Dear Parent/Carers,

In this DSPL8 Parent/Carers Newsletter please find the following: Dacorum Parent/Carers Courses and Support newsletter:

Both documents can be downloaded from our website, via the following link:

http://www.dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers/

Kind Regards,

DSPL 8 Team – Ruth Mason, Faye Lyness

Courses & Support	Booking Link/Website
DSPL Admin Job	<u>Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - DSPL8 Administrator</u> (teachinherts.com)
Hertfordshire SEND Newsletter	<u>SEND news - 28 June 2024 (hertfordshire.gov.uk)</u>
Activities for summer	HAPpy Camps (sportinherts.org.uk) SEND Local Offer Hertfordshire County Council
Children's Well being Workshops during summer for parents/carers	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing- practitioners-33494371787
Autumn Term Courses already booking from Families in Focus and Supporting Links	<u>Familiesinfocus.co.uk</u> <u>Supportinglinks.co.uk</u>

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DSPL8 Administrator Role

DSPL is recruiting a new administrator. This role is based in a Hemel Hempstead school but supports schools across the whole of the area, working in school hours across Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, term time only.

The role involves organising and minuting meetings, supporting the administration of conferences, courses and managing a database of contacts. Marketing the services available to support children and young people with SEND needs through social media and newsletters is an important aspect of the role.

This is an ideal role for someone who has an attention to detail, enjoys varied tasks and can work independently and confidently using various Microsoft programmes, social media, and financial tracking.

Closing Date: Monday 2nd September 2024 at 9am

<u>Teacher Recruitment, Hertfordshire UK - DSPL8 Administrator</u> (teachinherts.com)





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Hertfordshire SEND News

Follow this link to subscribe to weekly SEND newsletter regarding SEND matters in Hertfordshire

SEND news - 28 June 2024 (hertfordshire.gov.uk)



SEND News

Keeping you up-to-date with Hertfordshire's SEND information (including HAND)

Front page Who's Who in SEND services

vices SEND Local Offer

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Early Years Childcare Inclusion Officer Support to find early years child care for children with SEND Introducing Abi DeMornay-Davis

The Early Years Service have recruited me to the new role of Childcare Inclusion Officer. I will be working hard to help assist parents who may be struggling to find a setting for any reason. This will include families with children with SEND, or families where the parents may have additional needs themselves (such as EAL, SEND, etc). Or it may just be a family that is struggling to find places due to a setting presenting difficulties.

My role is to act as a broker between the parents and the settings, liaising with both to reach the desired outcomes. If a setting is not being inclusive, this is something that can then also be brought to my attention, as I can work with other professionals to implement training and boost staff knowledge. I will also be working with settings to ensure that they feel confident supporting children with additional needs and know where to access help and support if needed.

If you would like any further information, do not hesitate to contact me on 01992 588596 or email <u>abi.demornay-davies@hertfordshire.gov.uk</u>

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Email: dspl@kls.herts.sch.uk

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl dacorum/

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Dacorum Adventure Playgrounds Open for Summer

Adventure Playgrounds (dacorum.gov.uk)

Open Monday to Friday in School Holidays 9.30am to 5.30pm

Our adventure playgrounds

We have four adventure playgrounds.

Adeyfield	Grovehill and Woodhall Farm	Chaulden	Bennetts End
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Our Adventure Playgrounds offer a secure and enriching environment for children. They are specifically designed to meet children's play needs, allowing them to challenge themselves, manage acceptable levels of risk and develop socially, creatively and emotionally.

The Adventure Playgrounds operate as an open-access facility, which means your children are not restricted and can come and go as they please (all children attending one of our playgrounds must register before they can attend - use the registration link below). The playgrounds are managed and supervised by a team of qualified staff who provide a secure and stimulating environment for all children, including those with special needs and disabilities.

Please be aware that priority regarding activities will be given to children of playground age (8 to 16) - children under 8 are welcome when accompanied by an adult.

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Happy Camps / Holiday Activity Programme

HAPpy Activity Camps (sportinherts.org.uk)

Book HAPpy Camps

Search and book a HAPpy Activity Camp

Available for children / teens who get benefits-related free school meals.

SEN specific Holiday Camps now also available through HAPpy Camps—Link directly to local camps.

Hertfordshire SEND Local Offer - courses, events and things to do

SEND Local Offer Activities pages have had an update for Summer 2024 please see them for additional activities for young people with SEND across Hertfordshire.

SEND Local Offer | Hertfordshire County Council

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Happy Camps / Holiday Activity Programme



Hertfordshire County Council Services for Young People HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Bennetts End Young People's Centre Kimps Way Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN

> Join us this Summer Monday – Thursday each week 29 July to 15 August 2024 2pm-6pm each day

For young people aged 13-16

Priority booking for those eligible for benefits-related free school meals

- Fun physical activities such as sports, dance and team games
- Creative activities such as cooking, arts and crafts
- Informal healthy lifestyles workshops
- Meet and socialise with other young people
- Free healthy food every day

Use the QR code below or contact SfYP Dacorum Team to sign up.

Area Service Manager: Karen Haswell Youth Work Practice Manager: Robert Brown

Tel: 01442 454060 Text: 07860 065195 sfyp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk www.servicesforyoungpeople.org





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Children well being workshops July-September 2024s

Eventbrite page: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops July-September 2024

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered to a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787

Workshop	Date & Time	
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Wednesday 17th July @ 6-8pm Wednesday 18th September @6-8pm	
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Tuesday 23rd July @6-8pm Monday 9th September @ 6-8pm	
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem.	Wednesday 28th August @ 10-12pm	
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and how parents/carers can help.	Tuesday 6th August @ 6-8pm	
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Thursday 4th July @ 6-8pm Monday 12th August @ 10-12pm Monday 16th September @ 6-8pm	
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and emotional regulation.	Tuesday 9th July @ 10-12pm Wednesday 21st August @ 6-8pm Monday 23rd September @ 10-12pm	
School Transitions A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing school transitions.	Thursday 25th July @ 10-12pm Tuesday 13th August @6-8pm	
Exam Stress A workshop supporting children and adolescents with managing exam stress.		

To access the recorded Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar please visit: <u>https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/</u>

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A complete guide to parenting children with Autism & ADHD

FREE, award-winning 10 - week course is for those parents living in Hertfordshire and parenting children with Autism or ADHD (inclusive of those with a diagnosis or awaiting assessment) aged two to 11 years. Facilitated by founders, Lesley and Francine, our course will help parents:

Gain a greater understanding and answer the question, 'Why does my child do that?'

Learn a range of strategies and solutions, to better manage behaviours that challenge Understand sensory needs of children

Increase understanding of children's common sleep issues Learn how to support siblings living with a neurodiverse sister/brother Communicate effectively with children to increase children's emotional regulation Meet other parents living in families similar and share experiences Learn techniques to manage stress, conflict and so much more....

Wednesday mornings 9.30am to 11.30am September 11th, 18th, 25th & October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & November 6th, 13th, 20th



Email Francine & Lesley to secure your free place: bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk or visit our website to see all course information: www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

Wednesday evenings 6.30pm to 8.30pm September 11th, 18th, 25th & October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & November 6th, 13th, 20th

Families in Focus | Courses for Parents, Hertfordshire

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Other dates also available in Autumn Term

Families in Focus | Courses for Parents, Hertfordshire



Funded by HCC Target Parenting Fund.

Handling anger of children with Autism & ADHD

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"I often use the analogy of a toolbox of approaches, and you have helped replenish mine with new strategies and skills for home life with three neuro diverse children." Parent auote

w strategies Increase understanding of how Autism and ADHD affects *r home life* emotional regulation.

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Increase awareness of a child's sensory needs

Increase your understanding of triggers that cause children's angry outbursts.

Facilitated by founders Lesley and Francine, our effective and award-winning anger management course is free for parents of children 4-11 and living in

Hertfordshire

This course will help you and your family to:

Learn healthy anger management strategies for children and parents to reduce angry reactions.

Discover creative ways to support children to 'let go' of anger safely.

Gain effective empathic communication skills to increase emotional regulation for the whole family.

Meet and share experiences with other parents.

Tuesday mornings 9.30am to 11.30am

September 10th, 17th, 24th & October 1st, 8th, 15th Places are limited and booking essential.

To book your free places, email Francine & Lesley

bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

visit our website for more course information

www.familiesinfocus.co.uk

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TALKING ADDITIONAL NEEDS



Mondays 8.00-9.30pm Online Course: ID 675 16th September - 21st October 2024 Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am ST ALBANS Course: ID 676 6th November - 11th December 2024 Venue: St Albans (to be confirmed)

A 6-week group for parents and carers of children with any additional need from 2-25. Your child does not need a diagnosis to join.

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Develop strategies that really work.
- Reduce conflict, anger and arguments.
- Improve Emotional Regulation
- Explore sensory needs.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Increase your child's resilience.
- Manage the different needs within your family.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'I have been on a few courses to help me with my son, this was by far the most helpful.'

Booking essential

Please quote the course ID

To check eligibility and book a place, contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

www.supportinglinks.co.uk



These courses are provided free to parents by Hertfordshire County Council' s Targeted Parenting Fund

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TALKING ANXIETY in FAMILIES

Tuesdays 9.45-11.15am Online Course: ID 677

5th November - 10th December 2024

Our online support sessions are delivered weekly via Zoom.

6, weekly sessions for parents and carers of 12-19 year olds, supporting you to:

- Understand why young people and adults get anxious.
- Develop strategies to handle anxiety in yourself and others within your family.
- Recognise the early signs of anxiety and be able to avoid escalation.
- Reduce stress and tension.
- Encourage resilient behaviour and strengthen relationships in the family.

Groups are open to parents, carers, grandparents and guardians living, or with a child in school, in Hertfordshire.

'This course has helped us all to cope day to day.'

Booking essential Please quote the course ID

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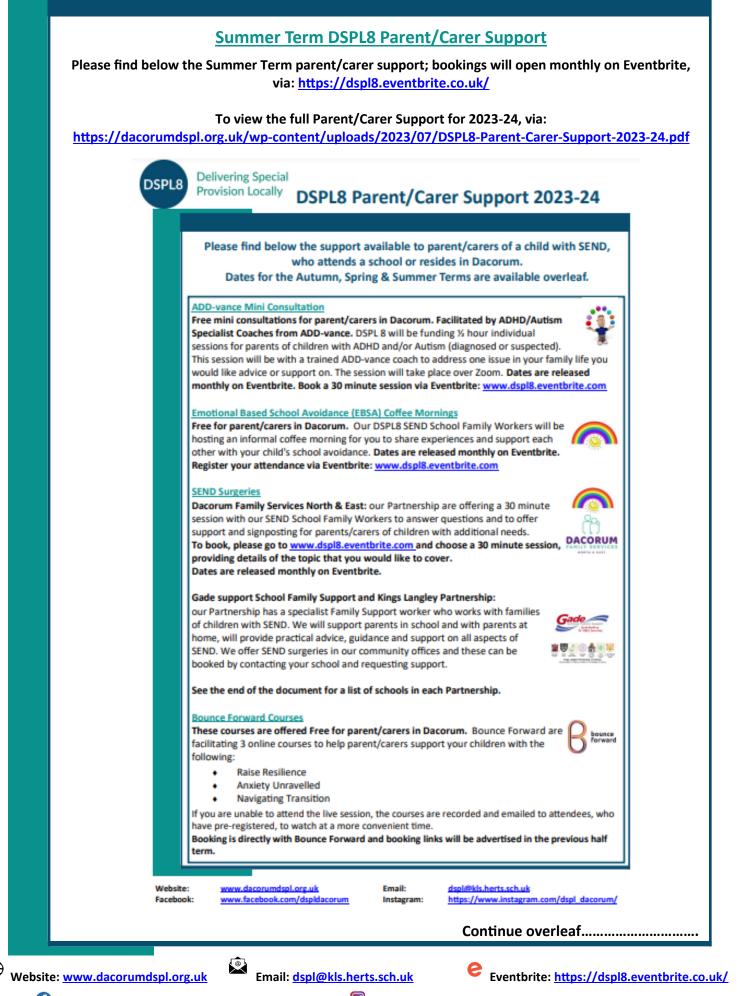
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Local School Partnership's

Student and Family Support Services Gade Schools Family Support and Kings Langley Partnership



As part of the Partnership of Dacorum Schools Gade and Kings Langley Schools Family Support are able to provide families with a range of support services.

- Parent Support Services—We have a team of Family Support workers who are available to work in school and with parents at home. Our support workers can work with families on any range of issues and will provide practical advice, guidance and support.
- Pupil Support Services—Our Partnership has Pupil Support workers who are available to work with children in school to support them with their behaviour, emotional wellbeing and how to overcome difficulties they may be facing. Our workers offer support groups in school or will work with children on a one to one basis at school. If you feel your child needs support, please contact your school directly to request this support.
- SEND Support—Our Partnership has a specialist Family Support worker who works with families of children with SEND. We will support parents in school and with parents at home, will provide practical advice, guidance and support on all aspects of SEND. We offer SEND surgeries in our community offices and these can be booked by contacting your school and requesting support.
- Parent Courses and Workshops We will regularly host a range of courses and workshops for families on a range of different themes including managing challenging behaviour, managing teens, transition to secondary school, developing confidence and self-esteem and a range of other themes.
- Parent Surgeries As a Service we host a range of one to one advice surgeries on Housing Advice, Debt Management Advice, Autism Support and Advice, SEND Support and Advice. Various dates are available and are published on our web site www.gadeschoolsfamilysupport.co.uk

Schools can refer families to our Services however families can refer directly if they would like to speak with a member of staff directly and in confidence please contact the Partnership Office on 07538 232069 .

Our Service is only able to work with Parents who have children in one of our Partnership Schools. Schools in our Partnership are:

Kings Langley Partnership: Kings Langley Secondary, Kings Langley Primary, Sarratt Primary, St Pauls School, Chipperfield, Bovingdon Primary Academy, Nash Mills Primary, Bedmond Village Primary

Gade Schools Family Support: John F Kennedy, Hemel Hempstead School, The Cavendish School, Chaulden Infants and Junior Schools, Boxmoor Primary, St Roses Infants, Micklem Primary, Galley Hill Primary, South Hill Primary, George Street School, Gade Valley School, St Cuthbert Mayne, Two Waters Primary, Pixies Hill Primary, Heath Lane Nursery, The Collett School

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Dacorum Family Services North & East

What we offer Free, 1-2-1 sessions with our family workers Confidential Home visits **Advice and** Surgeries at your local school/virtual Support SEND Surgeries at your local school/ Service for Local virtual **Families** Subject specific online workshops Parenting advice and courses **School Family Worker** Help to access local services A personal and confidential service that addresses any needs or concerns raised by the Signposting to counselling & wellbeing family or school services Signposting to adult learning and development Positive activities for children, young people and their families **SEND School Family Worker** 1-2-1 support for children and young Specialist support for higher need SEND families people Domestic abuse support HEI D Family breakdown support Debt advice & signposting

- Specialist SEND support
- Wellbeing advice for children and young people

DFS North & East Partnership Schools

St Albert the Great, *Adeyfield, Aldbury, Ashlyns, Astley Cooper, Aycliffe Drive, Belswains, *Brockswood, Chambersbury, Bishop Wood, Bridgewater, Broadfield, DESC, Dundale, Flamstead, Gaddesden Row, Goldfield, Great Gaddesden, Greenway, Grove Road, Hammond, Haywood Grove,Hobbs Hill Wood,Hobletts Manor Infant, Hobletts Manor Junior, Holtsmere End Infants, Holtsmere End Junior, Jupiter, Leverstock Green, Lime Walk, *Longdean, Little Gaddesden, Long Marston, Maple Grove, *Markyate, Potten End, Reddings, Roman Fields, St Bartholomews, St Mary's, St Thomas More, Swing Gate, The Thomas Coram, Tring, Tudor, Victoria, Westfield, Woodfield, Yewtree Signposting service only

identified concern highlighted by the school or family. 1-2-1 and group work specific programmes

Pupil Support Worker Specialist support for pupils to address an

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Dacorum Family Services North & East Office: 01442 401222 Ext 5 www.dacorumfamilyservices.org.uk **Term Time only**

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Carers in Hertfordshire

Making Corers Count

About Us

Carers in Hertfordshire is the leading countywide charity for unpaid carers looking after a partner, relative, friend or neighbour due to illness, frailty, mental health needs, disability or substance misuse.

We support all carers - children and adults - living, working or caring in Hertfordshire, and bereaved carers for three years after the death of the person they cared for.

Carers do not have to live with the person they are looking after to receive help and advice.

For more information about our services or how you can support our work, see the contact details below.

Join the online conversation!

Find us on Facebook www.facebook.com/carersinherts Twitter @CarersinHerts and LinkedIn

www.linkedin.com/company/carers-in-hertfordshire and our Carers in Hertfordshire YouTube Channel



To contact Carers in Hertfordshire

Write to: Carers in Hertfordshire, The Red House, 119 Fore Street, Hertford, Herts, SG14 1AX. Call: 01992 58 69 69 Email: contact@carersinherts.org.uk Visit: www.carersinherts.org.uk



ISL SEND Duty Lines & SEND advice lines for Parents/Carers

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/contact-a-send-service.aspx

ISL St Albans and Dacorum Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm STADAC.ISLTEAM@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Specialist advice lines

Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLD)

01442 453 920 (term time only) Thurs, 9.30am - 12pm

Speech, Language, Communication and autism Needs (SLCA)

01442 453 920 (term time only) Tues and Weds, 1.30pm - 4pm

Early years (0 - 5)

01442 453 920 (term time only) Weds 9am - 12pm and Thurs 1.30pm - 4pm

Physical and neurological impairment team (PNI)

01442 453 920 (term time only) Mondays, 1.30pm - 4pm

West team Attendance Duty 01442 454 778 Monday –Friday 9:30am-4pm

Education Support for Medical Absence (ESMA) <u>https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/education-support/get-help-to-access-learning/education</u> <u>-support-for-medical-absence.aspx</u>

Children and young people's therapy services

(Advice from occupational therapists, physiotherapists and speech and language therapists) 01923 470680 – select Option 3 for the therapy service. Callers then choose to use the service Advice Line (select 1) or to speak to an administrator (select 2). Or email <u>hct.cyptherapies1@nhs.net</u>

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SUPPORT

ADD-vance Helpdesk is open from 9am to 1pm every weekday via 01727 833963 or email to <u>herts@add-vance.org</u> Website - <u>www.add-vance.org</u> Facebook – <u>www.add-vance.org/parents/</u>

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Hertfordshire Local Offer The Local offer lets parents and young people know what special education needs and disabilities services are available in Hertfordshire and who can access them. <u>https://</u>www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/Local-Offer/The-Hertfordshire-Local-Offer.aspx

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Herts Help a network of community organisations in Hertfordshire working together. We're here to listen and help you find independent support, guidance and information you need to get the most out of life. Call us on 0300 123 4044 or email <u>info@hertshelp.net</u>

Hertfordshire SENDIASS is an impartial Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (SENDIASS). Contact SENDIASS on: <u>sendiass@hertfordshire.gov.uk</u> or 01992 555 847

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Hertfordshire Additional Needs Database (HAND) voluntary register of disabled children and young people aged 0-25. By joining the register, you can get discounts at places around the county (and beyond). Contact via: <u>https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/local-offer/courses-and-activities-in-hertfordshire/hertfordshire-additional-needs-database.aspx</u> or email <u>hand@hertfordshire.gov.uk</u>



Early lete trigher turns Families First Hertfordshire for services that work together to support families who need extra help. These are also known as early help services.

https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/microsites/families-first/families-first.aspx

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Benefit entitlement - If you care for a child or young person with a disability or if you have a disability yourself, you may be able to claim a range of benefits including Disability Living Allowance and Carers Allowance. For more information on available benefits and entitlement go to: https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/financial-support



Carers in Hertfordshire provides advice, information and support to unpaid carers.

Website - <u>www.carersinherts.org.uk</u> Telephone – 01992 586969 (9am-5:30pm Mon-Thurs & 9am-4:30pm Fri)

Hertfordshire

Hertfordshire Mind - If you are experiencing a mental health crisis and would like someone to talk to, you can call our **Crisis Helpline**. Available to provide emotional support 24 hours a day, every day of the week. To contact the helpline please call us on **01923 256391**.

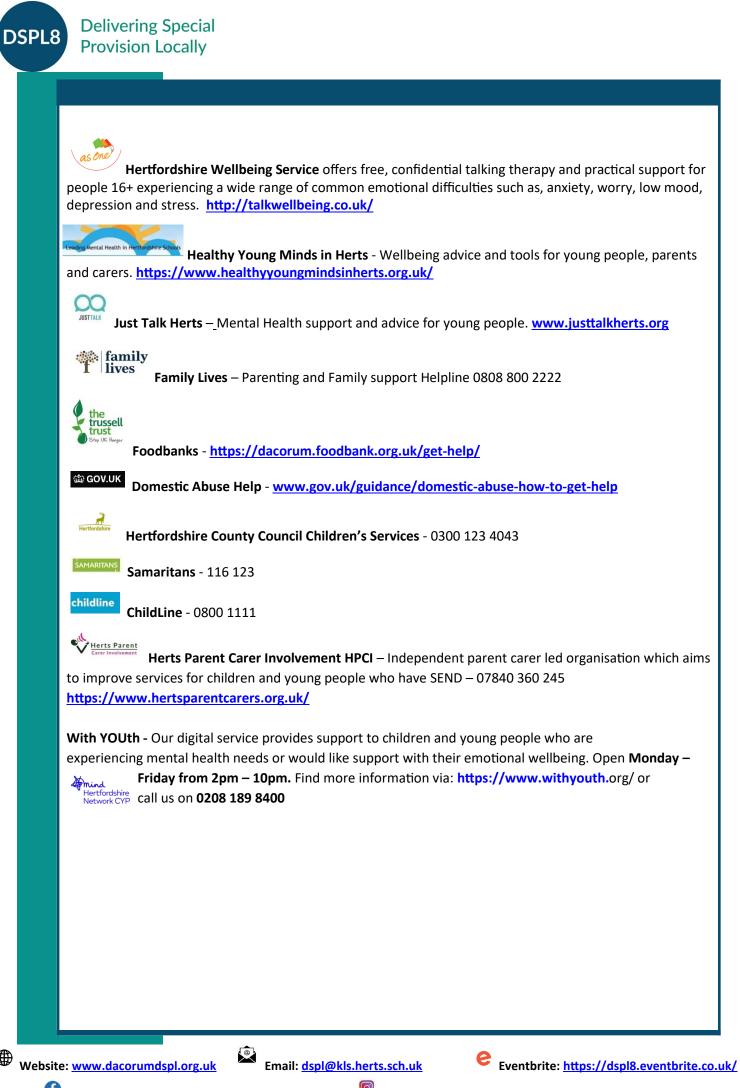
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