

# **Rehabilitation Unit**

# Lifestyle Management

# What is lifestyle management?

The lifestyle management programme is designed to support people who are dealing with difficult life situations or who are living with a long-term health condition. The programme helps people gain control over their situation by making use of and building on an understanding of movement, coping, and recovery strategies. The course aims to boost confidence and self esteem by acknowledging and celebrating the small successes participants achieve on the way.

The course is supported by physiotherapy and occupational therapy staff. The 10-week programme consists of group sessions lasting 3 hours. These sessions involve safe and appropriate stretches, therapeutic relaxation, and discussion.

# Would lifestyle management suit you?

Before the course begins, everyone is offered the opportunity to meet with a member of the rehabilitation team to discuss their goals and best hopes. Course goals are linked with the 'three Cs': coping, control, and confidence.

We focus on identifying strengths and resources, as well as how these can be used to help manage daily life. Our way of working has been developed in response to feedback received from previous course participants. We ask that participants make every effort to attend all sessions to achieve the most benefit from the programme.

# **Course sessions:**

- Week 1: Getting started
- Week 2: Sleep
- Week 3: The effects of stress and the benefits of relaxation
- Week 4: Pacing and energy management
- Week 5: Getting active and motivated
- Week 6: Pacing and prioritising what is important
- Week 7: Communication skills
- Week 8: The mind-body connection
- Week 9: Preventing, minimising and recovering from relapse
- Week 10: Reflection and forward planning

#### **Comments from course participants:**

"I know my life is in my hands."

"I didn't think it would make a difference to my life, but it has...I feel I can move on."

"I feel like a new person."

#### The programme will be held at:

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust Clifford Bridge Road Walsgrave Coventry CV2 2DX

#### **Further Information**

For more information contact the Rehabilitation Unit in the Wisdem Centre on **024** 7696 5705.

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