

If you are having thoughts of suicide, are harming yourself or have thought about self-harm, it's important to tell someone.

These thoughts and feelings can be complex, frightening and confusing, but you do not have to struggle alone.

If you cannot wait to see a doctor and feel unable to cope or keep yourself safe, contact one of the organisations below to get support right away.

#### NHS:

https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/advice-for-life-situations-and-events/where-to-get-urgent-help-for-mental-health/

# If you just need to talk, any time of day or night

### Free listening services

These services offer confidential support from trained volunteers. You can talk about anything that's troubling you, no matter how difficult:

- Call <u>116 123</u> to talk to <u>Samaritans</u>, or email: <u>jo@samaritans.org</u> for a reply within 24 hours
- Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the <u>Shout Crisis Text Line</u>, or text "YM" if you're under 19
- If you're under 19, you can also call <u>0800 1111</u> to talk to <u>Childline</u>. The number will not appear on your phone bill.

#### Get advice from 111 or ask for an urgent GP appointment if:

- you are not able to speak to your local NHS urgent mental health helpline
- you need help urgently for your mental health, but it's not an emergency
- you're not sure what to do

111 will tell you the right place to get help if you need to see someone.

Use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111.

You may be able to speak to a nurse, or mental health nurse, over the phone.

A GP can advise you about helpful treatments and also help you <u>access mental</u> <u>health services</u>. You may be able to refer yourself to some services.

## Call 999 or go to A&E now if:

- someone's life is at risk for example, they have seriously injured themselves or taken an overdose
- you do not feel you can keep yourself or someone else safe
- A mental health emergency should be taken as seriously as a physical one. You
  will not be wasting anyone's time.

Call: 999