YOUR MENTAL HEALTH IS IMPORTANT!

Feeling sad or low is a normal response when we are faced with threatening or stressful situations such as the current pandemic. If these feelings persist however, it could be depression, which requires treatment like any other illness.

Depression can affect different people in different ways:



BEHAVIOUR

- Not getting things done at work
- Not interacting with close family and friends
- Not doing usual enjoyable activities
- Unable to concentrate
- Relying on substances, sedatives and drugs



THOUGHTS

- 'I'm a failure'
- 'I'm worthless'
- 'Life's not worth living'
- 'It's my fault'
- 'People would be better off without me'



FEELINGS

- Sad
- Irritable
- Frustrated
- Overwhelmed
- Guilty
- Lacking in confidence
- Unhappy
- Indecisive
- Disappointed
- Miserable



PHYSICAL HEALTH

- Tired all the time
- Recurrent or unexplained physical complaints
- Change in sleeping and eating patterns
- Significant weight loss or gain
- Sick and run down
- Headaches and muscle pain
- Churning gut

If you experience the above symptoms for more than two weeks, seek help and call the National Helpline at 16000









