





Wondering where to go for help?

Signs and symptoms

If you are experiencing any of the following, it is good to go to your GP for a talk:

> eeling sad or worrying all the time

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having no interest in food or eating too much

thinking bad thoughts about yourself or others over a long time

eeling moody and on bad form over a long time

not looking after yourself

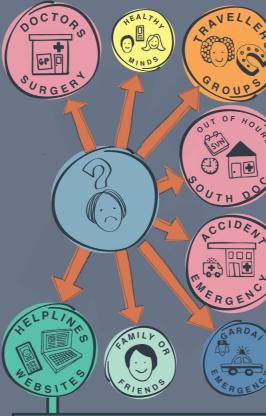
not sleeping, sleeping too much or not getting up out of bed

wanting to be alone more than usual

not talking to your wife/ husband, friends, children or extended family

turning to alcohol or drugs

Where to go for help



Help on the end of the phone - call for free:

- SAMARITANS: 24 hour 116 123
- NATIONAL SUICIDE HELPLINE:
- operated by Pieta House 24 hour 1800 247 247 - TEENLINE: 8pm-11pm 1800 833 634 or text 50015
- CHILDLINE: 24 hours 1800 666 666 or text 'talk' to 50101

AWARE: Depression support 10am-10pm 1890 303 302

Useful websites Cork organisations

Cork Mental Health 021 451 1100 www.aware.ie www.pieta.ie Pieta House 021 434 1400 www.grow.ie Shine 1890 623 631 www.samaritans.ie Mná Feasa 021 421 1757 www.mentalhealthirelan OSS Cork 1800 497 497 www.shineonline.ie LINC 021 480 8600 www.belona.ie Cork Gay Project 021 430 0430 www.linc.ie www.corkgayproject.com



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Community Worker HEALTHY MINDS PROJECT Phone: 021 492 8381 HSE South, Old Library Fax: 021 430 8597 Building, St. Mary's Road, Mobile: 087 759 0050

TVG - Travellers Visibility Group

25 John Street, Cork City Phone: 021 450 3786 Email: tvgcork@gmail.com Website: tvgcork.ie/site/

WCT - West Cork Travellers Murphy's Garage, Western Road, Clonakilty, Co Cork Phone: 023 883 5039 Email: wctcmail@gmail.com

CTWN - Cork Traveller Women's Network c/o St. Catherine's School, Bishopstown Avenue, Model Farm Road, Cork Phone: 086 385 0136 Email: corktravellerwomen@hotmail.com

TNC -Travellers of North Cork Riverside, Doneraile, Co, Cork, Phone: 022 71035 Email: travellernorthcork@live.com

SOUTH DOC

After 6pm Monday - Friday. All day Saturday & Sunday 1850 335 999

24 Hour Emergency services Ambulance 999 Gardaí 999 Mercy Hospital 021 427 1971 CUH 021 492 2000

What to expect

You may be asked to wait for a while in a waiting room.

You may be asked some questions about:

- · how you are feeling, and how long for
- your mental health history
- your living situation
- any medication you are taking
- · drug and alcohol use

You may be asked to:

- come back again
- go to see another doctor or professional
- begin a short course of medication
- attend therapy sessions group or 1 to 1

Questions you should ask



Therapy sessions

To start with, you may be asked to attend

How can you support me as a Traveller?

oppointments

Don't be afraid. This will usually be once a week for 6-8 weeks. It is usually in a small group, or one to one.

Try to open up and be honest about how you are feeling. Listening and learning from other people can help

Ask questions.

Keep going for all your appointments - even if at first you find it difficult to be there.

Let someone know that you are a member of the Travelling community, and if you feel you need any extra support.

If you are finding it hard, talk to the worker, they will help.

