



## News from Justlife a Frontline Network Partner



### Coronavirus (COVID-19) email update (7th April)

Here's update number 4.

We will continue to endeavour to send out weekly updates as long as this is helpful.

And do let us know if you have any updates from your service that you would like us to share - email: [kate@justlife.org.uk](mailto:kate@justlife.org.uk)

In addition to practical information relating to service delivery across the sector locally we would like to create a space to share some thoughts on promoting our wellbeing during this time - so watch this space as we develop this over the coming weeks (and again, do feel free to share anything you may have found useful in terms of wellbeing during this time).

Kate and Simon  
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## Local news

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### Accommodation provision for rough sleepers

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We have received the following update from **Emily Ashmore at Brighton & Hove Rough Sleeping Commissioning team** (6th April):

“We are moving toward a full care and protect model for all rough sleepers. This will focus on triaging rough sleepers and allocating accommodation by cohort;

- Symptomatic
- asymptomatic/at high risk of harm if they develop COVID-19
- asymptomatic/at low risk of harm if they develop COVID-19)

Access to triage for rough sleepers is via Streetlink or by emailing Brighton SOS [BrightonSOS@MUNGOS.ORG](mailto:BrightonSOS@MUNGOS.ORG)

Once we have addressed the needs of people sleeping rough we will be triaging people in emergency and supported accommodation and where needed placing them in alternative provision. This is not in place yet but I will update you as soon as we are ready to go on this”

## Food & Supplies for People

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Mungo's and Brighton & Hove Rough Sleeping Commissioning team are overseeing hot meals and food parcels for people in the cohort above, and those Mungo's were already working with. They are also arranging care packages to start at the end of this week. This will predominantly be in newly acquired hotel accommodation or may be in existing emergency/temporary accommodation stock used by the local authority. This is organised through B-Think.

All other people in emergency and temporary accommodation who need help with food can contact the local authority portal and they will be able to access the food distribution hub being run by The Food Partnership across the city. This can be done by the individual or you as a worker on their behalf. The details are below and please be aware this is expected to take a few weeks to get up to full speed.

<https://new.brighton-hove.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/request-help-yourself-or-someone-else>

Justlife are working with other agencies such as Southdown, YMCA DLG, The Clock Tower Sanctuary and local authority Welfare Officers to coordinate and deliver food to people in emergency accommodation in partnership with the food hub once it is up and running. If you or your organisation are able to help out please contact Martin Coll at [martin@justlife.org.uk](mailto:martin@justlife.org.uk)

**Brighton and Hove Food Partnership** are constantly updating their website with food providers. <https://bhfood.org.uk/coronavirus-update/>

**Community Transport**, is about to start a service for anyone in the city who needs food and basic supplies.

<https://food.bhct.co.uk/pages/brighton-hove-community-transport-food-project>

*Although originally designed for their regulars who can no longer get to the shops, this service is for anyone in the city who needs food and basic supplies.*

## Brighton & Hove City Council main COVID-19 page

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[here](#) is a link to the Council's main COVID-19 page.

## Rise Virtual Drop-in

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Rise are hosting a [Virtual Drop-in](#) for Frontline Professionals working with women with multiple and complex needs, in hostels, outreach and homeless services.

For details on how to access the Drop-in contact: [jen.pringle@riseuk.org.uk](mailto:jen.pringle@riseuk.org.uk)

## Some tips for those working from home

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While there are still many frontline workers still out there delivering services on the ground, there are lots who have suddenly found ourselves working from home, which can have its own challenges. [Think Productive](#) (they ran some workshops for us a couple of years ago) have produced some [resources for those working from home](#) which you may find useful. They are also running [free webinars](#), but please be mindful that spaces are limited to 2-3 per organisation due to the huge demand they are experiencing.

If time is pressing just check out their [Guide to Working From Home](#) infographic.

## Digital Brighton & Hove

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Many of us, too, are having to quickly get to grips with new technology at this time. Digital Brighton & Hove are providing regular updates and highlighting useful resources and guides.

Click [here](#) for their latest updates.

## Wellbeing

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In the coming weeks we hope to bring you some tips/thoughts/ideas, from local practitioners, about what we can all be doing to look after our own wellbeing and that of our colleagues, and, of course those we may be supporting.

In the meantime, here is a [blog](#) on Worker Wellbeing written by the National Frontline Network team.

## National news

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### National Frontline Network Team:

***Frontline Worker Emergency Fund*** is launching later this week.

This fund can be accessed by frontline workers supporting people experiencing homelessness, who have been directly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.



***C-19 Frontline Worker Support Forum.***

**Join the C-19 Frontline Worker Support Forum Today!**

The "C-19 Frontline Worker Support Forum" is a space dedicated to sharing frontline worker information, guidance and solutions relating to COVID-19.

# Homeless Link Resources and Information

## ***Online Network:***

### **COVID-19 Homelessness Response Online**

**Network** gives homelessness services a forum to share how they are responding to the COVID-19 crisis locally.

Non-members can also join - please request access from [this webpage](#). Once you are logged in, request to join the group and permission will be given automatically.

## ***Webinar:***

Homeless Link are broadcasting **weekly webinars** 3pm Wednesdays, open to all, providing an overview of current responses and emerging practice. Booking opens [here](#) on Mondays.

Click [here](#) for a link to previous webinars and other resources.



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Find out what other local networks are doing across the UK, read the latest stories, search for events and explore what funding opportunities are available to you as a frontline worker.

You can also sign up to the latest news from the national Frontline Network [here](#).

# The Brighton & Hove Frontline Network

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The Brighton and Hove Frontline Network is for local frontline workers who support people experiencing homelessness to come together and share ideas and expertise.

The Brighton and Hove Frontline Network is hosted by Justlife and is part of the national St Martin's Frontline Network.



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