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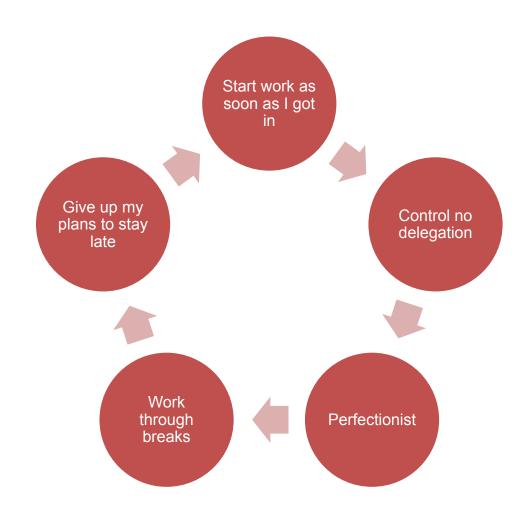
#### ANTI-STRESS KIT



#### DIRECTIONS

- 1) PLACE ON FIRM SURFACE.
- 2) FOLLOW DIRECTIONS IN CIRCLE.
- REPEAT UNTIL STRESS IS GONE, OR YOU ARE UNCONSCIOUS.
- REPEAT AS NECESSARY, NOT EXCEEDING FOUR TIMES DAILY.
- 5) IF CIRCLE TURNS RED CONSULT PHYSICIAN.

### Honesty





### How do we describe caring for ourselves?

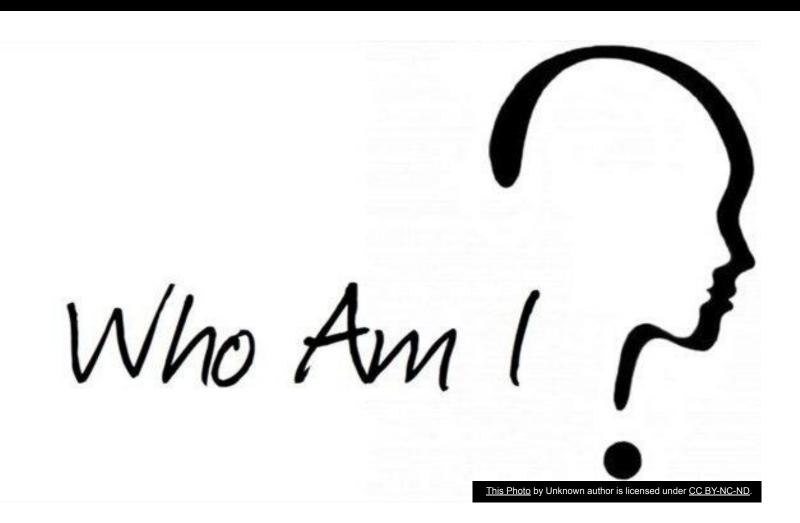




### What is wellness?

- Wellness is a conscious, self-directed and evolving process of achieving full potential
- Wellness is multidimensional and holistic, encompassing lifestyle, mental and spiritual well-being, and the environment
- Wellness is positive and affirming

#### Self-awareness



### How to become more self-aware?

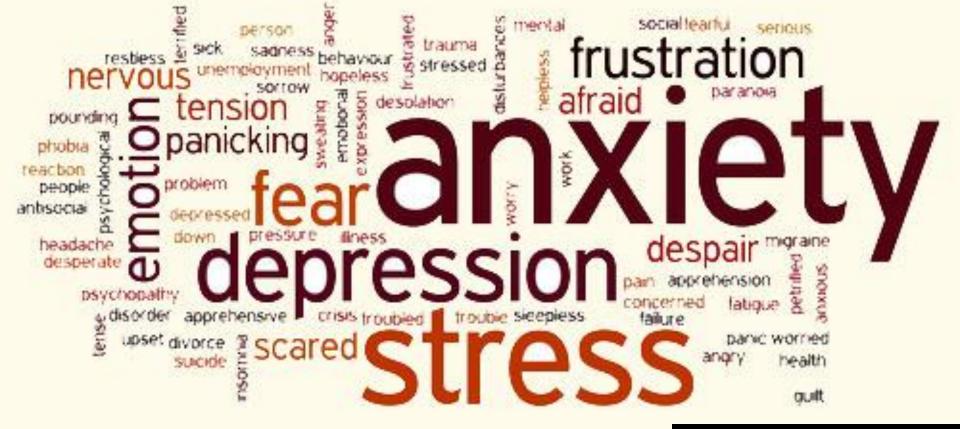


- Look at yourself honestly and objectively
- Reflect on situations and how you reacted
- Journal to identify patterns
- Online psychometric tests
- Ask those around you



### Are you self-aware?

- Take a few moments to think about this...
  - Are you aware of how you react in stressful situations?
  - Are you aware of how you come across in your role?
  - Are you aware of your values and goals?



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### Recognising stress

### **Examples of stress**

#### **Physical**

- Heart rate increases
- Blood flow and pressure increase
- Excessive sweating
- Breathing speeds up
- Muscle tensing, ready for action

#### Additional symptoms

- easily angered
- lack of sleep
- lack of concentration
- panic attacks
- pains in the stomach
- feeling sick
- tension in the neck and shoulders
- loss of sex drive
- migraine
- tearfulness
- apathy
- bingeing on food or drink
- loss of appetite
- not wanting to go to work

### How do you know you are stressed?

- Take a few moments now to think about how you know you are stressed?
- What do you notice in yourself and those around you?
- At the moment how do you deal with this? Is it effective?



### Coping mechanisms

- Positive coping skills help you feel better and provide an opportunity for reflection, acceptance, and kindness towards yourself.
- Negative coping skills help you feel better temporarily, and ultimately are a distraction and a form of avoiding your problems.

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Are your coping strategies positive or negative?



### A toolkit of ideas

### Resilience based clinical supervision

- A model devised by the University of Nottingham
- Three emotional systems;
  - Threat
  - Drive
  - Affiliative
  - https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=YQsAS3co51U
  - https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Snigdha-Dutta-2/publication/3210813 37 A case study exploring the experience of resilience-based clinical supervision and its influence on care towards self and others amon g student nurses/links/5a0c4ad64585153829b13b3c/A-case-study-explor ing-the-experience-of-resilience-based-clinical-supervision-and-its-influenc e-on-care-towards-self-and-others-among-student-nurses.pdf

### Resilience based clinical supervision

- Threat- To protect ourselves from threats and find a place of safety
- Drive- Aiming for a for a purpose
- Affiliative-Contentemotionalsystem







### Resilience based clinical supervision



### Department wellbeing ambassador

- Someone
  - to listen
  - signpost
  - promote wellbeing
  - another person



#### **Get involved**

- Lunchtime walking group
- Craft groups
- Reading groups
- #AHP active
- Social group
- Share ideas



### Mindfulness and breath work

- Breathing space
- Body scan
- Sitting meditation
- Walking meditation

https://www.garyheads.co.uk/page/meditations/

- Qigong (movement)
- Yoga
- Pilates
- Breathpod- <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/sound-s/brand/p09652dl">https://www.broathpod.mg/</a>

https://www.breathpod.me/



### **Happy Media**



https://www.instagram.com/thehappynewspaper/

https://www.officialfearnecotton.com/news/2018/2/26/happy-place-podcast





### Your access to social media

- Apps such as; <a href="https://www.headspace.com/">https://www.headspace.com/</a>
- Set an alarm on your phone or use an app to remind you to breathe <a href="https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/ibreathe-relax-and-breathe/id1296605806">https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/ibreathe-relax-and-breathe/id1296605806</a>
- Podcasts <a href="https://t.co/WRktXvbxAf?amp=1">https://t.co/WRktXvbxAf?amp=1</a>
- Declutter your phone <a href="https://www.instagram.com/thisgirlcanorganise/?hl=en">https://www.instagram.com/thisgirlcanorganise/?hl=en</a>
- Use different social media platforms for different things
- Turn off alerts



### Friends and Family

- Mindfulness with children
  - Teddy bear game
  - colouring
- Humming
- Blowing bubbles
- Stretches
- Listening in



### **Additional pressures**

- Peri and post-menopausal concerns
  - @drmenopausecare
  - https://www.instagram.com/menopause doctor/?hl=en
  - https://www.nhsemployers.org/retentionand-staff-experience/health-and-wellbei ng/taking-a-targeted-approach/taking-a-t argeted-approach/menopause-in-the-wo rkplace

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- Additional health concerns
- Pandemic
  - Boundaries
  - Health anxiety
  - Sensory overload
  - Social anxiety
  - Financial concerns



"What is the bravest thing you've ever said?" asked the boy.



"Help," said the horse.



### Make a pledge

## Thank you and take care

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