

SUPPORTING STUDENTS IN DISTRESS

A QUICK GUIDE FOR STAFF

IT'S OKAY TO ASK

You don't need to be an expert or deal with concerns on your own; reach out to Wellbeing Advice & Guidance. We're here to help you support students.

LEVEL 1: SIGNPOST

Applies to the majority of students.

WHO

Students experiencing:

- Mild emotional distress e.g. anxiety, stress, loneliness
- · Low level engagement
- · Minor academic struggles

WHO CAN HELP?

- Wellbeing Advice and Guidance – encourage the student to complete a <u>triage form</u> and they will be contacted within 3 working days
- · Signpost to Health Assured
- Provide crisis numbers if you have some concerns

FOLLOW UP

· Document your actions

SHARING INFORMATION

- Where possible, collaborate with the student on next steps and agree who you will contact
- Only use the student's ID and initials if emailing and only cc others if relevant
- Obtain an up to date telephone number for students
- Follow the <u>Trusted Contacts</u> <u>Policy</u>. Only named staff may use trusted contacts without student consent.

LEVEL 2: REFER

WHO

- · Students experiencing:
- Suicidal thoughts or depression with no intent or plan
- Increased or persistent emotional distress
- Sudden changes in behaviour or appearance
- Unusual ideas
- Mild alcohol or substance misuse
- Declining engagement with studies or student life

WHO CAN HELP?

In office hours call or email Wellbeing Advice & Guidance for advice.

Out of office hours email
Wellbeing Advice & Guidance
- a Wellbeing Practitioner will
respond to you next working
day.

If you are concerned about delaying support:

- Book a call back for the student from a <u>Health</u> <u>Assured</u> counsellor (with their consent)
- · Provide crisis numbers

FOLLOW UP

- Document your actions
- If you require further information about a student, please contact Wellbeing Advice and Guidance

LEVEL 3: EMERGENCY

WHO

Students experiencing:

- Suicidal intent or plans
- Actual significant harm/injury to self or a plan to cause harm/injury to self
- Expressions of threat or risk to others
- A loss of sense of reality which places them at immediate risk of harm to self/others

These student are hard to assess, very distressed and their behaviour is unmanageable in the current context.

WHO CAN HELP?

Student is on campus

Call Campus Support on 2222
 They will liaise with Emergency
 Services, directing them to your location. Campus Support will contact Student Services who will follow-up with the student.

Student is off campus

- · Call Emergency Services on 999
- Stay with/in contact with the student until help arrives unless your safety is compromised
- Pass on information to the Emergency Services

FOLLOW UP

- Document your actions
- Inform Wellbeing Advice & Guidance
- Look after your own wellbeing support is available through the <u>Employee Assistance</u> <u>Programme</u>, tel. 0800 358 4858

ESSENTIAL CONTACTS

Wellbeing Advice & Guidance

Alsop Building

0151 795 1000 advice@liverpool.ac.uk

Campus Support 0151 794 2222

Health Assured 24/7 student helpline 0800 028 3766

CRISIS NUMBERS

Mersey Care 24hr urgent care line 0800 145 6570

NHS: 111

<u>Samaritans</u> a listening service

Tel: 116123

Papyrus HopelineUK crisis line 0800 068 41 41 9am-midnight

SHOUT 24/7 crisis text service

TEXT Shout to 85258