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HOSPITAL VISITORS

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Are you in hospital and HIV positive? Would you like a visit or a chat? Sometimes it helps to talk to someone who understands or just to have a friendly face around.

Trained volunteers from Body Positive visit anyone in hospital in the London area, to sit and have a chat, or to do a bit of shopping. Some of our visitors are themselves HIV positive but, whatever their status, they will respect your right to privacy. Anything that you choose to say will remain confidential.

*If you would like someone to visit:
call the Body Positive Office on*

071 835 1045

Monday to Friday 9.30am - 5.30pm

**Or the HELPLINE (details across)*

*Or ask one of the ward staff to
let us know that you would like a
visitor from Body Positive.*

OTHER BP SERVICES

BODY POSITIVE NEWSLETTER

The Body Positive Newsletter is a national publication written by and for people affected by HIV and AIDS. The Newsletter is available free of charge to individuals. Its prime function is to reach people affected by HIV/AIDS who don't have easy access to organised support facilities and to counteract the isolation they might feel.

"Living out in the sticks, where there is very inadequate treatment available, the information in the Newsletter is very useful to me and my GP."

Articles cover a wide range of topics from information on new drugs and treatments to personal experiences. It also carries features on welfare benefits, women's issues and information on alternative therapies.

The Noticeboard section gives details of events, support groups and organisations across the country. The Newsletter also carries Personal Ads for those wishing to meet other people affected by HIV/AIDS. The Diary section keeps readers up to date with events at the BP London Drop-In Centre.

If you would like to receive the Newsletter, or make a donation, please write to: **N/L Mailing Subscriptions, 51b Philbeach Gardens, London SW5 9EB.**

BODY POSITIVE HELPLINE

THE BODY POSITIVE HELPLINE is unique in that it is staffed entirely by men and women who are themselves HIV+.

Helpline operators receive training from Body Positive, but also share their own experiences to help callers who have concerns around HIV or who have particular problems that they need help with.

The Helpline is not an information line - it is an opportunity to talk to someone who is HIV+ and who understands the concerns and worries surrounding HIV from personal experience.

*The Helpline operates from
7-10pm daily on*

071 373 9124

You do not have to be HIV+ to benefit from this service - our Helpline is open to anyone who is personally concerned about HIV or AIDS.

FEEDBACK

If you have any comments about the services please contact the office. If you have any complaints to make about the services that Body Positive offers please write to: The General Manager, c/o Body Positive.

Body Positive is a self-help organisation providing information and support to men, women and children affected by HIV and AIDS. It is a living network of people affected by HIV who came together in London in early 1985 and who began a range of projects with a national profile, which has represented a model for the development of similar projects throughout the United Kingdom.

Body Positive, as its name implies, seeks to transform the diagnosis of a life-threatening infection, a positive test for HIV antibodies, into positive views and actions about keeping healthy and living well.

Body Positive is committed to confidentiality, responding to users' comments, quality service and fair and equal access for all men, women and children affected by HIV or AIDS.



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TELEPHONE NUMBERS

BP OFFICE

9.30-5.30 Monday to Friday.
For general enquiries,
BP Centre information and
to book Therapies etc.

071 835 1045

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HELPLINE

7-10pm every evening
to talk to someone who is HIV+.

071 373 9124

POSITIVE YOUTH

Support groups, information
and advice for people living with
HIV under the age of 26

071 373 7547

WOMEN'S GROUP

Support groups, information
and advice for women affected
by HIV/AIDS.

071 370 2051

SMALL GRANTS

A hardship fund for people
living with HIV/AIDS.

071 370 1066

BP WEEKENDS

Awareness / training weekends
for anyone interested in,
or affected by, HIV/AIDS

071 373 1287

INFORMATION ROOM

071 835 1815

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