



## Teignbridge Community & Voluntary Services

### COVID-19 Update from the CVS 21st April 2020

Amazing .....

A number of you have been able to provide some data to our team on your response to Covid-19; we have collated the data we have below. We will never have statistics for all the activity going on but I think we have to admit that the response across Teignbridge has been pretty amazing – or as one of our staff responded **WOW**

Teignbridge District Area	
2,628	Volunteers actively providing support for Covid-19
4,180	Covid-19 Interventions to 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
484	Food packs delivered
750	Hot meals delivered
1,234 people with 1,799 issues	Advice provided (primarily Employment and Universal Credit)
2,500	Watched Roots Wellbeing Videos

### Demand on Services



## Resources, Information and Funding

### Big Society Capital's £100m response

Big Society Capital has announced, what they describe as an "ambitious £100 million programme of loans and investments" which aims to get emergency funding into charities, social enterprises and small businesses in disadvantaged areas during the pandemic.



The programme includes:

£25m to a new Resilience and Recovery Loan Fund, managed by Social Investment Business for charities and social enterprises  
£29m to a smaller, emergency loans for social enterprises and small businesses  
A further £50m which will be reprioritised depending on need to either or both of the above.

[View the full details on their website.](#)

### Every Mind Matters campaign to support mental health

Public Health England has updated its Every Mind Matters platform with new COVID-19 mental health guidance and tips to help people look after their mental and physical health whilst staying at home. There is advice for individuals and parents who are concerned about their children.

Take a look at this and other resource packs from PHE [here](#) - all of which you can share with your networks.



**Teignbridge District Council** A reminder that residents can subscribe to their weekly Covid-19 update which goes out on Friday afternoon or view the latest edition [here](#)

**Devon Carers Alert Card** A reminder and perhaps really important for Carers during the current Covid-19 period.

The Alert Card is designed to be carried in your purse, wallet or handbag. A handy credit-card size, it identifies you as a carer so that if you find yourself in an emergency situation where you are unable to inform people yourself, the card will be used to alert a 24-hour emergency call centre that the person you care for might need help. It has been agreed with Devon & Cornwall Police that they will recognise the Devon Carers Alert Card as identification for being an unpaid carer. For more details click [here](#)

**Torbay and South Devon NHS** have set up a Just Giving page where people can donate to their Charitable Fund. The link is [here](#) and when I last looked their total stood at £10,789

**New Nightingale Hospital in Exeter** will be opened in Westpoint Exeter to provide 200 extra beds for patients with coronavirus symptoms, if needed. The new emergency facility, announced by NHS Chief Executive, Sir Simon Stevens, brings the total to seven confirmed NHS Nightingale Hospitals across the country. The five acute hospitals in Devon and Cornwall, including Torbay Hospital, will provide the majority of care for critically ill patients with coronavirus, and have plans in place to increase their critical care capacity up to 500 beds across both counties.

The new hospital, which is expected to be ready for the first patients by Early May, will provide a regional resource of 200 beds for Devon, Cornwall and neighbouring counties to meet the care needs for patients who are seriously unwell due to their coronavirus symptoms.

**Devon Coronavirus Emergency Helpline** Anyone who is isolated and urgently needs essential food, medicine, care or social support, and doesn't have any family, friends, neighbours or community to help them, can contact the Devon Coronavirus Emergency Helpline on [0345 155 1011](tel:03451551011)

**Volunteers' Week 2020** NCVO have announced – “with all our resources focused on the immediate crisis, we've taken the difficult decision to cancel our planned activity for this year's Volunteers' Week in June.” The official website will still be accessible with all the usual resources and ideas for those organisations that are going ahead with their own activities. However, we will be closing the events listing and volunteering stories pages to new content. [Full details](#).

## Charity AGMs and Trustee Meetings

Coronavirus is having a major impact on charity events and the government's health advice may lead to some charities having no choice but to decide to cancel or postpone their AGMs and other critical meetings.

If as trustees, you decide it is necessary to do so, you should record this decision to demonstrate good governance of your charity. This is particularly important if it is not possible to hold your AGM which may make it difficult for you to finalise your annual reports and accounts.

Wherever possible, we would ask you to try to get your annual reports to us on time. However, where the situation impacts on the completion of annual returns and accounts, charities with an imminent filing date can email the Charity Commission - include your charity name and charity registration number when you email them: [filingextension@charitycommission.gov.uk](mailto:filingextension@charitycommission.gov.uk)

### **For Trustee Meetings - holding meetings online or by telephone**

In the current situation, it is becoming increasingly difficult to hold face-to-face meetings. Some charities have clauses in their governing documents that allow them to meet virtually or to use telephone facilities, so the Charity Commission advise trustees to check their governing document and see if they can make amendments themselves to facilitate changes as to how or when meetings are held.

Where there is no such clause in your governing document and you decide to hold meetings over the phone or using digital solutions, you should record this decision and that you have done this to demonstrate good governance of your charity.

## And a reminder...

**Remember to visit our website** for updates including:

- Additional Funding sources to support your group in delivering a response to Covid-19
- How to access support
- Guides, Good Practice and latest legal advice
- And more!

**Our Facebook page** for community groups remains busy; to join the group please contact Holly at [office@teigncvs.org.uk](mailto:office@teigncvs.org.uk)

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	<a href="mailto:services@teigncvs.org.uk">services@teigncvs.org.uk</a>
Provision of Food Funding Advice	David Cox	<a href="mailto:funding@teigncvs.org.uk">funding@teigncvs.org.uk</a>

## #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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