they might work with the NHS Volunteer Scheme; we understand there were a few teething problems over the Easter weekend with the process which they are looking to iron out <https://www.goodsamapp.org/NHS>

Do you know someone who is providing unpaid care to friends or family?

The Government has provided guidance for people who provide unpaid care to friends or family; guidance can be found www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-providing-unpaid-care/guidance-for-those-who-provide-unpaid-care-to-friends-or-family

A reminder – The Government Job Retention Scheme (the Furlough Scheme)

A reminder that currently you CANNOT furlough and volunteer for the group that employs you if you are providing services or making money for your employer; you can undertake training. We understand that some national charity bodies are challenging this at Government level and we will update you.

BBC to host Big Night In fundraiser

BBC Children in Need and Comic Relief are joining forces to host an evening of fundraising in response to the coronavirus crisis.

A Big Night In will be broadcast live on 23 April from 7pm to 10pm and will feature a range of celebrities and artists, some of which will perform from home to respect social distancing rules.

This is the first time that the charity partners have collaborated. Funds will be divided between BBC Children In Need and Comic Relief and will then be used “to provide essential support to local charities, projects and programmes across the UK to help those most in need.”

The Government has announced they will match public donations, pound for pound, resulting from the BBC Big Night In - with a minimum contribution of £20m to the National Emergencies Trust.

NHS asks people to share their coronavirus symptoms to help others

A new Coronavirus Status Checker will help the NHS coordinate its response and build up additional data on the COVID-19 outbreak.

People with potential coronavirus symptoms are now being asked to complete the status checker and answer a short series of questions which will tell the NHS about their experience.

It is open to anyone in the UK to use on the NHS website and in its initial phase, the NHS is particularly keen for anyone who thinks they may be displaying potential coronavirus symptoms, no matter how mild, to complete it. Information [here](#)

And a reminder...

We are keen to be able to share intelligence, information and to be able to support you – our contacts are:

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Moorland and Moretonhampstead Localities	Katie Chaplin	services@teigncvcs.org.uk
Provision of Food Funding Advice	David Cox	funding@teigncvcs.org.uk

#StayHomeSaveLives

Your organisation can help by getting out the message to #StayHomeSaveLives, in this crucial stage in trying to manage the coronavirus, it's vital the public stay at home (unless necessary).

You can use Public Health England's coronavirus resources on staying at home to amplify the message across your communication channels and social networks.

[Access the campaign materials here.](#)



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