

Possability People, Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Service Update

24 July 2020

Possability People is trying to run as close to normal a service as possible while keeping all of us safe. Therefore, many of our services will be offered by telephone, virtual meeting apps or by email for the foreseeable future.

We know that for lots of us, the social contact that coming into an office or service provides is incredibly important, helping us to feel we aren't on our own. Where we can't offer our usual service or meeting, we will do our best to find alternatives.

Because the current situation is changing quickly, these plans are likely to change. Look out for updates on our website, Facebook and Twitter feeds. (links below).

We are also developing some new pages on our website where the latest information we have will be posted. Visit <https://www.possabilitypeople.org.uk/coronavirus/>

The Advice Centre

The telephone line and email are operating as usual. All appointments are now by phone and/or Zoom / WhatsApp. Contact us on 01273 89 40 50; please leave a message and someone will call you back. The phone lines are monitored Monday to Friday. Or email advice@possabilitypeople.org.uk

*Current update from the DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) is available on our website:

[DWP Update for benefit claimants](#) & [Universal Credit update for Covid-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)

Contact

Telephone: 01273 89 40 50.

Email: advice@possabilitypeople.org.uk

At Home

At Home clients are being supported as usual. Arrangements are being made to ensure continuity of a safe service. Please check back for updates.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 89 40 70.

Email: support@possabilitypeople.org.uk

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The Community Employment Service (Get Set, Get Set Opening Doors)

The service is taking new referrals. It offers participants one to one support with weekly calls and email workshops, as well as running courses remotely via Zoom video or free calls. The focus is on enabling people to take steps towards their goals and work, managing their health and to start to feel connected to each other and the community again.

Contact

Phone: Brighton 01273 89 40 44; Hastings 01424 23 44 64; Surrey 01483 94 09 64

Email: work@possabilitypeople.org.uk

The Disability Collective

The Disability Collective meetings now take place online. Members are sharing information specifically related to their work supporting disabled people through the pandemic and we are collating and sharing their updates across the network each week.

Please email collective@possabilitypeople.org.uk with any specific questions or information relating to access to services.

Contact

Email: collective@possabilitypeople.org.uk

Get Involved Group (GIG)

The team will offer regular telephone or email contact with members who are concerned about the impact of being isolated.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 20 89 34.

Email: gig@possabilitypeople.org.uk

Link Back and Early Response Service

The Link Back and Early Response Services are running as usual and prioritising support that will enable patients to return home and remain safe and supported.

All staff are remote working and phone based assessment and written support has replaced home visits.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 06 98 51 (leave a message on the answerphone)

Email: linkback@possabilitypeople.org.uk

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Montague House Reception

Reception is now closed to all visitors. Phone lines will remain open, please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you.

Telephone: 01273 89 40 40

Email: hello@possabilitypeople.org.uk

MSK Service

Telephone appointments and check ins are being offered to MSK (musculoskeletal) patients in Brighton and Hove, Mid Sussex, Crawley and Horsham instead of face to face meetings. Staff and volunteers are working remotely, or volunteer shifts have been cancelled where this is not possible. We're also working on our social media presence to connect virtually with our volunteers and service users, and will be sharing links soon.

The Steady On course has been postponed.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 06 98 50

Email: hello@possabilitypeople.org.uk

Payroll and Supported Bank Accounts

Our phone lines are remaining open for the present time. Please leave your name and your telephone number, with a brief message and we will call you back as soon as we can.

Please continue to send your queries and any relevant paperwork (including the timesheets) via email to payroll (payroll@possabilitypeople.org.uk).

If you are an employer, or a PA looking for advice with regard to coronavirus outbreak, please follow [government guidance here](#). As part of the government's emergency legislation measures, [Statutory Sick Pay \(SSP\)](#) will be paid to eligible employees affected by COVID-19 from day one of sickness. Those on zero-hour contracts, dependent on their circumstances, will also receive SSP or will be able to claim Universal Credit.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 89 40 60

Email: payroll@possabilitypeople.org.uk

Possability Place

Closed for all bookings until further notice.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 89 40 40

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Shopmobility

From 1 July we will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am to 4pm, for pre-booked orders only. Bookings can be made by calling 01273 32 32 39 or emailing shopmo@possabilitypeople.org.uk where payment can be taken over the phone for contactless pick-up at Churchill Square.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 89 40 40

Volunteering

Volunteering enquiries are being handled by phone and email only at the moment. We are not doing interviews, shadowing or induction training at the moment.

Contact

Telephone: 01273 89 40 40

Email: volunteer@possabilitypeople.org.uk

An easy read version of the current Coronavirus hygiene guidance is available from Healthwatch's website: [easyread Coronavirus information](#)

[A British Sign Language guide to Covid-19 \(Coronavirus\)](#)

[The UK Government has launched a GOV.UK Coronavirus Information service on WhatsApp. Please follow this link to learn how to access this service on your mobile.](#)

[Guidance for people receiving direct payments](#)

It is [mandatory for people to wear a face covering when using public transport](#). Visit Brighton and Hove Bus Company's website for more information, and for a [Helping Hand exemption card](#) which disabled people can carry with them.

It is also mandatory for people to wear face coverings in shops. Visit the [Government's website](#) to find out more, including detail on exemptions, which may be apply to some disabled people and people with long term health condition.

[Coronavirus pages on our website](#)

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