

# Basis Yorkshire Newsletter

Hello from all of us at **Basis!** As the national lockdown continues, we want to keep you up to date with what is available in terms of **support** for you. **Please** do get in **contact** if we can help you in **any way** and know that **we are still here for you** during this difficult time.

## SERVICE UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we are still unable to offer our **full services** but we are continuing to do **as much as we can** to keep you all **supported**.

We can still:

- Offer **phone call** support.
- Potentially meet for a **socially distanced walk**, please check if your support worker is comfortable with this.
- Do **contactless drop offs** of essentials such as food vouchers, clothes etc.
- Arrange sexual health appointments with our specialist sexual health nurse Jane, by sending a message to the Basis Sexual Health number **07710 304 306**, or if urgent by calling Jane directly on **07710027062**.
- Support you with reporting a crime to Ugly Mugs and/or the police.

Drop in and outreach are still **not possible**, but we **will** let you know when this begins again.

## CONDOM UPDATE

From the **12th of February** onwards we will be able to offer **free condoms** to collect from the Basis office. The office will be open from **12-3pm** every day offering **standard packs** of 60 extra safe, naturelle, flavoured, trim and large condoms with a tube of lube and some sponges. You **do not need an appointment** to collect them, as long as you come between **12-3pm**.

## COVID UPDATE:

- Currently we are still in **national lockdown** which means that contact is limited due to government guidelines to help **slow the spread** of the virus. We have some **guidance** on **our website** about staying safe during lockdown and what Basis is offering during this time. You can also visit the **[www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)** website for further info.
- The government is currently distributing the **vaccines** as **safely and quickly** as possible. If you would like the opportunity to access these when they become available **please get in touch with the office, your support worker** or **via the sexual health phone**. You can also mention it to the **sexual health nurse** when you meet with her and she will share the info with us on your behalf if you prefer. We have included separate information with **FAQs about the vaccine** for further information.
- If you develop **COVID symptoms**, we can arrange a test for you through Basis if you prefer or you can access the local testing centres. Please **ring the office** if you would like support with this. We can also support with **transport** to the test.





## UGLY MUGS



### **Blackmail/ extortion – Yorkshire – PM24800**

It is reported that during October 2020 in the Bradford area a man calling himself 'Steve' using mobile 07805156\*\*\* is helping women secure accommodation. He is described as: mixed race, 45-50, 5'8", tattoos on arms, wears bomber jackets and doc martens style boots. He reportedly attempts to blackmail/ extort them and threatens with eviction.

**(Reported to NUM 28/10/20)**

### **Non payment/ harassment – Leeds – PR24830**

It is reported that during October 2020 in the Leeds area a man calling himself 'Kelvin' using mobile 07723110\*\*\* is contacting women for outcalls requesting full service/oral. He is described as: Black, 25-29, 5'6", shaved black hair, medium build, says he's Ghanaian/ Nigerian, foreign accent, software developer. He reportedly fakes a bank transfer, refuses to let them leave and later harasses and threatens them.

**(Reported to NUM 31/10/20)**

### **Drugging without consent – Leeds – PR24682**

It is reported that during October 2020 in the Leeds area a man using mobile 07713648\*\*\* and AW user Sin\*\*\*gu\*\*\*2 is contacting women for incalls. He is described as: around 60, average height and build. He reportedly puts drugs on his penis so they are taken without consent during oral.

**(Reported to NUM 14/10/20)**

### **Fraud – Leeds – PM25164**

It is reported that during December 2020 in the xx area a man using mobile 07934428\*\*\* is contacting women for bookings. He is described as: Asian, mid 30s, 6ft, overweight, speaks slowly, very forward in manner via text. He reportedly pays by bank transfer and later reports it as fraudulent and has it returned.

**(Reported to NUM 18/12/20)**

### **REMINDER:**

Our **LiveChat** service is still available if you would like free confidential advice. Go to the **Sex Work Project** section of our website any weekday from **1pm-4pm**

### **Mental Health Tip:**

**Try and spend some time outside getting fresh air. It is easy to spend all day indoors during lockdown, but taking a moment to go on a walk or just going outdoors could help boost your mood!**

