# Staying Safe and Keeping Well 

Useful telephone numbers and contact information for support services in Fife

Fife Adult Support \& Protection
www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection

## 2022 edition

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Fife Council Community Support Line 08009520330 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm) our.fife.scot/gethelp
Everyone is feeling the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. We want to make sure you're aware of all the support available. If you can't access information online or would like to make an appointment please call us. We're here to help.

If you are in a crisis, or are worried about someone you know, help is available. You're not alone. The best thing you can do is talk to someone. Call 'Breathing Space' or the 'Samaritans' on the numbers below or speak to someone you trust. If it is an emergency, or you are in immediate danger, call 999. Don't try to cope on your own.

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\text { Samaritans } & 116123 \\
\text { jo@samaritans_org } & \text { www.samaritans.org }
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Their helpline is available 24 hours a day all through the year and it is free to call. They know that this is a difficult period for lots of people.
Breathing Space 0800838587
Mental health and wellbeing helpline. breathingspace.scot.org.uk

Social Work Contact Centre (Open 9-5pm)
03451551503
www.fife.gov.uk/adultcare
Social Work out of hours emergencies
03451550099

## Adult Protection Phone Line

01383602200
Call this number if you are worried because you or someone you know is being harmed or neglected.
SMS text service for people with a hearing loss 07781480185
Child Protection
Police 101 or Social Work on 03451551503 If you consider a child(ren) or young person to be in IMMEDIATE danger, DO NOT wait, call the Police on 999.

NHS 24
Call NHS 24 if you are ill and it can't wait until your GP surgery opens. This includes immediate mental health illness out with GP hours.

Citizens Advice and Rights Fife (CARF)
03451400095 www.cabfife.org.uk
CARF Text service for people with a hearing loss 07872677904
Homeless Emergency Number (freephone)
08000286231

## About this booklet

## This little booklet has one big message... you are important.

That's exactly why so many so many services have contributed to this booklet from across Fife (from the Council workforce, Health and Social Care Partnership, organisations and the third sector, such as voluntary and community groups) to make up the content.
The shared aim is to make 'Staying Safe and Keeping Well' a relevant, free and handy source of information. It helps address a range of concerns that you might be experiencing - from finance to issues about health and wellbeing.
Perhaps you are looking for help under a section or several sections maybe even browsing on behalf of someone? Whatever the purpose for reading this booklet - the contributors want you to know help and support is on hand.

## It's OK in these uncertain times to reach out for support. Remember you are not on your own.

If you plan to visit any of the organisations mentioned in this booklet, please check first before you go.
The contents were correct at the time of preparing this booklet but please remember that this is a year long booklet so there may be changes. Once again, please check first before you go.

## Help with the cost of living

Rising costs are making life especially difficult for many friends and family this winter. If you know someone who is finding it hard to make ends meet or struggling in other ways, please encourage them to reach out. They are not alone. We're here to help and so are countless other people from all across Fife's public services and voluntary organisations. Here you'll find their contact details. Please, get in touch and encourage your friends and family too. That way we'll help each other through this winter.

## Don't keep things to yourself

It's ok not to feel ok. Try to recognise the signs that things are getting too much. Remember you are not alone. There is always someone who wants to listen and help. Talk to someone you trust. If you reach crisis point call one of the support numbers on page 3 of this booklet.

## Don't try to change anything big

Now is not the time to start a new diet, a new routine or make unrealistic resolutions. Don't stretch yourself too far or overindulge. You can always try and change things for the better, but take small steps, not all at once. Let go of some of the things you can't control and try to focus on what's most important for that day.

## Don't forget to look after yourself

Try to keep to a routine. Do things that help you look after your mental health and that keep you comfortable, safe and happy. Try to eat healthy meals and get enough sleep. Stay active if you can. Try to get out for a daily walk - it's important to get fresh air even if it's a walk around your garden or up and down your street.

## Don't forget to have time for yourself

Give yourself a break and don't be too hard on yourself. Take some time to relax. Just 30 minutes away will help. Find a space away from everyone where you can find a bit of peace and quiet when things get too much for you. If you are a regular user of social media, try to take a break from it. Visit onfife.com for details of places you may be able to escape to between Christmas and New Year.

## Help with... Fiew

 thecost ofliving
## Help with money

## Increase your income

You may be missing out on income you're entitled to. It's always worth checking and this can be done online or you can arrange an appointment to speak with someone.
There's a whole host of other advice online around benefits, support services, support grants and helping your money go further.
our.fife.scot/gethelp/money

## EntitledTo Benefits checker

Use this free and confidential Benefits Calculator provided by www. EntitledTo to find out what extra money you can claim. Enter your details and you'll receive an estimate of the entitlements you could miss. Even if you already receive some benefits it's worth checking.

## Welfare Support

07432609475
It can also be difficult to cope if your benefits change, or if you are subject to benefit sanctions. Talk to your Job Centre Work Coach
Scottish Welfare Fund

Crisis and Community Care Grants www.fife.gov.uk/welfarefund
Citizens Advice and Rights Fife (CARF)
Money Advice Unit
Welfare Benefits Advice
Macmillan Fife Welfare Benefits Partnership
CABFife.org.uk
03451400094
03451400092

Help with coping with the cost of living with cancer.
Tax Credit Helpline
03453003900
Universal Credit Freephone
08003285644

National Debtline

08088084000
nationaldebtline.org/Scotland

Fife Credit Unions
01592725233
fifecreditunions.org.uk

## Christians Against Poverty

08003280006
www.capuk.org

Free one to one debt support by 2 centres (covering postcodes KY1-5 and KY11-13. Use free phone number to check opening days etc)

## Financial Abuse and Scams

Scammers will be hoping to exploit the current Cost of Living crisis by preying on people who may be vulnerable because they are worrying about their finances. This means you have to be even more vigilant to keep your money safe and not let it fall into the hands of criminals. Here are helpful websites and pointers to avoid being scammed.

## Advice Direct Scotland (ADS)

08081646000
To report scams or get help and advice.
consumeradvice.scot

## Rogue Traders/Doorstep Callers

if you feel uncomfortable or suspicious about a cold caller in your local area, phone Police Scotland on 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Fife Trusted Trader
03334440185
Find reliable and vetted local tradespeople. trustedtrader.scot/Fife
Fife Trading Standards
Trading.Standards@fife.gov.uk

## Shut Out Scammers

Only let somebody into your home if you know who they are.

- Be wary if someone turns up unexpectedly. If in doubt, don't answer the door.
- Check their identity card. Close the door and phone the organisation to confirm their identity if you are unsure.
- Don't feel embarrassed to ask questions about their identity genuine callers will expect you to be careful.
- Never hand your bank card or give card/bank details to someone at the door. Use cash for payments.
- A trusted organisation will never ask for your financial or personal details over the phone or in an email.
- Don't be pressured into donating money, and never make donations by cash or gift card, or send money through transfer agents such as Western Union or Moneygram.


## Trading Standards Scotland <br> www.tsscot.co.uk/news/scam-share

Learn about the latest scams

## Citizens Advice Scotland

www.citizensadvice.org.uk
Use their online scams helper to find out more.

## Don't miss outclaim what's yours

For advice on benefits, help with bills and support with the cost of living go to:
our.fife.scot/gethelp/money
Unable to access information online or need more assistance, call our Community Supporit line 08009520330 (Mon-Fri,9am-5pm)

# Help with housing, home energy Contents and household bills 

> The cost to heat our homes is becoming increasingly challenging. Advice and support is available to help keep warm this winter, as well as support if you are struggling with your rent and other household bills.
(5) our.fife.scot/gethelp/home

Homeless Emergency Number (free)
08000286231
If you are homeless or about to be made homeless please call.
If you are fleeing domestic abuse and have been made homeless call our out of hours number

03451550099
Find more domestic abuse support on page 48
Fife Council Housing Information \& Advice
03451550033

## Frontline Fife <br> 01592800430

info@frontlinefife.co.uk
Provide housing advice and support to people to help them to sustain their home and prevent homelessness.

## Shelter Scotland free helpline

Practical advice on urgent housing matters

08088004444 shelter.scot.org.uk

Fife Council Tenancy Assistance
03451550033
Contact your Housing Management Officer for help with your Fife Council tenancy.

Fife Housing Register www.fifehousingregister.org.uk Information regarding housing options and housing advice.

Fife Council Repairs Centre
Please report routine repairs online

03451550011
www.fife.gov.uk

Staff will be able to assist or arrange an appointment for you to speak with someone in more detail. (Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm)

## Fife Council Out of Hours Emergencies

03451550099
Open 24/7 over Festive period.

## Care and Repair Service

01592632592
Help with household repairs and maintenance. Available to homeowners over 60 or homeowners over 50 who are registered disabled or in receipt of benefits.

## Fife Cares

03451551503
www.fife.gov.uk/safetyvisit
Free home safety visits for families with children under 5 years and also vulnerable adults. Free home security visits for people who have suffered domestic abuse.

Fife Community Safety Support Service
01592641618
infofife@sacro.org.uk

## Disabled Person's Housing and Self-Directed Support Service Fife

 01592803280www.dphsfife.org.uk
Fife Law Centre
01592786710 info@fifelawcentre.co.uk
Fife Law Centre is a charity with a team of solicitors providing free legal guidance and possible representation for residents of Fife, in all aspects of housing and related matters.

## Warmspaces near you

Warm spaces have been set up throughout Fife to offer safe, warm places for people to spend time, take part in activities and access support. our.fife.scot/gethelp/warmspaces
Unable to access information online or need more assistance, call our Communify Support Line 08009520330 (Mon-Fri,9am-5pm)

> Warm
> Spaces

## Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service can offer you a FREE Home Fire Safety Visit. We will help you spot possible fire safety hazards and sort out a fire escape plan. We will also fit smoke detectors.
For more information on Home Fire Safety and how to arrange a visit just go to the Scottish Fire \& Rescue Service website:
www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-safety/at-home/home-fire-safety-visit
No access to the internet? It's easy to arrange a visit by calling 08000731999 or just Text "FIRE" to 80800 from your mobile phone.
Information on the New Alarm Standard, which came into effect in February 2022, can be found using the QR Code. Just open the camera on your phone and fit the QR code onto the screen. A link to the Scottish Government information will pop up. Alternatively, visit Fire and smoke alarms: changes to the law:

www.gov.scot/publications/fire-and-smoke-alarms-in-scottish-homes


## COSY KINGDOM

Cosy Kingdom is a free and impartial home energy and utility debt advice service available to anyone living within Fife.
Our Energy Advisors can provide practical, tailored energy advice by telephone or through a home visit.
To arrange an appointment with an energy advisor please contact us on the details below.
Some of the things we can help with include:

- Help with bills, tariffs, meters and energy suppliers
- Help to understand your heating controls, get more out of your appliances and to keep warm in the home.
- Advise on energy efficiency measures and funding for home energy efficiency improvements.
- Checking eligibility for any grants and discounts that may be available to help you pay your bills.
- Support to deal with fuel debt and self-disconnection from prepayment meters.
Call: 01592807930
Text: ‘Cosy’ and your name to 88440
Email: info@cosykingdom.org.uk
Visit: www.cosykingdom.org.uk
Social Media @CosyKingdom
Closed from 24 Dec. Open on 2nd Jan 2023.


# Help with housing, home energy Contents and household bills 

## Home Energy

Power cuts and safety helpline

## Heating advice

www.fife.gov.uk/heatingadvice
When it comes to energy and heating your home, there's endless advice and information available which can be overwhelming. Here you will find the most common issues and advice.

## Prepayment Meters

## Emergency Fuel Top Up

If you run out of money on your meter or used your emergency credit and cannot afford to top-up, please contact your energy supplier for immediate assistance.
If you're a Fife Council tenant, contact your housing management officer or nearest local office for help and advice.
If you are living in temporary accommodation, speak to your temporary accommodation management officer.
The Scottish Welfare Fund provides a safety net for vulnerable people on low incomes by providing community care grants and crisis grants. These awards are not loans, so you do not need to pay it back. The grants are designed to help people who are on a low income, so you can apply even if you do not claim benefits. For more information visit www.fife.gov.uk/welfarefund
If none of these are possible, Cosy Kingdom may also be able to help. If you're having difficulty topping up your meter due to mobility or issues in your personal life, please contact them for advice.

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## Energy suppliers

British Gas

Octopus Energy

E-Energy

08081641088
octopus.energy

## Financial and practical advice if you are struggling with rising energy costs

For advice on benefits, help with bills and support with the cost of living go to:
our.ffiescot/gethelp/bils
Unable to access information online or need more assistance, call our Community Support Line 08009520350 (Mon-Fri, 92m-5pm)

Food is essential and we want to make sure nobody in our community goes hungry. We have some amazing community cafes where you can get something to eat in a warm and welcoming environment. It's also a good opportunity to get out and meet people.
A list of our cafes and food providers can be found online here:
our.fife.scot/gethelp/food

People can go hungry for many different reasons: for example, from redundancy to getting an unexpected bill when on a low income.
Should you find yourself in this position, foodbanks can provide short term access to emergency food and support for people experiencing a crisis.

Foodbanks are non-profit organisations that receive publicly donated food which is then sorted by volunteers and distributed as food parcels.
Customers in crisis may be referred to a foodbank by:

- Social Worker
- Community Education Workers
- Welfare Support Workers
- Housing Officer
- Fife Council's Welfare Fund team
tel. 03005550265
- Citizens Advice \& Rights Fife tel. 03451400095 or visit cabfife.org.uk
- Some GPs and health visitors can also refer you.

www.fife.gov.uk/cafeinc

Café Inc is a free lunch club for families during school holiday periods from school dining halls or community centres.
The offer from the Council is to provide a lunch time provision that encourages families to enjoy a lunch together.
Packed lunches are also available at some venues.

## City of Dunfermline

## Community Cafés

## Liberty Church

01383733970
Pitreavie Way, Pitreavie Business Park, Dunfermline, KY11 8QS
office@libertychurch.co.uk
Opening times: Wednesdays 6 pm to 7.15 pm and 1st \& 3rd Thurs of the month 2 pm to 3.30 pm

Revive Wellbeing Hub @ The Vine<br>131 Garvock Hill, Dunfermline, KY11 7HZ<br>Opening times: Wednesday 5pm til 8.30pm<br>Booking is required - revivewarmandwell.eventbrite.co.uk

## Viewfield Baptist Church

dropin@viewfield.org.uk
Viewfield Centre, Dunfermline, KY12 7HZ
Opening times: Tuesday 12pm - 3pm

## Community Fridge/Larder/Pantry

## Food For Your Future Pantry

07730809375
Touch Community Centre, 30 Mercer PI, Dunfermline, KY11 4UG www.facebook.com/foodforyourfuture foodforyourfutureenquiries@gmail.com
Opening times: Call 07730809375 on a Wednesday to register between 10am \& 1pm. You will be given a time slot to collect your bag From Touch Community Centre on the Thursday

## Food Bank

## Dunfermline Food Bank

Liberty Centre, Pitreavie Business Park, Dunfermline, KY11 8QS www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/dunfermline/ info@dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk
Opening times: Mon, Wed \& Fri 4pm to 6pm
Baldridgeburn Pantry
07525742175 or 07730751885
Baldridgeburn Community Centre, Dunfermline, KY12 9EH
Opening times: Tuesday 13:00 to 15:00

## Dunfermline Salvation Army

01383723161

Community Flat No. 45, Broomhead Drive, Dunfermline www.salvationarmy.org.uk/dunfermline
Opening times: Every Thursday and Friday

## Low Cost Hot Meals

Gillespie Memorial Church
01383621253
Gillespie Centre, Chapel Street, Dunfermline, KY12 7AW
Opening times: Mon \& Thurs 10am - 1pm

## Surplus Food

## S.H.I.E.L.D

www.facebook.com/groups/shieldsurplus Information of pop up locations and dates available on Facebook page

## Cowdenbeath Area

## Community Cafés

## Max's Light Bites

Maxwell Centre, 70 Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, KY4 9DD
Opening times: Monday 1pm-2.30pm

## Oor Wee Café

07563380176
Kelty Community Centre, Main Street, Kelty, KY4 OAQ www.facebook.com/OorWeeCafe
Opening times: Tuesday 11:30-1pm
Community Fridge/Larder/Pantry

## Lo'gelly Lunches

Town Hall, Bank St, Lochgelly, KY5 9RE
www.facebook.com/Logelly-Lunches-359811728217548/
Opening times: Community Café open every Tuesday 11am-1pm Community Larder open every Friday 10am - 1pm

## Cardenden Community Fridge

Bowhill Community Centre, 145 Station Road, Cardenden, KY5 0BW Opening times: Monday 1-3pm and Friday 2-4pm.

## MAX's Meals

Maxwell Centre, 70 Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, KY4 9DD
Opening times: Thursday from 12.00pm -1pm.

## The Pantry @BRAG <br> www.facebook.com/bragenterprises

Crosshill Community Enterpise Centre, Main Street, Crosshill, KY5 8BJ Opening times: Thursday 1pm-3pm

## Food Bank

Benarty Food Bank 07580231286
BRAG Centre, Main Street, Crosshill, Lochgelly, KY5 8BJ
www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/dunfermline/
Opening times: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 4pm-6pm

Cowdenbeath Food Bank
07580231286
Fountain Meeting Rooms, Broad Street, Cowdenbeath, KY4 8JA www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/dunfermline/
Opening times: Tues \& Thurs 4-6pm

## Benarty Food Angels <br> Benarty Centre, Ballingry Road, Ballingry, KY5 8JH www.facebook.com/Benarty-Food-Angels-103963191522887

Opening times: Every Monday from 1pm - 2pm
Salvation Army 01383513384 or 07741906029
Stenhouse Street, Cowdenbeath, KY4 9DD cowdenbeath@salvationarmy.org.uk
Opening times: drop in' facility on a Tuesday between 10-12.

## The Clearing

07802414418
239 High Street, Cowdenbeath, KY4 9QF
www.facebook.com/streetpastorbase
Opening times: Monday 11am-1pm, Fridays from 10am till 1pm
Surplus Food

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## Glenrothes Area

## Community Fridge/Larder/Pantry

Leslie Community Pantry07730789255Quarry Park Pavilion, Back Braes, Leslie, KY6 3EZwww.facebook.com/lesliecommunitypantry/Opening times: Monday - Thursday 10am until 3pm, Friday 10-1pmPeace N Jam ..... 01592754206
St. Luke's Scottish Episcopal Church, Glenrothes, KY7 4BLwww.facebook.com/peacenjamprojectOpening times: 12-2.30pm on Tuesdays and 10-1.30pm on Thursdays
Food Bank
Glenrothes Food BankCaledonia House, Pentland Park, Saltire Centre, Glenrothes, KY6 2AQglenrothes.foodbank.org.uk

Opening times: Monday, and Friday 12pm-3pm Tuesday 11am-1pm \& Wednesday 1pm -5pm
Glenrothes Foodbank at Auchmuty
01592631088
107 Alexander Road, Glenrothes, KY7 4DZ
glenrothes.foodbank.org.uk/
Opening times: Saturday 10am-12pm
Collydean Community Centre, 89th North Glen Scout Group Collydean Community Centre, Torphins Ave, Glenrothes, KY7 6UL www.facebook.com/collydeancommunitycentre
Opening times: 9am - 3pm, Monday - Friday, Saturday 10-12pm

## Low Cost Hot Meals

## Carea Community Hub <br> 50th Woodside scout hall, Balbirnie Road,

## Colly Café

Collydean Community Centre, Torphins Ave, Glenrothes, KY7 6UL
Opening times: Monday to Friday during school holidays
Leslie Bapist Church
48 North St, Leslie, Glenrothes, KY6 3DJ
www.facebook.com/lesliebaptistchurch
Opening times: Mondays during school holidays

## Surplus Food

## Glenrothes Community Sports \& Health Hub

Glenrothes Cricket Club, Pitcoudie Ave, Glenrothes, KY7 6RB www.facebook.com/GlenrothesCommunitySportsHealthHub Opening times: 2pm-4pm on Wednesdays and 5pm-6pm on Fridays

## Kirkcaldy Area

## Community Fridge/Larder/Pantry

## Nourish Support Centre

[^0]The Community Fridge

01592858458
8 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, KY2 5AW info@greenerkirkcaldy.org.uk
Opening times: Thursdays from 2.30pm and Fridays mornings

## The Lang Toun Larder

01592858458
8 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, KY2 5AW
info@greenerkirkcaldy.org.uk
Opening times: Thursdays 11am - 2pm (Members have time slots)

## Food Bank

## Kirkcaldy Food Bank

- Viewforth Church Hall, Viewforth Terrace, Kirkcaldy, KY1 3BW

Opening times: Mon/Thur 10am-3pm, Tuesday 10am-1pm, Wed 10am-1pm

- Burntisland Salvation Army Hall 40 Lonsdale Crescent, Burntisland, KY3 OBN Opening times: Tue \& Fri 12pm-2pm
- New Volunteer House 16 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1XT Opening times: Mon/Wed/Fri 10am-12.30pm
- Link Living Westbridge Mill, Bridge Street, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1TE Opening times: Mon-Fri 9:30am-4pm
- Linton Lane Centre, Linton Lane, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6LF Opening times: Mon to Fri 10am-12:30pm


## Low Cost Hot Meals

Community Meals, Greener Kirkcaldy
01592858458
8 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy, KY2 5AW
www.greenerkirkcaldy.org.uk/
Opening times: Opening hours: Wednesdays 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Hosting Hope
01592643816
Linton Lane Community Centre, Linton Lane, Kirkcaldy, KY2 6LF
Opening times: Last Sunday of the month at 12.30-2.00pm
Surplus Food

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www.facebook.com/groups/shieldsurplus Information of pop up locations and dates available on Facebook page

## Levenmouth Area

## Community Cafés

## Safe Haven Café

Buckhaven Baptist Church, College Street, Buckhaven

## Food Bank

## Levenmouth Food Bank

01333439202
Methil Evangelical Church, Bowling Green Street, Methil, KY8 3DH levenmouth.foodbank.org.uk/
Opening times: Food parcels are fulfilled by referral only, with appointments offered for pick up on Monday and Friday from 3.30pm.

## Opendoor foodbank

Smart hall, St Kenneths church, Cupar Rd, Kennoway, Fife.

## North East Fife

## Community Fridge/Larder/Pantry

## Colinsburgh Community Café \& Food Hub <br> Colinsburgh Town Hall KY9 1LN <br> www.facebook.com/groups/colinsburghcommunitycafeandfoodhub <br> Opening times: Tuesday 10.30am - 12 noon; Sundays <br> - check Facebook as time can vary week to week.

## Cupar Community Fridge

County Buildings, St Catherine's Street, Cupar, KY15 4TA
Opening times: Tuesday's 11-12 pm \& Friday 3-4pm

## East Neuk Eats! Community Fridge

East Neuk Centre Trust, Ladywalk, Anstruther, KY10 3EX
Opening times: every Thursday at the East Neuk Centre
from 1 pm-3 pm and Friday from $10 \mathrm{am}-3 \mathrm{pm}$.

## Leuchars Larder

Leuchars Primary School, 18 Pitlethie Road, Leuchars, KY16 0EZ
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085930549746
Opening times: Monday 3.15pm - 5.15pm

## St Andrews Community Fridge

07792941783
St David's Centre, St Andrews KY16 8BP www.facebook.com/CommunityHubNEF
Opening times: Mon-Fri 10am - 4.30pm; Sat 10am-3pm

## St Monans Community Food Larder

St Monans Town Hall, Hope Place KY10 2DH
Search 'St Monans Community Food Larder' on Facebook
Opening times: Friday 11am-12 noonTayport Community FridgeLarick Centre, Shanwell Road, Tayport, DD6 9EAwww.facebook.com/tayportcommunityfridge/Opening times: currently $3-4 \mathrm{pm}$ (subject to changes)
Food Bank07486893215
Cupar Food Bank07474453153
21 St Catherine Street, Cupar, KY15 4TAcupar.foodbank.org.ukOpening times: Monday 11-3pm, Wednesday 4-6pm, Friday 11-3pmand 5-6pm.
East Neuk Food BankAnstruther Church, Burial Brae, Anstruther, KY10 3HFwww.facebook.com/eastneukfoodbankOpening times: Tuesdays 12-4 and Thursdays 4-6
Newburgh Food BankTayside Institute Community Centre, 90-92 High Street, Newburgh,KY14 6DAwww.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057173931402Opening times: Monday and Friday 10am - 10.30am and Wednesday5 pm to 5.30 pm
Storehouse Food Bank ..... 01334845985St David's Center, 23 Albany Park, St Andrews, KY16 8BPwww.storehousestandrews.com/get-foodOpening times: Tuesdays $11 \mathrm{am}-1 \mathrm{pm}, 5: 30-6: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ and Thursdays$11 \mathrm{am}-1 \mathrm{pm}$

## Taybridgehead Food Bank

07840957039
Wormit Parish Church, Wormit
www.facebook.com/TFoodbank/
Opening times: All parcels are delivered on a Wednesday afternoon.
Any request for an emergency parcel is dealt with immediately.

## Food Parcels

## Auchtermuchty Angels

1 Distillery Street, Auchtermuchty
www.facebook.com/groups/auchtermuchtyangels/
Opening times: Contact for appointment
ENeRGI (East Fife Recovery Group Initiative)
01333730477
32 East Street, St Monans KY10 2AT energirecovery@btconnect.com

## Gethelp to finda community fridge and access othersupport nearyou

For advice on benefits, help with bills and support with the cost of living go to: our.fifiescot/gethe/p/food
Unable to access information online or need more assistance, call our Community Support Line
08009520330 (Mon-Fri,9am-5pm)
www.energi.org.uk

## South West Fife

## Community Fridge/Larder/Pantry

Ballast Bank Community Pantry (Inverkeithing Trust)
Preston Crescent, Inverkeithing, KY11 1DS
Opening times: Thursday 10am-12pm
Blairhall Community Centre Pantry
10-12 Wilson St, Blairhall, Dunfermline, KY12 9PS
Opening times: Thursday 11:30-2pm

## Tower Pantry

Oakley Community Centre, Station Road, Oakley, KY12 9QF
Opening times: Thursday from 12pm-2pm but, finishes when food is gone. It goes quickly

## Valleyfield Community Club Pantry

Kinloss Court, Valleyfield, KY12 8RT
Opening times: Tuesday 2-3pm

## EATS Rosyth Community Hub 07782848705

8 Aberlour Street, Rosyth, KY11 2RD
Opening times: Monday - Wednesday 10am - 3pm; Friday 10am

- 4.30pm with Friday takeaway served at 5pm Closed: Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.


## Inverkeithing Food Bank

The Friary (next to the Civic Centre), Queen Street, Inverkeithing KY11 1LS
dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk
Opening times: Tues Thurs 4-6 pm

Rosyth Food Bank<br>Parish Church, Queensferry Road, Rosyth, KY11 2PQ<br>dunfermline.foodbank.org.uk<br>Opening times: Mon Wed Fri 4-6 pm<br>Low Cost Hot Meals

## Canary Canteen

Valleyfield Community Club, Kinloss Court, Valleyfield, KY12 8RT www.facebook.com/valleyfieldclub/
Opening times: Open thursdays 12-2.

## Castle Community Cafe

07450984081
Blairhall Community Centre, 10-12 Wilson St, Blairhall
www.facebook.com/Castle-community-cafe-581797062194993
Opening times: Thursdays 12-2
Kincardine Café Connect
Community Centre, Anderson Lane FK10 4SF
Opening times: Opening times : Mon 11:30-2, tues 11.30-2, wed 9:302, thur 11.30-2, fri 11:30-2. afforadable lunch deals

## Surplus Food

## S.H.I.E.L.D

www.facebook.com/groups/shieldsurplus
Opening times: Information of pop up locations with dates and times avaialable on Facebook page

## The 'To Do' list

## Do be kind to yourself

Don't expect everything to be perfect. The most important thing is to have fun and spend time with people you want to be with. Get better at delegating and making sure that everyone helps on the day. Get into a pattern that keeps you well before the holidays start - like going for a walk each day and eating well.

## Do make sure you have enough things you need to stay healthy and well

 Make sure you have enough food in to last you over the days when the shops are shut. If you've got food at home and are looking after yourself, it's easier to cope with all the other hassles and temptations.
## Do have YOUR version of Christmas

Who says you have to do it the way it's always been done? Try to plan the Christmas you feel will give you the most enjoyment.
o plan a special treat or a day out after Christmas It doesn't have to be something that costs a lot of money - it could just be a day out to the Christmas lights or a walk in the park. It can help take the focus away from one big day of celebration and the let down feeling that can come after it.

## Do look after your health

If you've overdone it on the festive food and drink, try and go for a walk the next day. A walk gives you an excuse to get away from the festivities and out of the house for some "you" time, as well as shake the cobwebs away. To help you keep well over Christmas and the New Year, remember to order enough of any prescription medicines you will need and make sure you have other off-the-shelf remedies you might need e.g. "headache tablets".

Family tensions can feel overwhelming at this festive time of year.

- Try to get a balance between time with family/friends and 'me time'.
- Have an 'escape plan' like making a phone call to a friend.
- Make sure you have time to yourself and time to recuperate.

Fife Gingerbread
01592725210
fifegingerbread.org.uk

## Parentline Scotland

 08000282233One Parent Families Scotland opfs.org.uk

Contact (for families with disabled children)
08088083555
contact.org.uk
Sleep Scotland Support Line
(Mon-Thu 10am-4pm) 08001386565
Fife Families Information Service 01592583146
Families Outside helpline 08002540088

For families affected by imprisonment in Scotland.
Relationships Scotland
03451192020
Relationships-scotland.org.uk

## Home-Start

01334477548
Provide support for families by recruiting and training volunteers to work with and support parents with young children. They also run Family Support Groups where children and families are involved in a range of activities together.

## Alcohol and Drug Support and Recovery Services

In Scotland, most substance use services will close for the two public holidays at both Christmas and New Year. This will feel like a long time for some people who use these services.
Social Work Offices will be closed on Mon 26th, Tues 27th and Wed 28th December 2022 as well as Mon 2nd Tues 3rd and Wed 4th January 2023 however the Social Work Contact Centre remains open and are contactable on 03415550099.

For the most up-to-date information on access to drug and alcohol services over the festive period visit www.fifeadp.org.uk

ADAPT is the main drug and alcohol triage service in Fife and provides information, advice, and brief help for alcohol and/or drug use.
Opening times for ADAPT triage clinics (available by phone only) Support will be available to Service Users calling 01592321321

Wed 21st - Thurs 22nd Dec 2022
Fri 23rd December 2022
10am-12.30pm, 1.30pm-4pm
10am-12.30pm
Tue 27th, Wed 28th, Thu 29th
Fri 30th Dec 2022
10am-12.30pm, 1.30pm-4pm
10am -12.30pm
Telephone service on Friday 6th January 2023. Normal services will resume on Monday, 9th January 2023.

## We Are With You

We Are With You offer safer drug and alcohol advice and support. We have a daily online webchat service open to all until 9 pm , or call us on our freephone number 08009179211 to get a call back.
Our sites in Fife are closed for face to face Friday 23rd afternoon, Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December. Our webchat service will be available during this time daily until 9 pm , only closing Christmas day. Our freephone will direct to this when we are closed.

# Alcohol and Drug Support and Recovery Services 

Support for families and friends of problem drinker. Groups: in Cupar, Dunfermline, Kirkcaldy, Methil and St Andrews.

## Clued Up

01592858248
www.cluedup-project.org.uk
Substance use support for young people under 25 in Fife.
Closed 26th - 28th December and 2nd - 4th January 2022.

## DAPL

01333422277
enquiries@dapl.net
www.DAPL.net SMS: 07584233877

- DAPL Leven, 1-2 Parkdale Avenue, Leven, Fife KY8 5AQ
- DAPL Kirkcaldy, 13 Wemyssfield, Kirkcaldy KY1 1XN

DAPL offers one to one counselling, support, information and advice to individuals and families who are affected by substance use and live within Fife. The service is free and confidential and offered by experienced workers. Closed Friday 23rd December and will reopen Thursday 5th January 2023.

Drinkline Scotland (24 hour support)
08007314314
drinkaware.co.uk alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk www.nhs.uk/live-well/alcohol-support

# Alcohol and Drug Support and Recovery Services 

## GamCare

National Gambling helpline providing free confidential information, advice and support for anyone affected by gambling.

Know the Score
08005875879
Knowthescore.info
Re-Solv
01785810762
www.Re-solv.org
03001236600
talktofrank.com
SMART recovery online meeting
smartrecovery.org.uk
For any form of addictive behaviour

| Scottish Families Affected | 08080101011 |
| :--- | ---: |
| by Alcohol and Drugs | sfad.org.uk |

Phoenix Futures Recovery Drop-In Cafe
07704019622
charlene.gilmour@phoenixfutures.org.uk

## FIRST For Fife Peer Support Groups <br> 07792785144

Wed 28th Dec and Tue 3 Jan 2023 at St Luke's Church, Glenrothes 6:30pm-8:00pm. Food provided before Peer Support (5:00pm-6pm).

## Restoration Fife

www.facebook.com/RestorationFife

- Monday - Friday 9am-5pm
- Wednesday \& Saturdays - out of hours groups 7pm-8pm

Call, text or WhatsApp; Activity Bookings - 07734408498 or our community coordinator Jade on 07501176234
Fife's longstanding community Charity, run by people in recovery for people in recovery. Provides a diverse range of activities, open to family and friends (including children), which reduces isolation, loneliness, and provides support with recovery.

# Alcohol and Drug Support and Recovery Services 

## How to stay safe when using alcohol or drugs during the holidays

Talk to your support worker or key worker about what help you might need over the holidays. Come up with a plan for how you will cope and what you can do to keep well.
Get the phone numbers of the out of hours and emergency services that will be available. Add them to your mobile; put them somewhere you can find them easily; or write them at the back of this booklet.

Remember that the services will be open again in a few days.
Contact the out of hours services if you need to talk to someone.

## To stay safe when using alcohol

- Eat before a night out


## HINTS \& TIPS

- Know your limit and stick to it
- Alternate alcoholic drinks with a drink of water (stay hydrated)
- Make sure you have a safe way of getting home
- Do not accept drinks from anyone you do not know
- Do not leave your drink unattended
- Do not mix alcohol with depressant drugs (opioids, heroin, benzodiazepines)


# Alcohol and Drug Support and Recovery Services 

## To stay safe when using drugs

- Avoid using drugs alone


## HINTS <br> \& TIPS

- Never share injecting equipment (IEP). Free injecting equipment is available from some pharmacies (check online at www.needleexchange.scot) and from We Are With You (closed for face to face Fri 23rd PM, Mon 26th and Tues 27 th Dec) and is available for delivery by calling 08009179211 and leaving a message
- In terms of dosage, it's important to start with a low dose with any drug and wait at least an hour for the effects to kick in before taking any more. This is especially important given the rise in strength of many party drugs in the last few years
- Avoid mixing depressant drugs together (Alcohol, opioids, heroin, benzodiazepines) as this increases the danger of overdose
- If you or a friend is unwell, seek medical help immediately


## How to spot an overdose

- Unresponsive
- Snoring or Shallow Breathing
- Blue lips
- Pale Skin
- Pinpoint pupils

If you think someone may have overdosed call 999 for an ambulance immediately. Tell the call handler you think the person has overdosed and let them know if you have Take Home Naloxone. Medical help must still be sought even if the individual then feels well again after you have given naloxone. Wait with the person till the ambulance arrives.

## Alcohol and Drug Support and Recovery Services

## Take Home Naloxone - Get Trained \& Carry a Kit

Naloxone can be used to reverse the effects of opioids and reduces the risk of overdose. A person may have multiple drugs in their body, but reversing the effects of opioids with naloxone can be the difference between life and death.
If you, or anyone you have contact with, is using opioids, ensure you have a Naloxone kit. Tell those with you that you have one, so they know where to find it, and how to use it.
Take Home Naloxone comes in two forms:

- Nyxoid- Intranasal spray, available to anyone aged 14yrs and over.
- Prenoxad - Intramuscular injection, available to anyone aged 16 yrs and over.

Free training on how to administer Take Home Naloxone, and to how to access a kit free of charge via post, is available via

## Stop The Deaths

 www.stopthedeaths.com/
## Take-Home Naloxone - SFAD

Naloxone is also available free from FIRST, DAPL, We Are With You, Addiction Services, Clued-Up or ask your keyworker about getting a kit.
The Scottish Ambulance Service can also train individuals and supply them with Take Home Naloxone when at a call.

## Vaccination <br> Protect Yourself From COVID-19 and Flu

Vaccines that will help protect you from flu and coronavirus this winter are available now.

You can book your COVID-19 autumn booster if you are in an eligible group.
This includes:

- Those aged 50 and over
- Those aged 5 to 49 in a clinical at-risk group, including pregnant women
- Those aged 5 to 49 who are household contacts of those with immunosuppression
- Carers aged 16 to 49

Where possible the seasonal flu vaccination will also be given at the same time as the autumn booster.

A winter dose of the vaccines can top up your protection and help reduce your risk of severe illness.

## Don't let your protection fade

To check your eligibility visit:
www.nhsinform.scot/winter-vaccines
For further information on the vaccines and booking visit: www.nhsfife.org/booster tia minter

## Right Care, Right Place When You Need Urgent Care

By using NHS services wisely you can keep well and get the care you need quickly and safely.
Urgent care means 'when you suddenly become unwell and need to see a healthcare professional the same day but it is not an emergency' - this could be for your physical or mental health.

- If you think you need A\&E but it's not life-threatening or you need to visit a Minor Injury Unit phone 111 day or night, they will help you get the care that is right for you
- During normal opening hours you should still call your GP practice or you can get help online using the information and resources on NHS Inform
- Other services such as Community Pharmacies, Opticians, and Dentists can also help you
If it's a life-threatening emergency, such as a heart attack or stroke, you should always call 999 or go directly to A\&E.
For further information visit: www.nhsfife.org/urgent-care
GP Out of Hours: call NHS 24 111
Accident and Emergency and 999 services should only be used when people are seriously ill or injured.


## NHS Fife

www.nhsfife.org
Information on local services

## NHS Inform

www.nhsinform.scot
Scotland's national health information service 111

## Community Pharmacies www.nhsfife.org/community-pharmacy

There are 86 community pharmacies in Fife, providing walk-in help and advice on medicines and a wide range of health conditions. Most have a private consultation room where you can discuss issues with pharmacy staff in confidence. Services such as Pharmacy First provides support for common conditions such as sore throats, earache and urinary infections. To find your nearest pharmacy/ information on their services, visit the website.

## Opticians

www.nhsfife.org
If you have eye problems visit your local optician. Opticians have the same specialist equipment as specialist eye doctors. You can find a list of your nearest opticians on the NHS Fife website

## NHS Fife Dental Helpline

## 01592226555

If you have a dental problem you should call the dental practice that you normally attend in the first instance. If you are not registered with a dentist you can call the NHS Fife Dental Helpline for advice.
Outside normal working hours if you have an urgent dental need call NHS24 on 111.

Quit Your Way (Stop smoking support)
08000253000
www.nhsinform.scot/healthy-living/stopping-smoking Fife.smokingcessation@nhs.scot

## NHS Inform - Stop Smoking Self-Referral Form

## We'reheretohelp

For advice on benefits, help with bills and support with the cost of living go to:
our.iffe.scot/gethelp
Unable to access information online or need more assistance, call our Community Support Line
08009520330 (Mon-Fri,9am-5pm)

## Mental Health

Access Therapies Fife
Fife CAMHS Hands On
www.accesstherapiesfife.scot.nhs.uk www.handsonscotland.co.uk

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) www.nhsfife.org/camhs
CAMHS is for children and young people up to 18 years who are experiencing persistent, complex or sever mental health difficulties

Childline (Freephone)
08001111
www.childline.org.uk
Under 19s can call, email or text to chat one to one with a counsellor.

## Express Group (Fife)

01592645331
info@expressgroupfife.org.uk www.expressgroupfife.org.uk
Support groups for adults 18+ affected by mental health issues \&/or social isolation; lunch provided.
moodcafé

## SAMH

www.samh.org.uk
Mental health information.
www.moodcafe.co.uk

Clear Your Head
Student Mental Health
Support in Mind
www.clearyourhead.scot.org.uk www.thinkpositve.scot.org.uk

01592268388
www.supportinmindscotland.org.uk
Mental Health Foundation Scotland
www.mentalhealth.org.uk/scotland
www.seemescotland.org.uk

## Psychology Services

www.accesstherapiesfife.scot.nhs.uk
www.nhs.uk/apps-library
Self harm

Penumbra
01383747788
www.penumbra.org.uk
Mind
Young Minds
www.youngminds.org.uk_self-harm.org.uk

## Sexual Health

## Sexual Health Fife

01592647979
www.nhsfife.org/sexual-health
Under 25s can phone or text the Young Peoples number on 07890 586392. We will arrange for a nurse to call you back. We aim to call back the same day or the next working day. Phone numbers available Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm

## Free Condoms by Post

Free Condoms by post is available for people living in Fife. We can send free condoms direct by post to your home confidentially in a plain unmarked envelope. The pack will contain 12 condoms and some water-based lubricant and should arrive within 10 days. Used correctly and consistently condoms help prevent HIV and reduce the risk of sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy. If a condom bursts, comes off or you do not use one you may be eligible for EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION if you are at risk of pregnancy.
Scan the QR code to complete the form and request condoms. Access to form is also available on our website.

Further information and video are available on our website.


## Suicide prevention

Signs of suicide can be difficult to spot. Asking someone directly about their feelings can help to save their life. This may feel like a difficult conversation to have but it can make a difference. If you are worried about someone, encourage them to talk to a family member, friend or contact one of the helplines listed below. If you are with someone who has an immediate suicide plan and means to carry it out, do not leave them alone. Call 999 and get immediate help. If you feel you need help, please talk to someone.

## Breathing Space

0800838587
Mon-Thu 6pm-2am, Fri 6pm-Mon 6am www.breathingspace.scot.org.uk

## Samaritans

116123
Helpline open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year www.samaritans.org (Email response time 24 hours) jo@samaritans.org

## Distress-Brief Intervention <br> www.dbi.scot

Connected, compassionate support for people experiencing distress in Scotland. Following initial telephone call, individual will receive contact within the next 24 hours to start provision of support.
Contact NHS 24 on 111 and follow instructions.

## CALM

Helpline open 5pm - midnight, 365 days a year
Papyrus (preventing young suicide) Hopeline open 9am-midnight, 365 days a year pat@papyrus-uk.org

Survivors of bereavement by suicide Call Mon \&Tues 9am-5pm

0800585858 www.thecalmzone.net

08000684141 Text: 07860039967 www.papyrus-uk.org

## Local Support

## Sam's Café

www.samscafe.org.uk sams.cafe@samh.org.uk

Sam's provides support for mental health issues, crisis and suicidal thoughts. It is open for one-to-one support, just drop in anytime no referral needed. Sam's is available;

- Greener Kirkcaldy, 8 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy KY1 1XT Open Monday and Friday 12 noon - 8pm
- Forth Street Hall, Forth Street, Leven KY8 4PF (across road from the Greig Institute)
Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 12 noon-8pm
- Going Forth, First House Woodmill Road, Dunfermline KY11 4SS Open Thursday and Sunday 12 noon-8pm
- Glenrothes YMYA, North Street, Glenrothes, KY7 5PP Open Mondays 12 noon - 3:30pm
- Adamson Hospital, Bank Street, Cupar, KY15 4JG Open Fridays 12 noon-3:30pm (Ask for Sam's at reception)


## Andy's Man Club

www.andysmanclub.co.uk
A peer-to-peer support group for men over 18 to help them through life. All groups meet every Monday at 7 pm (except on bank holidays).

- Cowdenbeath Football Club, Central Park, Cowdenbeath, KY4 9QQ
- That Place in the Bay, 10a Ridge Way, Dalgety Bay, KY11 9JN
- Townhill Bowling Club, Green Street, Dunfermline KY12 6UL
- Collydean Community Centre, Torphines Avenue, Glenrothes, KY7 6UL
- Stark's Park, Pratt Street, Kirkcaldy, KY1 1SA
- Wellesley Centre, Wellesley Road, Methil, KY8 3BT
- 3a St Mary's Place, St Andrews, KY16 9UY


## Women's Wellbeing Club

A peer-to-peer community support group run for woman by volunteers. See website for details.

## Rape or Sexual Assault - Turn to Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS)

## Did You Know......?

- If you have experienced rape or sexual assault and are over the age of 16 , you no longer have to report to the police or GP in order to receive medical care and support.
- If you are under 16 you can still contact SARCS but other professionals including social work and the police may have to be informed.


## What is the NHS Scotiand sexual assault self-referral phone service?

The NHS Scotland Sexual Assault Self-Referral phone service can refer you to a healthcare professional at SARCS who will phone you back to discuss and arrange care for you in your local area. If you self-refer within 7 days of the assault, arrangements can be made for you to have a forensic medical examination (FME) at a local SARCS in order to gather evidence from your assault. For Fife, the Forensic Medical Examination Suite is located at Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline.
If the assault occurred more than 7 days ago, you can still use the self-referral helpline number who can put you in contact with the local Sexual Health clinic and Gender Based Violence service.

## What could this mean for you....?

If appropriate for you, and you wish to have an FME, you will be given an appointment to attend your closet SARCS or the one most convenient for you. The FME team consists of a specialist nurse and doctor. At the time of making your appointment, you can request the gender of staff although this may not always be possible. At the time of making your appointment you can also ask if it would be possible to bring a friend or family member with you when you attend the SARCS for your examination.

## Possible Outcomes....?

Any evidence that is collected (following your FME) will be kept and securely stored for 26 months. During that time, you can decide if you want to tell the police. Your evidence will only be looked at if you decide to report to the police. After 26 months, your evidence will be safely destroyed. This can be done earlier at your request. You can still report to the police after this time if you decide to do so.

## Further support....?

If you give your consent, your details will be passed onto the Gender Based Violence team based in NHS Fife and they will make contact with you to help arrange follow-up appointments and offer ongoing care, support and advice. They can also refer onto other support services on your behalf.
SARCS self referral phone service open 24/7
08001488888

## Sexual Assault Response www.nhsinform.scot/turn-to-sarcs Coordination Service (SARCS)

In an emergency call 999 or attend Accident \& Emergency.

## Rape Crisis Scotland (available 5pm to midnight) 08088010302 Text 07537410027 www. rapecrisisscotland.org.uk

Support for people of all genders 13+ years who have been affected by sexual violence. Advice and info plus community languages and BSL video. Rape Crisis Scotland | Working to end sexual violence

## Fife Rape And Sexual Assault Centre

Offers support of anyone 12+ who has been raped or sexually assaulted at some point in their lives.

Kingdom Abuse Survivors Project (KASP) 01592644217
Supports adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse www.kasp.org.uk

## Safe Space

01383739084
Supports survivors of sexual abuse (aged 12+) www.safe-space.co.uk

## SurvivorsUK

Text 02033221860 www.survivorsuk.org
Supports men and non-binary people who have been affected by rape or sexual abuse. Webchat service available 12pm to 8 pm 7 days a week.

## SX Scotland

Tel: 01316523250
www.s-x.scot
Improving the physical, sexual and mental health and wellbeing of all gay and bisexual men.

AMINA - Muslim Resource Centre

Tel: 08088010301
www.mwrc.org.uk

Offer support to Muslim and BME women across Scotland Monday to Friday 10am to 4 pm .

## National Ugly Mugs (NUM)

www.nationaluglymugs.org
A UK wide charity working with sex workers to provide safety tools and support services to people in the adult industries.

## Gender Based Violence Team NHS Fife

Fife.gbvteam@nhs.scot
Help or advice available for residents of Fife that are or have been affected by domestic abuse and/or sexual violence.
Open Monday - Friday 8:30am to 5pm except bank holidays.

## Domestic Abuse Support

It's difficult to accept that someone you love or care for can treat you badly.

Domestic abuse is rarely a one-off incident. It is persistent and controlling behaviour. It includes physical, sexual and emotional abuse.
Recent changes in the law recognise the harm caused by "coercive control" - acts that cause harm, punish or frighten.

## Examples of domestic abuse include:

- Isolating you from friends and family
- Depriving you of basic needs, such as food
- Controlling where you go, who you see (even virtually via software), what you wear and when you sleep
- Depriving access to help and support services
- Putting you down, humiliating, degrading or dehumanising you
- Controlling money
- Making threats or intimidating you

Christmas and New Year can be a particularly difficult time, but there are people who can help you.


| In an emergency call | 999 |
| :--- | :--- |
| Police non-emergency | 101 |

Fife Women's Aid Freephone 24hour support line for women

08088025555 www.fifewomensaid.org.uk

## 'Join the Dots'

08088010422
Service for children and young people.
Or contact on Facebook/Messenger
'Join The Dots - FWA'
The Hideout
www.thehideout.org.uk
For children and young people
Scottish Domestic Abuse

\& Forced Marriage Freephone (women \& men) | 08000271234 |
| ---: |
| helpline@sdafmh.org.uk |
| sdafm.org.uk |

LGBT Helpline Scotland
03001232523 helpline@lgbthealth.org.uk

Igbthealth.org.uk
A helpline providing information and emotional support to the entire diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)

## Shakti Women's Aid Fife info@shaktiedinburgh.co.uk

Help for black minority ethnic (BME) women, children and young people who are experiencing, or who have experienced, domestic abuse.

## National Stalking Free Helpline

08088020300
Gives practical information, support and advice to victims of stalking.

## Fife Law Centre

01592786710
info@fifelawcentre.co.uk
Fife Law Centre is a charity with a team of solicitors providing free legal guidance for the residents of Fife in cases of domestic abuse.

The organisations below will listen when you are ready to talk.

## At A Loss <br> Signposting to support and resources.

www.ataloss.org

| The Compassionate Friends | 03451232304 |
| :--- | ---: |
| helpline@tcf.org.uk | www.tcf.org.uk |

Signposting bereaved parents and their families.
To support 'family' members in their bereavement following the death of a child. Very active in local networks so help is available. Bereavement support packs also available and can be customised to your circumstances.

## Cruse Bereavement Care Scotland Scotland's Bereavement Charity

08088026161 www.crusescotland.org.uk support@crusescotland.org.uk

Held in Our Hearts
heldinourhearts.org.uk
A local charity providing baby loss counselling and support to families.

## Sands Fife <br> fife@sands.org.uk

24 hr Helpline 08455280322 www.facebook.com/FifeSands
One to one bereavement support worker and counselling for anyone in Fife affected by a sudden and unexpected death of a child.

## Scottish Cot Death Trust

contact@scottishcotdeathtrust.org.uk
One-to-one bereavement support worker and counselling for anyone in Fife affected by a sudden and unexpected death of a baby or young child.

## WAY Widowed \& Young

03002010051
enquiries@widowedandyoung.org.uk www.widowedandyoung.org.uk
Support to people who are bereaved of a husband, wife or partner before the age of 51 .

## NHS Specialist Palliative Care

NHS Fife Specialist palliative care includes a children and families service. It supports families following parental cancer diagnosis through palliative care and bereavement.

Referral is through the oncology service or GP.
Child Bereavement UK 08000288840
support@childbereavementuk.org
www.childbereavementuk.org
Grief Encounter
08088020111
www.griefencounter.org.uk
Supporting bereaved children and young people

## Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide

Winston's Wish
www.winstonswish.org.uk
Support for children and families after the death of a parent or sibling.

## Find out more about groups and activities near you

On Your Doorstep Fife is a community website with links and information about care providers, clubs, organisations, groups and activities that are locally available in Fife.

It's aimed at individuals who require care and support, family carers, practitioners, care providers, support workers and health staff as well as members of the public.

Opening doors to Fife's communities www.onyourdoorstepfife.org

Advocacy www.fifeadvocacyforum.org.uk
The Fife Advocacy Forum supports the development of advocacy across Fife and represents the views of local advocacy providers.
To help meet the needs of different people at different times in their life, there are several different types of advocacy. Please see the website which explains the range of advocacy available, details about the organisations that provide these services and how to contact them.

## Alzheimer Scotland 24hr helpline Freephone <br> 08088083000 Call for information, signposting or listening ear helpline@alzscot.org

## Age Scotland Helpline (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm)

08001244222
Free, confidential phone service for older people, their carers and families in Scotland. Providing information, friendship and advice.

## Hourglass 24/7 Helpline (Safer ageing • Stopping abuse)

08088088141
www.wearehourglass.scot
Free SMS: 07860052906
Hourglass is the only UK-wide charity which works to protect and prevent the abuse of vulnerable older people by raising awareness of the issues, encouraging education and giving information and support.

The Silver Line ( $\mathbf{2 4 h r}$ helpline for older people)
08004708090 thesilverline.org.uk

British Red Cross National Support Line Freephone 08081963651
Open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm, Wednesday 10am to 8pm.
Crossroads Fife
01592610450
info@crossroadsg.co.uk
www.crossroadsfifecentral.org
Short breaks for carers, befriending, self-directed support and purchased care

## Fife Centre for Equalities 01592645310 info@centreforequalities.org.uk centreforequalities.org.uk <br> Fife Centre for Equalities (FCE) works with the communities and partners to make Fife a fairer place to live, work and study. FCE is a Hate Crime Third Party Reporting Centre.

## Fife Forum

01592643743
Advice and groups for adults and older people www.fifeforum.org.uk
Fife Migrants Forum
01592642927
www.facebook.com/fife.migrants

| Fife Voluntary Action | 01592760720 |
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| info@fva.org | www.fva.org |

## Fife Young Carers

01592786717
admin@fifeyoungcarers.co.uk
LGBT Youth Scotland
info@lgbtyouth.org.uk

## 01315553940 <br> LGBTYouth.org.uk

## LGBT Helpline Scotland

helpline@lgbthealth.org.uk
03001232523
Igbthealth.org.uk
A helpline providing information and emotional support to the entire diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT)

## On Your Doorstep Fife

www.onyourdoorstepfife.org onyourdoorstep.fife@fife.gov.uk
Search for community groups, information or support.

## People First (Scotland)

01314787707
peoplefirstscotland.org
People First is an organisation run by and for people with learning difficulties. The organisation aims to speak up and campaign for the rights of people with learning difficulties. People First also support collective-advocacy groups across the country in their work.

| Pink Saltire | 0800057676 |
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| info@pinksaltire.com www.pinksaltire.com |  |

RNIB Helpline
Advice and information on sight loss.
03031239999 helpline@rnib.org.uk
Or say "Alexa call RNIB helpline" to an Alexa-enabled device

## Seescape

01592644979
info@seescape.org.uk www.seescape.org.uk
seescape (the operational name for Fife Society for the Blind) is the leading charity provider of support services for people with a visual impairment in Fife. We aim to empower people with visual impairment to live safely, independently and achieve their personal goals. We offer a range of services as part of a one-stop-shop approach, including information and advice, rehabilitation, assistive technology training, befriending and social groups.
Closed 26 and 27 December, as well as 2 and 3 January 2023.

| Fife Council SMS text service | 07781480185 |
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| for people with a hearing loss |  |

BSL users can also contact the council via ContactScotland-BSL

## Deaf Communication Service

SMS 07984356580

| The Well | 03451551500 |
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| thewell@fife.gov.uk www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org/thewell |  |

The Well allows people to speak to Health and Social Care professionals and discuss any enquiries in relation to their health and wellbeing. The service is for anyone 16+ looking for advice and support.
The Well's friendly staff are there to empower people and to find solutions to problems quicker and easier, giving them the right information at the right time. If you are looking for support, information and guidance on topics such as energy, social care, carer support, social isolation, housing, benefits, bereavement, or anything that matters to you The Well can support you.

## Useful notes

We hope you find the information in this booklet useful. If you have any comments or suggestions please email ASPC.Admin@fife.gov.uk

# READYFOR WINTER 

 www.fife.gov.uk/readyFifeDon't feel isolated when severe weather hits

There are plenty of ways for you to get the latest information.

## Fifeñ

Fife Adult Support \& Protection Committee (ASPC) is a partnership between Fife Council, Police Scotland and NHS Fife. These organisations and others, work together to support and protect adults at risk of harm in Fife, enabling them to live safe, healthy and fulfilling lives within their community.

## Adult Protection Phone Line 01383602200

SMS text service for people with a hearing loss: 07781480185

## In an emergency call 999

## Police non-emergency number 101


[^0]:    Elizabeth House, Barclay Court, Kirkcaldy, KY1 3WE www.facebook.com/nourishsupport Opening times: Tues, Wed and Thursdays

