

Perinatal Wellbeing

For Fathers



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What is perinatal mental health?

Having a baby is often thought of as a happy and exciting time. However, it is common to not feel this way when we may expect to. Becoming a father is a life changing experience, the relationships will change, and might be a lot of focus on the mother and the baby.

1 in 10 men can experience mental health problems such as anxiety and low mood in the first six months following the birth of the baby. However, difficulties can start earlier, when expecting a baby. 5-10 % of fathers experience depression in the perinatal period.

Many fathers experience depression/low mood in this period, the figures show 1 in 15 report experiencing this but we know that not everyone will seek help for how they are feeling so it is estimated that these figures are more likely to be the same as postnatal depression in women, which is 1 in 5.

Some symptoms are a completely normal part of having a new baby, such as sleeping difficulties and poor concentration. However, further mental health problems following the birth of a new child can cause great distress. It may impact the adjustment to parenthood, bonding with your baby, relationships around you and caring for a newborn, all affecting your confidence as a parent.

Depression can also develop in the antenatal period before your baby is born.

Other mental health difficulties people may experienced around this time include:

- Perinatal anxiety— When you may experience lots of worries about the baby, or your partner, maybe you feel anxious about been left with the baby or leaving the baby.
- Perinatal OCD—When you may experience intrusive and distressing thoughts about your baby, this may or may not lead to the need to carry out compulsions to neutralise the thoughts.
- PTSD following birth: you might experience sudden reminders of the labour, nightmares or feeling distress, out of control and helpless.

Many fathers put off seeking help and support feeling that they shouldn't be feeling like that or that support should be for the mother and not for them. This is not the case and evidence shows that when fathers that reach out for support during this time it leads to better outcomes for the baby and for the relationships around them.

Symptoms experienced

It is normal to feel emotional after the birth of a child. **However if symptoms persist for more than two weeks**, it could be a sign of postnatal depression or anxiety. Sometimes for fathers this might be called paternal depression.

Common symptoms that may be experienced include:

Common changes to Thoughts:

- Being self critical
- Worrying
- Expecting the worst
- Hopeless thoughts
- Thoughts about others and the world
- Jumping to conclusions
- Confusion

Common Physical Symptoms:

- Lacking energy
- Sleep disturbance
- Slowing down
- Agitated
- Unable to relax
- Appetite change

Common changes in Behaviours:

- Avoiding people and not going out
- Not doing things you enjoy
- Difficulties doing every day tasks
- Trying to do too much
- Putting off making decisions
- Arguing
- Shouting

Common emotions:

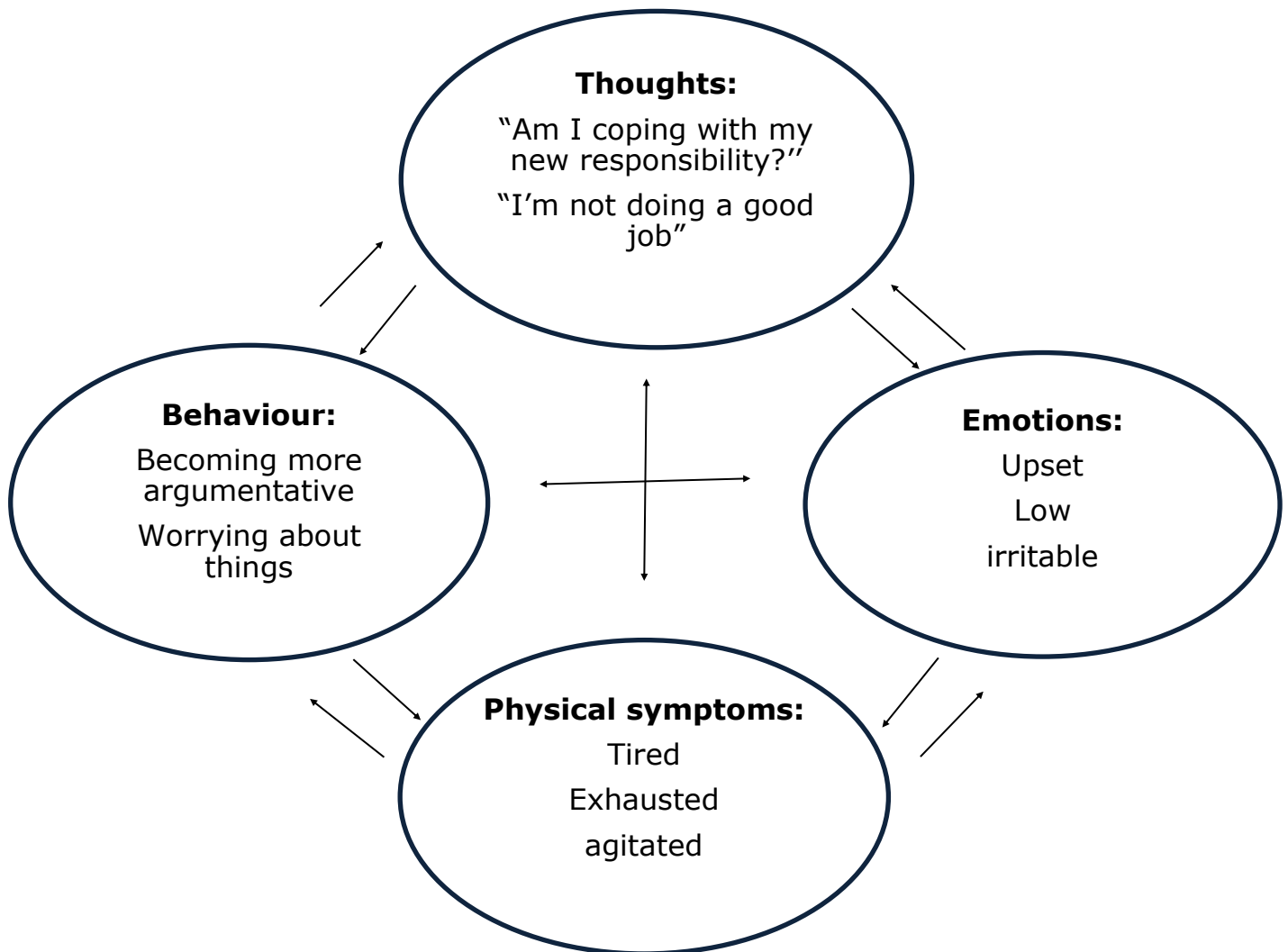
- Feeling sad
- Feeling guilty
- Irritability
- Anger
- Feeling worthless
- Crying a lot or being unable to cry

Write down any other symptoms you experience:

The CBT model

In Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) we look at the relationships that exist between our thoughts, feelings, behaviours and physical symptoms. We know that all these areas can influence and impact on each other, and that over time, we can become stuck in a vicious cycle which can perpetuate the negative way we are feeling.

The example below is a CBT model demonstrating the interaction between our thoughts, emotions, physical sensations and our behaviours.



This booklet will provide you with various tips and techniques that can support you with managing common symptoms of paternal low mood and anxiety. We will explore evidence based CBT informed techniques to help manage the negative cycle by changing our behaviours, challenging our thoughts and managing our physical symptoms through relaxation and exercise.

Top tips to get started

- **Use your support network:** Open up to someone you trust. Speaking to friends, family, partners or professionals about how you are feeling can be really helpful. There are also support groups and where you can meet dads online or in person who may be experiencing similar problems. If there are no groups in your area you can connect with national organisations (there are some links in the resources page).
- **Connect and communicate with your partner:** It is important you both create a space where you can share your concerns and worries, ask questions and listen to each other. Together you can organise the housework and talk about parenting, this will provide both free time and strengthening your relationship.
- **Look after yourself:** It can be difficult to stick to a routine and take care of yourself after having a baby. Focussing on the basics like eating well, exercising, relaxation and sleeping is a great start, and finding time for yourself can be really helpful. This can be more difficult when you have just had a baby, but any small amount of time to rest is better than nothing. There's more info on the basics on the next page.
- Protect time for yourself, as a family and as a couple. Ensure your partner also has her needed time alone.

You may recall that when on an aeroplane, they always recommend that if anything happens, you need to put your own oxygen mask on before anyone else's, even before a child's. This is because we have to be okay first before we can look after others. If we're feeling 50% okay ourselves, we can only give 50% of our best to others. It's for everyone's best interest that you're looking after yourself.



Top tips to get started

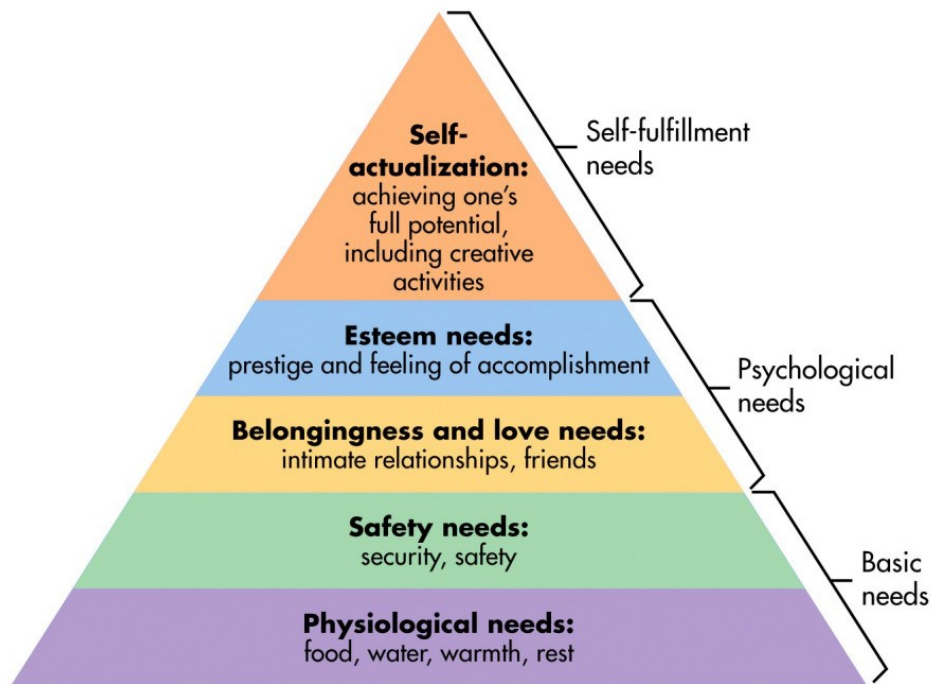
- **Do activities you enjoy:** It's normal to feel you've "lost yourself" a little bit after having a baby—trying to keep up your enjoyed activities may help you to feel more like yourself. It might be helpful to adapt what you enjoy, for example, if exercise is difficult, you can put the baby on a sling and go for a brisk walk. Try resting or relaxing whilst holding your baby, babies also benefit from skin-to-skin with their dads.
- **Take up offers on practical help:** There is no shame in accepting or asking for help and support. All too often, we're quick to help others but not so quick at asking for help ourselves.
- Interact with your baby, for example, peek-a-boo games are a great way to strengthen your bond.
- **Be kind to yourself:** It can be difficult not to compare ourselves to others. However, it's important to remember that everyone's different, and what works best for someone else may not be what works for you, and vice versa. Just focus on doing what's best for you and your baby and your partner.
- **Get hands on with your baby:** changing nappies, bathing, soothing, feeding and playing. Trust your instincts.
- **Take it easy:** nobody is born with the skills of parenting. There is not such thing as Super Dad (or Super Mum!). The more you interact with your baby, the more you will understand them.

Some things might take some time. For example, you may feel you don't trust anyone else with your baby for a long time, or you may not want to leave them. Or you may notice your relationship with your partner and others has changed quite a lot. Again, these things are very normal. If it's something you do want to tackle, take small steps and don't try and make huge changes at once, or talk to someone you trust.



The Basics

If we think of our wellbeing as like a block of bricks, we would consider our physiological needs like eating and sleeping to be the very first bricks on the block. They're the foundations: if we took them away, the rest of the block would collapse. A psychologist called Maslow theorized a Hierarchy of Needs, which states that we can only satisfy the higher needs on the hierarchy once the previous need has been met. As you can see below, the first needs that must be met are our physiological needs:



Eating and drinking:

What we eat and drink can have such a huge impact on our emotions, our energy levels and our ability to think clearly. People often say they'd never let their baby or child go without food, yet often they don't think twice about going without food themselves. The truth is though that you need food too in order to give your best to everyone else. We know it's not as easy to look after your own needs when you have children, which is why we've included tips on the previous page such as accepting support. Alternatively, it may be worth thinking: is there anything I'm currently doing that is less important than eating (e.g cleaning the house)? The key thing is to really prioritise food and drink: see what a difference this makes!

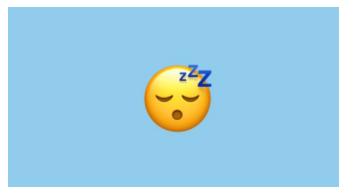
The Mind website has some helpful information on the impact of food on mood: <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/food-and-mood/#.XXAH025FyUk>

The Basics

Sleep:

Sleep impacts our mood and ability to function hugely. You'll see on the previous page that Maslow classed "rest" as one of our most basic needs. Realistically, having a little one will affect your sleep. But there are some things you can do to help with the tiredness:

- Doing things like getting fresh air or listening to music can help to make you feel more alert / engaged during the day.
- Some activities like relaxation and a hot bath induce sleep more effectively than others (for example we don't recommend using screens too much before bed). For more general sleep tips, see our sleep booklet: https://www.talkplus.org.uk/downloads_folder/CBT_i.pdf
- Remember, it won't last forever. It's completely normal to be tired when you have a baby. As time passes, your baby's needs will change, and it's very likely you'll gradually get back to your normal sleep routine.



Exercise

- Another way to improve sleep is exercise, which can also relieve stress by releasing endorphins, which can help to manage our mental wellbeing. Exercise varies from mild to moderate. It can be anything from going for a short walk, attending the gym, or having a workout in your own living room.
- The NHS website have video modules on Aerobic exercise, strength and resistance, Pilates and yoga and various other fitness plans. These are free to access and can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/?tabname=strength-and-resistance>



Self Care

Sometimes when we feel low and tired, we may stop doing things that are important. This can increase feelings of low mood. In order to have positive wellbeing, we need a balance of activities as different activities each contribute to the production of hormones that contribute to us feel happy.



Oxytocin—Is the hormone is produced in the hypothalamus in the brain and stored in the pituitary gland. It is a hormone that makes us feel happy, connected and safe. It has the power to regulate emotional responses and helps improve communication and feelings of trust and empathy.

Endorphins—The body's natural pain relief, this hormone which can be produced during exercise, can make us feel happy and sometimes 'Euphoric' a lack of endorphins can result in depression.





Dopamine— This chemical messenger influences the brains pleasure and reward systems. Can bring feelings of pleasure and boosts happiness as it enables you to feel satisfaction and motivation.

Serotonin— Is a chemical messenger that can help stabilize our mood, works in conjunction with Dopamine. Also, regulates sleep for overall wellbeing and resilience.

Activity List – BACE





List below all the activities that you feel you are withdrawing from:

- Activities that you are avoiding
- Activities you used to do but don't do now
- Activities you have always wanted to do but aren't

Body care Exercise Healthy eating Treat illness Rest & sleep	Achievement Work Chores Study	Connect with others Friends Family Community	Enjoyment Play Fun Pleasure
			

Once you have identified the kids of activities that you have withdrawn from, separate them into what you would find easy, medium and hard to complete. This is because it is important to start with the easiest activities first.





Categorising Activities - BACE

Activity	Easy	Moderate	Hard
Body care Exercise Healthy eating Treat illness Rest & sleep 			
Achievement Work Chores Study 			
Connect with others Friends Family Community 			
Enjoyment Play Fun Pleasure 			



Start scheduling when you will gradually reintroduce activities, keeping it realistic and achievable.

Weekly Activity Diary - BACE

Activity ↓	Day →											
Body care Exercise Healthy eating Treat illness Rest & sleep 												
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Difficult thoughts

Sometimes we can experience some difficult and distressing thoughts that can make us feel low. It can be helpful to identify any unhelpful thoughts, and to challenge these thoughts to create more realistic and balanced ways of thinking. This can reduce the negative impact of thoughts experienced.

Identifying thoughts alone is a helpful start. Once we know we're having a negative thought, it's easier to distance ourselves from the thought, rather than accepting the thought as a fact. This can help reduce overthinking and ruminating on negative thoughts, as we can try and nip it in the bud before it snowballs.

Thoughts can be automatic but by using the *STOP* technique below we can begin to identify the thoughts that are causing us difficulties.

STOP

STOP

Stop what you are doing and take a moment.

Take time to breathe

Pay attention to your breathing.

Overview

Ask yourself some questions to get an overview of what is happening.

Perspective

Record the thought going through your mind to get a better perspective.



Questions to ask yourself to help gain perspective

What am I reacting to?

Is this fact or opinion?

Am I being self critical?

Am I discounting the good things I have been doing?

Am I getting things out of proportion?

How important will it be in 6 months time?

Am I expecting something from this person or situation that is unrealistic?

What's the worst (and best) that could happen? What's most likely to happen?

Am I jumping to conclusions ?

Am I (mis)reading between the lines?

What's the bigger picture? The helicopter view?

Is there a compromise?

Is there another way of dealing with this?

What would be the most helpful and effective action to take?

What might a friend say about this, or what would I say to a friend who had this thought?

Difficult thoughts: balanced thought

Sometimes once we have identified a negative thought as just that, a negative thought, that's enough for it not to cause us any more distress. Some thoughts can be tougher to shift and keep coming back. Taking a bit more time to address these thoughts can be helpful.

An example of a negative thought might be "I'm not a good parent". Having this thought is understandably likely to cause you a lot of distress. We want to try and evaluate the thought... we do this by writing down the evidence that supports your thought, and also the evidence that goes against your thought.



Finally, weighing up the evidence for and against the negative thought may then help you to come up with an alternative thought. The table below may help with this process, why not try it out for yourself?

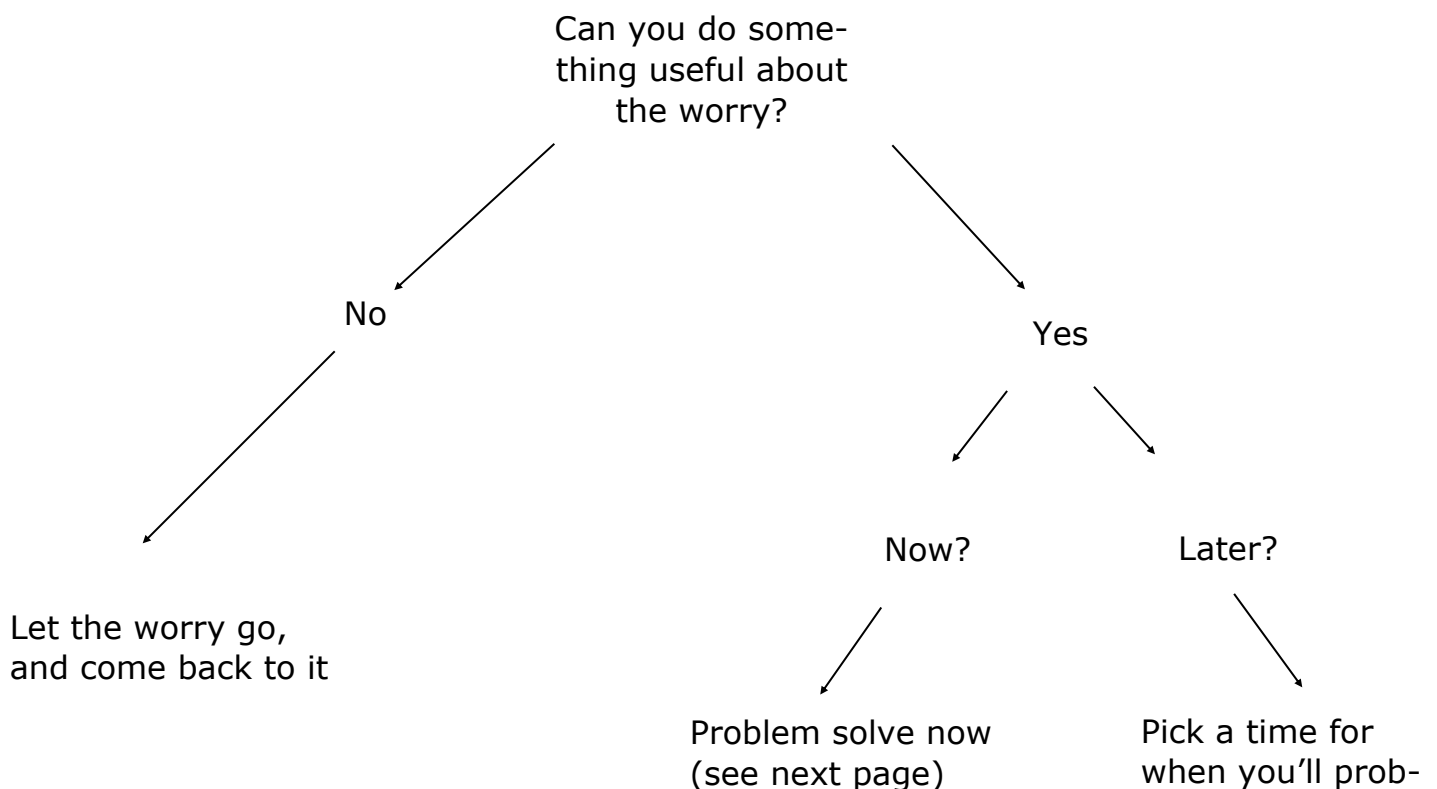
Situation	
Thought	Emotion
Belief in thought (0-100%)	Intensity of Emotion (0-100%)
Evidence for	Evidence Against
Alternative/ more balance thought	Emotion
Belief in alternative thought (0-100%)	Intensity of emotion (0-100%)

Worries

We can often have worries and concerns about pregnancy and babies. Worry is normal, and something we can all experience at times, however it can sometimes feel overwhelming. Often worries are about the future and what might happen. They are things that we do not currently have control over, so worrying about them only hinders us. We call these “hypothetical” worries.

These are different to “practical worries” which are about current problems which we can do something about. For example, a practical worry might be “I need to sort out childcare for this afternoon” (it’s practical because it would probably spur you towards action).

To help to differentiate between practical and hypothetical worries, you may find the following useful:



Worry Time

Worry time

Once you've decided your worry is hypothetical, you can use the Worry Time technique. Worry Time is a time you set aside during the day, to process your worries. How many times have people said to you "Don't worry, just let it go"- easier said than done! This process allows us to choose when we will worry so that we are in control of the worrying- it's like saying "I will think about this, but later" . As you keep practising worry time daily, you'll start to worry less, as worry time often makes us realize that the things we worry about often never happen.

The steps to worry time are as follows:

- 1) Choose a worry time—we recommend not too close to bedtime as then you might go to bed worrying, but late enough in the day for you to have had worries.
- 2) Write your worries down—that way it'll remind us later what are worries are so we can go down the list during worry time. You might find that seeing your worries on paper makes you see them from a different light.
- 3) Refocus on the present moment. Think about your senses, or do a task that requires your attention.
- 4) Worry time itself—spend around 15-30 minutes asking yourself questions about the worry: eg, did it happen, what's the worst thing about it happening, has worrying helped to prepare me anymore?



Problem Solving

If our worries are about practical things that are currently happening and that can be resolved, it can help to try to resolve these worries by using the problem solving technique.

When we have a young baby, or are expecting a baby, we can feel too tired and it can be challenging to generate solutions to difficulties. However, we can use the seven steps below to support us with creating a solution to problems experienced.

Seven Steps of Problem Solving

STEP ONE

Identifying one problem. If it is a big problem, try breaking it down into smaller, resolvable problems

STEP TWO

List all possible solutions which could be used to manage the problem

STEP THREE

List the advantages and disadvantages of each solution to help identify the most suitable solution.

STEP FOUR

Select one solution to put into practice. It may be the most simple or it may be the one you want to tackle the most

STEP FIVE

Make an action plan to carry out the solution.

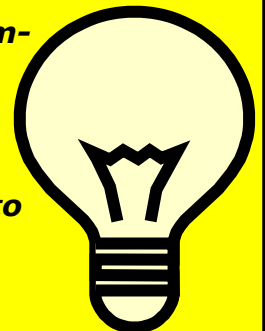
What will you do? When will you do it? Will you need anyone to help?

STEP SIX

Implement the plan & review the outcome

STEP SEVEN

If the solution didn't work, go back to step 4 and try the next best solution. Continue with the problem solving steps again.



Top Tip: When there are multiple problems, it can be helpful to prioritise them.

It may seem logical to start with the most important problems, however sometimes the most important ones are the more complex ones that require more time and effort to solve. Starting with a smaller problems may be the best place to start, as we can learn skills to problem solve with smaller difficulties before applying to bigger problems

Relaxation

Finding ways to relax can be helpful to manage various symptoms experienced.

There are many difference activities that can support us with relaxation. Here are a few ideas:

- Regular exercise
- Practicing calm breathing
- Practicing mindfulness and meditation
- Getting good sleep
- Having time to unwind and relax

- What helps you to relax?

Relaxed Breathing

Relaxed breathing is slower and deeper than normal breathing, and it happens lower in the body (the belly rather than the chest). It signals the body that it is safe to relax.

How to do relaxed breathing: To practice make sure you are sitting or lying comfortably. Close your eyes if you are comfortable doing so. Try to breathe through your nose rather than your mouth. Deliberately slow your breathing down. Breathe in to a count of 4, pause for a moment, then breathe out to a count of six. Make sure that your breaths are smooth, steady, and continuous - not jerky. Pay particular attention to your out-breath - make sure it is smooth and steady. Relaxed breathing should be low down in the abdomen (belly), and not high in the chest. You can check this by putting one hand on your stomach and one on your chest. Focus your attention on your breath - some people find it helpful to count in their head to begin with ("In ... two ... three ... four ... pause ... Out ... two ... three ... four ... five ... six ... pause ...").

Try breathing in a relaxed way for at least a few minutes at a time - it might take a few minutes for you to notice an effect. If you are comfortable, aim for 5-10 minutes. Try to practice regularly - perhaps three times a day.

Find a slow breathing rhythm that is comfortable for you. Counting to 4 isn't an absolute rule. Try 3 or 5. The important thing is that the breathing is slow and steady. Some people find the sensation of relaxing to be unusual or uncomfortable at first but this normally passes with practice. Do persist and keep practising

Progressive Muscle Relaxation

We may experience muscle tension. This can lead to headaches and back pain. Progressive Muscle Relaxation is a technique that can be used to help reduce muscle tension by practicing tensing up particular muscles and then relaxing them.

Before trying this technique, if you have any injuries, or a history of physical problems that may cause muscle pain, always consult your doctor before you start. Avoid practicing after big, heavy meals, and do not practice after consuming any intoxicants, such as alcohol.

To prepare, make sure you are in a room with minimal distractions. Make yourself comfortable, such as sitting on a chair that comfortably seats your whole body, including your head. It is also helpful to wear loose clothing and remove shoes.

Once you've set aside the time and place for relaxation, slow down your breathing and give yourself permission to relax. Follow the relaxation sequence as described below, by tensing the muscle group described. Make sure you can feel the tension, but not so much that you feel a great deal of pain. Keep the muscle tensed for approximately 5 seconds. Then relax the muscles and keep it relaxed for approximately 10 seconds before starting the next muscle group.

Relaxation sequence

1. Right hand and forearm: Make a fist with your right hand.
2. Right upper arm: Bring your right forearm up to your shoulder to "make a muscle".
3. Left hand and forearm.
4. Left upper arm.
5. Forehead: Raise your eyebrows as high as they will go.
6. Eyes and cheeks: Squeeze your eyes shut.
7. Mouth and jaw: Open your mouth as wide as you can.
8. Neck: Pull your head back slowly, as though you are looking up
9. Shoulders: bring your shoulders up towards your ears and tense your muscles
10. Back: Push your shoulder blades back, trying to almost touch them together, pushing your chest forward.
11. Chest and stomach: Breathe in deeply, filling up your lungs and chest with air.
12. Hips and buttocks: Squeeze your buttock muscles
13. Right upper leg: Tighten your right thigh.
14. Right lower leg: Slowly pull your toes towards you to stretch the calf muscle.
15. Right foot: Curl your toes downwards.
16. Left upper leg: Repeat as for right upper leg.
17. Left lower leg: Repeat as for right lower leg.
18. Left foot: Repeat as for right foot.

Maintaining Progress

Thinking back do things look different now?

What are the tools you have to cope with symptoms experienced?

What's helped most?

What's would be most helpful to work on?

What are your future goals?

How will you achieve these?

Resources and Helpful Services

General

Five To Thrive: Recent research proves that the way in which a parent behaves around their baby in the first three years of life can have a direct impact on the way in which their baby's brain develops. The five to Thrive message supports the development of secure attachment and emotional resilience and the approach focuses on the importance of five key activities as the 'building blocks' for a healthy brain:

- Respond
- Cuddle
- Relax
- Play
- Talk

Hampshire Healthy Families have adopted the Five to Thrive approach and will incorporate this into their four week Five to Thrive Workshop for new parents and their babies aged between six weeks and six months old. Over the four weeks, each of the five building blocks are looked at, alongside fun activities for parents and baby. Contact Hampshire Healthy Families for more information, including workshop dates and locations.

Telephone: 01489 797094

Website: <http://fivetothrive.org.uk/> and <http://www.hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/>
Email: hhf@barnardos.org.uk

Healthier Together: The healthier Together programme relies upon patients and healthcare professionals working together to improve how local healthcare is delivered. Their website provides advice for parents, young people and pregnant women, as well as clinical responses to support healthcare professionals. This all means that children are likely to receive consistency high quality care, irrespective of the healthcare professional that they see. The advice should help parents feel empowered about whether and when they need to seek the advice of a healthcare professional, and there is also signposting to appropriate healthcare services when this is required.

Website: <http://what0-18.nhs.uk/>

Facebook: @Health2gether

Email: wessexhealthiertogether@gmail.com

Email: hhf@barnardos.org.uk

Lift the Baby: This project aims to provide safer sleeping advice for new dads. The website includes links to safe sleeping advice produced by the Lullaby Trust, and dads are encouraged to follow the #LiftTheBaby hashtag on Twitter.

Website: <http://liftthebaby.org.uk/> and www.lullabytrust.org.uk/safer-sleep-advice

Henry: 'Henry' stands for Health, Exercise and Nutrition for the Really Young. This unique and successful programme supports parents to give their babies and young children up to eight years of age a really healthy start in life and to prevent childhood obesity. Hampshire Healthy Families are working in partnership with the Family Support Service to deliver the Henry programme across Hampshire. Key elements of the programme include:

- Parenting confidence
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What the children and families eat
- Family lifestyles habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Telephone: 01489 797094

Website: <http://hampshirehealthyfamilies.org.uk/>

Facebook: @HENRY.HealthyFamilies

Dads Matter UK: Dads Matter UK provides support for dads worried about of suffering from depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Website: www.dadsmatteruk.org

Facebook: Dads Matter UK

NCT – Dads' Page: The NCT (National Childbirth Trust) website's 'Life as a parent' page has links to a number of articles setting out information relevant to dads and carers, including:

- Bonding and caring for your baby
- Emotions
- Relationships and friendships
- Same sex parents
- Work

Website: <http://www.nct.org.uk/life-parent>

ManKind Initiative: The mankind initiative run a confidential helpline available for male victims of domestic abuse.

Telephone: 01823 334244 (Mon- Fri 10am – 4.00pm)

Website: <http://www.mankind.org.uk/>

Facebook: ManKind Initiative

DadPad: Essential guide for new dads to provide knowledge and practical skills. It is in app format. <https://thedadpad.co.uk/>

Fathers Reaching out: <https://www.reachingoutpmh.co.uk/>

Further support and information

- **PANDAS Foundation** (Pre and Postnatal Depression Advice and Support); <http://www.pandasfoundation.org.uk/>
- **Family Lives** (Parenting and Family Support); <http://www.familylives.org.uk/>
- **Home Start** (Supporting families with young children); <http://www.home-start.org.uk/>
- **Fatherhood Institute** (Supporting the role of fathers); <http://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/>
- **National Childbirth Trust** (Expectant and new parent support); <https://www.nct.org.uk/>
- **Tommy's**: <https://www.tommys.org/our-organisation/about-us/charity-news/new-wellbeing-resource-pregnancy-and-post-birth>
- **AnxietyBC** : information for parents; <https://www.anxietybc.com/parents>
- **NHS Birth to Five book** (available as download); <http://www.resources.org.co.uk/assets/pdfs/BirthToFive09.pdf>
- **NHS Choices**: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/being-a-parent.aspx>
- **Hampshire Lanterns**: Offers support online or at groups from mothers who have experienced mental health difficulties during pregnancy or after childbirth

Local Support and Services

- Children's Services in Hampshire—0300 555 1384
- Children's Services in Surrey— 0300 470 9100
 - Fleet & Yateley Health Visiting Team- 01252 813842
 - Farnborough Health Visiting Team- 01252 533040
 - Farnham Health Visiting Team - 01483 782093
 - Aldershot Health Visiting Team (AC4H)- 01252 335000
- Home Start Rushmoor- <https://www.home-start.org.uk/home-start-rushmoor>
- Surrey Children's Centres:
 - ⇒ Hale Children's Centre (Farnham); www.halechildrenscentre.co.uk
 - ⇒ Potter's Gate Children's Centre (Farnham); <http://www.childrenscentre.potters-gate.surrey.sch.uk/>

Parent and Toddler Groups – For Dads

Dads and Kids (For male carers and children 0-11) – St Peters Church Hall, 60 Church Lane, Farnborough GU14 7AP
Telephone: 01252 513111 (Saturdays 9:30am -11am, every other week) Cost: £2.50

Who Let the Dads Out – Aldershot Garrison (First Saturday of the Month 9:30am – 11am)
Telephone: 07941997841

Who Let the Dads Out (For male carers and children 0-7) – St Peters Church, Yateley, GU46 7LR
Email: David.jolly@stpetersyateley.org.uk (Third Saturday of every month)

Dads and Toddlers – St Marys Church, Basingstoke (Third Saturday of the month 10am – 11:30am)
Telephone: 01256 464249 Email: info@stmarys-basingstoke.org.uk Cost: £3.00

Substance Misuse and Addiction Services

Inclusion Recovery Hampshire: Inclusion Recovery Hampshire is part of the Hampshire Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Service, commissioned by Hampshire County Council. They run three main support services: Inclusion Recovery Hampshire, for those aged 25 and over, 24/7, for those aged 24 and under; and for family members/others affected by someone else's use, via Parent Support Link.

Telephone:

Inclusion Recovery Hampshire: 0300 124 0103

24/7: 0845 459 9405 (via Catch 22)

Parent Support Link: 023 8039 9764 (24 hour phone line)

Website: <http://www.inclusionhants.org/> and <http://www.inclusion.org/inclusion-recovery-hampshire/>

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