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LOCAL AREA CO-ORDINATION FIFE 'Moving Forward'

Fife Forum



'Helping build bridges to combat loneliness & isolation'

Tel 01592 643743 for further information on Local Area Co-ordination or other Fife Forum services Visit www.fifeforum.org.uk



What is Local Area Co-ordination?

Supported by Fife Forum, Local Area Co-ordination works alongside individuals aged 16+, their families, carers and other services to identify community groups and supports which help people to maintain their independence for as long as is practicable and/or connect with and be part of their community (for example: we provide information on and can help people to access day services; local clubs; or, interest groups).

Our primary aim is to help people feel valued and to reduce social isolation and loneliness.

Local Area Co-ordination & Covid-19

Covid-19 has inevitably changed how we all deliver services. How we operate and the availability of services and supports is, in part, different to what was once familiar. Whilst face-to-face contact with people is now possible, there may be periods where this changes or is limited.

Reflecting the ever-evolving circumstances we hope the following will offer some guidance as to how people might continue to access and utilise the support we are able to offer.





- Offer advice, information and signposting to services or resources that support a person's needs and where appropriate assist with formal referrals and/or applications
- Accept referrals from all agencies and/or individuals via our web-based referral portal (www.fifeforum.org.uk) or by other means where a person does not have access to the internet (tel 01592 643743)
- Where practicable and in accordance with the relevant guidance and safeguards, visit people in agreed locations or at their homes
- Provide contact by: telephone; email; and, video/ audio/social platforms where people and staff have access to the relevant technology and internet connection
- During pandemic periods where ordinary life is restricted we might provide telephone befriending and welfare checks for people known to our services (please note: we are not a social care provider and cannot directly help to provide any form of personal care or sitter-type service)
- Support social engagement and well-being through our social café and walking groups

Please note: How our services operate are governed by local and Scottish Government guidance and may be subject to change