

Please let us know if the topics below, or any of those listed in these pages interest you, as we can offer them in future.

- Understanding the mental health system
- Confidentiality and Information sharing
- Diagnosis and medication
- Problem solving techniques
- Early warning signs and relapse management

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Rethink Carers Service Workshops 2022



Our workshops and talks are offered online or in small groups, often in collaboration with local mental health professionals, and informed by knowledge of local services.

They are free of charge and open to family and friends of people living with poor mental health with connections to Bristol.

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Recovery – what’s it all about?



It can be difficult to know how to help someone to recover from mental illness. We will all have wondered at some time whether we are doing the right thing, and question what guides mental health workers and ‘recovery navigators’ in their work.

Duration: 3 hours over 2 sessions

Facilitators: Karen Allen Bonney (Rethink Carers Service) & Suzanne Gerrish (Community Rehabilitation Team)

Book here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recovery-whats-it-all-about-tickets-272700473457>

Dates:

Tuesday 5th April 2022 and Tuesday 26th April 2022

Time : 6.30pm—8.30pm

Getting involved and the ‘Triangle of Care’

The Triangle of Care sets out how carers, service users and professionals should work together to promote safety and recovery and to sustain the wellbeing of those using mental health services by including and supporting carers.



But how does it work in practice? What can family members learn about this guidance that will help them to be involved in someone’s care?

And how can you get involved and improve the experience of family members of people who become ill in the future?

Duration: 2 hours

Facilitators: Marcella Maloney (Bristol Carer Involvement Coordinator, Avon and Wiltshire Partnership Trust) and Karen Allen (Rethink Carers Service Development Worker)

More info and express your interest here:

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Setting Boundaries

Making agreements and setting boundaries can be difficult at the best of times. You may find your own needs are being neglected but you don't know how to create space for yourself.



This workshop is for anyone who has a supportive relationship towards a family member, partner or close friend experiencing mental health issues, and who wants to explore how to make the relationship work better for both of you.

Duration: 4 hours over 2 sessions

Facilitators: Karen Allen Bonney (Rethink Carers Service), Jane Brown (Central and East Recovery Team).

Venue: Zoom online

Last run in November 2021. To express interest email:

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Understanding and supporting change



For many people struggling with mental health difficulties, motivation to make lifestyle changes is often low or complicated by other factors.

For loved ones, friends and health care workers this can feel very frustrating, can often lead to disagreements or tensions and despite people's best intentions, can sometimes result in the

person being less likely to make changes.

This two-part workshop will be an opportunity to learn about the core principles of Motivational Interviewing, develop a deeper understanding of behaviour change processes generally and find out about key strategies and techniques that may help to shift some of the more challenging and stressful dynamics.

Motivational Interviewing is a conversational style that aims to help people explore and resolve their ambivalence around making behaviour changes.

Nicky Noble, Occupational therapist at Bristol Community Rehabilitation Service will be sharing her expertise, with Rethink Carers Service co-facilitating.

Duration: 2 hours each session (please attend both)

Facilitators: Nicky Noble (Community Rehab Service) & Karen Allen Bonney (Rethink Carers Service)

Last run in February 2022. To express interest email:

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You, your rights, & supporting someone with their mental health



Do you support a family member, partner or friend with their mental health? Do you or your family member have a Black, Asian or minority ethnic background, or mixed heritage?

You are warmly invited join a discussion and information session with Rethink Carers Service:

- Share your experience
- Find out about your rights

Find services that suit you and your circumstances

Duration: 1.5 hours and 1 hour

Facilitators: Narinder Chana (Rethink BAME Community Development worker) and Karen Allen (Rethink Carers Service Development Worker)

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Communicating with someone experiencing mental health issues

When someone is unwell, it can be difficult to know how to keep calm and avoid triggering distress and conflict for each other but still talk about the things that matter.



Sharing what has worked for us and what hasn't with others, and practising voicing how we feel can help us to gain confidence and skill in communicating more effectively.

Duration: 3 hours over two sessions

Finding balance in a Caring Role

Being there for someone with mental health issues can bring out the best in us, but can also make us feel a range of negative emotions.

This workshop is for family members, partners and friends to acknowledge and explore the difficulties of a caring role, as well as how to find compassion for ourselves.

Duration: 3 hours over two sessions

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Worried about someone's mental health?

Free workshop
18 June 2020

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