



Editors Introduction

Here's our fourteenth collection of information that might be of interest / use to you, your families, or colleagues whilst we are getting through the coronavirus pandemic.

Please remember to follow the government and NHS guidelines on how to keep safe and minimise the spread of coronavirus. For more information on services, remember that the website <http://www.dundeehealth.co.uk/content/coronavirus> is being regularly updated by the Community Health Team.

If you have anything you would like to contribute to our next extra update, or our regular bi-monthly issue (no item too small!) then please send it to me at paul.davies@dundeecity.gov.uk. News on what is happening in your community would be particularly welcome.

Until the next update, hoping you all stay safe and well.

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Cybercrime Prevention

Police Scotland's National Cybercrime Prevention team are working alongside Scottish Government and third sector partners to produce a weekly guide on Cyber Prevention/Cyber Scams. This week, this has changed to a fortnightly online publication.

These resources, and previous editions, can be found [here](#) and have some great advice and guidance that can be shared with partners, colleagues and the public. The topics covered cover all the scam issues that have been experienced during the last few months. They are also a great reference for general cyber safety advice.

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Everyday Packs for Older People

Thanks to funding received from the Big Lottery Supporting Communities Fund we have been able to support the following project.

Working in partnership with Dundee Community Transport, HOPE - Helping Older People Engage, Grey Lodge Settlement and volunteers from GetLocalSupport.org we have put together 'Everyday Packs' for distribution to the older people's community in Dundee.



The Everyday Packs will contain a small bottle of hand sanitiser and either a reusable washable face mask or 5 disposable masks.

These packs are for those who are:

- aged 55+
- socially isolated - so who don't have any support networks in place that can get these items for them
- digitally excluded - so are unable to purchase them online themselves
- who's general wellbeing will be improved as a result of receiving this.

We know that older people who have been shielding and who haven't been out the house for the past 15 weeks are concerned about going into a shop to purchase a mask and hope that this will be able to alleviate some of their concerns. These packs are designed as a helping hand to enable older people to get out safely in the first place.



Given the Scottish Government's instruction that everyone is to wear a face covering in all shops from 10th July, referrals will be accepted **from Monday 13th July** and packs will be delivered approximately 1 week later.

To make a referral, please contact Shirley by email on skyles@number10.org or call Georgie-Ann on 01382 305721 (Mon to Fri 10am - 1pm only). Dial OP can also receive referrals by contacting 01382 305757.


You will need to provide the recipient's name, address, postcode, telephone number and date of birth. We require the phone number as we will need to be able to communicate with recipients in order to complete an evaluation.

Please see attached poster as a pdf and jpeg for the purposes of sharing on your social media channels. Please do share these with your networks.

Nicola Mitchell, Older Peoples Services Development Officer

DUNDEE VOLUNTEER & VOLUNTARY ACTION

'EVERYDAY PACKS'



Each pack will contain 1 small bottle of hand sanitiser and 1 re-usable washable face mask or 5 disposable masks.

Packs are intended as a helping hand until you are in a position to get additional supplies in.

Are you:

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- socially isolated
- digitally excluded
- your general wellbeing will be improved as a result of receiving this.

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Dial OP can also be contacted on 01382 305757**

This partnership project with Dundee Community Transport, Grey Lodge Settlement, HOPE (Helping Older People Engage) and GetLocalSupport.org volunteers has been made possible due to funding received from the Big Lottery Supporting Communities fund.



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New Managing Director Sought by Dovetail Enterprises

Dovetail Enterprises are looking to hire a new Managing Director to help the business grow following the challenging COVID-19 period.

The Dunsinane Avenue-based charity provides training and employment for people who are blind, visually impaired and disabled.

The charity is known for supplying businesses with high-quality furniture produced by it's over 60 strong workforce.

The news comes after Chief Executive Ken Laing announced his intention to leave his post at Dovetail on July 15th. Existing board member Gavin Strachan will take up the role of interim General Manager until the appointment of the new Managing Director.



dovetail
not just furniture...

Outgoing Dovetail Chief Executive Ken Laing, said: "It has been a pleasure to work with such a capable and hard-working workforce for the last four and a half years. Dovetail has an important historic role within Dundee and wish the company every success for the future."

Interim General Manager Gavin Strachan, added: "We thank Ken for his time at Dovetail and the work he has put in over the years."



COVID-19 has presented challenges for businesses during the recent period. However, Dovetail remains well equipped to continue providing quality and ranging products for many clients.

Gavin Strachan, continued: "We, like everyone else, followed Government advice to shut down production during the Coronavirus pandemic to make sure everyone was kept safe from the virus. Despite this time of uncertainty, we've received a good amount of orders from various organisations and I remain positive for the future."

The organisation will now begin the search for a new Managing Director to recruit the most qualified candidate.

EU Settlement Scheme Support Available

With less than a year until the closing date to apply for the European Union Settlement Scheme (EUSS), EU/EEA and Swiss citizens, living in Dundee, are being urged to make use of the available support and apply for settled status.

The settlement scheme is free and can enable EU, other EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK, and their families, to continue to live and work in the UK after 30th June 2021.

Councillor Will Dawson, Dundee City Council's cross-party Europe Group chairperson, said: "We want to do everything we can to support the EU citizens living in Dundee to achieve settled status. There are very helpful services available to support applicants through the process.

"I would urge anyone who has any concerns, big or small, to reach out to these specialist services so they can provide assistance and clarity. The settlement scheme will run for a limited period of time until the end of June next year, but it is important that applications are submitted well before then."

Despite the ongoing challenges around Coronavirus, EUSS support services continue to operate to help EU citizens to apply for settled status.

Councillor Lynne Short, Equalities, Fairness & Older People spokesperson for Dundee City Council, said: "It's important that the EU citizens living in Dundee understand the extent of the support that is available to them.

"There are many local and national resources, delivered in different languages to help individuals or families. In addition to this, there is accessibility-friendly support to meet individuals' needs."

The Citizens' Rights Project Scotland and the Royal Association for Deaf People have organised a free British Sign Language (BSL) information and Q&A event to support EU/EEA/Swiss nationals and their family members with the EU Settlement Scheme.

The event will take place digitally on Friday 24th July, between 11:00am and 12:30pm. To take part, please contact info@citizensrightsproject.org.

Support services, advice and guidance for citizens, businesses and students can be found on [the Dundee City Council website](#). Specific information on the support from Dundee CAB is also attached.



SCDC Updated Community COVID-19 Resource

Supporting Communities Safely has been updated to reflect the latest changes to Scotland's COVID-19 response. [This free, online resource](#) developed by SCDC and Public Health Scotland, features a range of practical information and advice, with two new sections added.

The [Test and Protect page](#) includes details of the Scotland's contact tracing program, while the [restarting services section](#) provides a series of questions around how community groups could think about re-opening safely at an appropriate stage in Scotland's recovery.



Two sources of funding that might be of interest are:

- [Charity Survival Fund](#)
- [Tesco Bags of Help Fund](#)



Thanks to **Carole Anderson**, Community Development Officer, Age Concern Scotland for providing this information.

Have A Go Activity Hampers

Following the allocation and delivery of 90 'Have A Go Activity Packs' to older people, we were inundated with referrals from organisations, community groups and sheltered housing complexes looking to make multiple referrals for their service users which we couldn't meet the demand for.

We are still conscious of those who are normally socially excluded and how difficult it is to reach them in normal circumstances and how often the wardens or groups who contacted us on their behalf may be their only source of support.

We have been able to secure a small amount of additional funding which will allow us to make up some 'Have A Go Activity Hampers' which will go to older people (over 55) identified by organisations and groups from the Older People's Network as being socially isolated, digitally excluded and who are needing a little something to keep them going that will improve their wellbeing and positivity.

The hamper will include the same practical items that we included in the Activity Pack 1, such as the adult activity puzzles, colouring in books, colouring pencils, crossword, mindfulness activity book, word searches, etc. along with a Dial OP service information sheet for those needing support to make them aware of this service.





These packs will be delivered by volunteers to the referring organisation for onward distribution.

Referrals will be accepted from organisations and groups only, who missed out on the activity packs for individuals. Self-referrals will not be accepted. Again, numbers are limited. Referrals will be accepted from Tuesday 14th July with deliveries by GetLocalSupport.org volunteers taking place approx. 1 week later.

Referrals can be made by contact Maureen, HOPE Helping Older People Engage on HOPE@hillcrest.org.uk or on 0300 123 2640 option 2.

As the referring organisation, you will need to complete a very short evaluation with the older people who receive an activity item. We will send you the evaluation form following your referral.

Please share with your networks.

Kindest Regards

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Free Media and Communications Training

In the run up to Challenge Poverty Week we're running free training sessions to help you get your message heard and win hearts and minds. Will share the latest research on how to frame poverty to build support for the solutions to tackle it. The sessions include an optional entry level media and social media training.

With the first session having taken place on Wednesday 15th July, the remaining session is scheduled for [Wednesday 22 July](#).



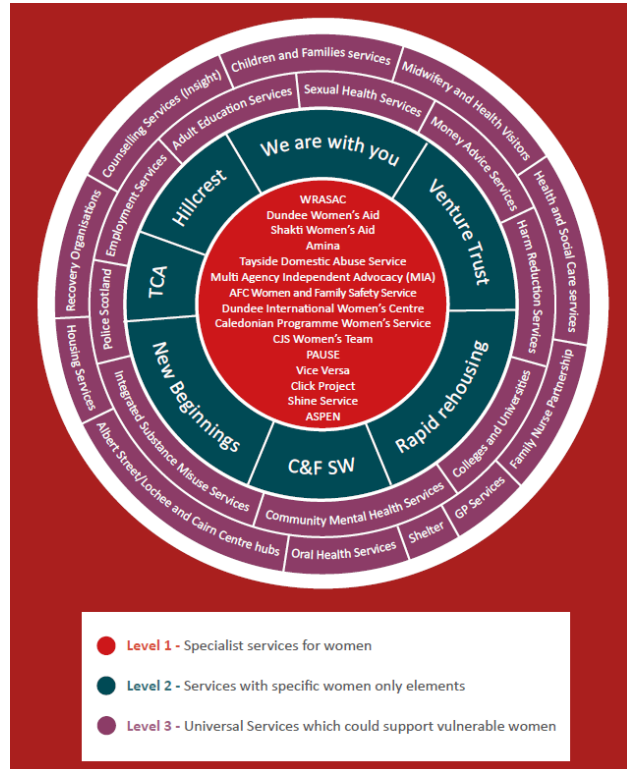
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Specialist Services for Women – A Guide to Services

A new guide to services aimed at women has been produced. It can be found [here](#), and includes information on;

- Specialist services for women
- Services with specific women only elements
- Universal services which could support vulnerable women.



Test & Protect – Information in Different Languages

The Scottish Government have made available digital leaflets on Test & Protect in several different languages. Accessible versions in BSL, large print and easy read versions are also available, along with audio only versions. These can all be found [here](#).

A video in Cantonese is also available [here](#).

Thank you to T/Inspector Alice Coventry, Police Scotland for passing on this information.

