

Telephone Help line 01208 264866

Telephone Help line & Information Service -
Kernow Positive Support (KPS) has established a telephone help line that operates a three day a week service from (10am-4.30pm) on Mondays, Wednesday and Friday, and a two day a week, early evening service from (5.30pm-7pm) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This service is staggered, allowing those working to access the help line.

www.kpsdirect.com KPS Online

An Information Website initiative -
KPS has established a permanent Website providing an extensive resource on local, national and international HIV/AIDS information and related issues. The site also includes an online version of our newsletter @KPS. The Website is updated on a regular basis.

So why not log on – one click is all we ask!

Drop-in facilities KPS Advice Clinic

An Information & advice initiative -
KPS has established a drop-in and advice clinic that is currently held on every Tuesday and Wednesday (10am-2pm) at the Royal Cornwall Hospital. For further details contact the KPS Help line on 01208 264866.

Why are we here? Because

Since the dismantlement of the Cornwall AIDS Council, and in 2003, the Bethany Trust (Bodmin), there has been no voluntary and charitable HIV support structure left within Cornwall, the closest being the Eddystone Trust based in Plymouth. Those therefore living in the small communities in central and in the far south of the county, are isolated both in terms of their geography and condition, it is this that forms the basis for the services that KPS aims to develop and provide in the future.

Services available from KPS

KPS Peer Support & retreat opportunities -

KPS provides opportunities for service users to access Peer Support meetings once a month at a confidential and safe environment. KPS also, is able to give financial assistance enabling service users to attend specialised peer support weekend retreats, including a contribution towards their traveling expenses.

Welfare Rights Advice & Advocacy -

KPS has set-up drop-in and community outreach projects, utilising volunteers to give advice on all aspects of welfare rights.

Bi-monthly newsletter -

KPS provides a bi-monthly newsletter @KPS, giving a wide range of information both locally and nationally.

Small Grants Fund -

KPS provides a small grants fund (*Peace of Mind Fund*), to give HIV-positive people and their dependant children living in Cornwall access to financial assistance when times of hardship occur.

KPS Therapeutic Services -

KPS has established a therapy service, along with counselling opportunities, in which KPS will fund sessions by trained and qualified practitioners.

KPS Training & Sexual Health Promotion -

KPS carries out extensive HIV awareness training opportunities. Currently, KPS has a small number of volunteers that are willing to go into the community.



KPS Online – a web based initiative
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KERNOW POSITIVE SUPPORT OUR GOALS

KPS Resources & Drop-in facility -

It is KPS' aim to develop and set up a permanent centre of operations, through funding resources and liaison with local governmental bodies. Through acquiring a centre, KPS will have the ability to provide an information resources centre, giving an opportunity for people to access in-house therapies, counselling and specialised support groups, with drop-in facilities for those in the local community living with HIV. This will enable service users gain peer support in a safe environment, where they will be able to gain support from others living with HIV.

KPS Retreat & Respite Opportunities -

If funding permits and a suitable premise is found, the ultimate aim of KPS is to set up, low-cost accommodation for respite and retreat opportunities that will be available in a safe and confidential environment. This will allow supportive, yet non-intrusive short-breaks for all those living with HIV throughout the UK, and those with other life-threatening conditions. Weeks will be set aside whereby, residents will be in the company of those with the same condition and/or at a similar stage of diagnosis. We aim that the facility will also be available on occasions for training courses, on a residential and non-residential basis. This facility will be offered at a local and national level.

Who are we? @KPS

Kernow Positive Support is run by a small board of trustees, who are by a majority themselves HIV-positive, who have a combined total of over 75 years experience living with the virus, and the involvement in the foundation, and setting up of a variety of HIV support services.

KPS is run on a self-help ethos, as we believe those living with HIV should be actively encouraged to participate in the service provision that KPS aims to provide.

Charitable Status -

KPS officially adopted our Declaration of Trust 'Governing Document' on 21st January 2004, and attained our charitable status from the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 16th July 2004. Charity No. 1104947

How to contact us @KPS

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