# THE MENTAL HEALTH TOOLKIT

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Inspiring healthy lives across the railway



## Not every task can be solved using the same tool.

We need access to a suitable toolkit to support mental health and non-technical skills





#### Enabling people to find work as a...

...place to thrive...

...place to relate...

...place to recover...

...by enabling leaders to support their teams to find a safe space for positive mental wellbeing.







#### Safe spaces

How do managers create the workplace to be a **safe space** for peoples' mental health?



## ...a place to thrive...

Ensuring that work is a place where people don't go home in a worse condition than they arrived. A place where people move towards what they can be, not just what they are.

## ...a place to relate...

Creating a work environment where relationships between colleagues contribute to the wellbeing of the community. Recognising and challenging toxic and negative behaviours and attitudes.

## ...a place to recover...

Recognise the place that 'work' will play in the recovery from any incident, and the way that it can help and hinder, including attitudes of company and managers.







#### **Mental Health Triggers**

trauma bereavement fear change guilt history family life substance use acute/chronic physical health dietary choices shift patterns finance/money weather sleep patterns alcohol workplace relationships exercise anxiety work-related issues management customers reform/uncertainty discrimination menopause sex loneliness disruption deadlines

#### Mental Health Responses



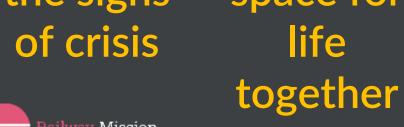








Recognise the signs of crisis



Making Listening space for more than life hearing

Leaders resourced to understand issues

Appropriate signposts





#### Imagine...

**Human Resources** 

**Occupational Health** 

**Line Managers** 

COMMON PURCOSE

**Partner agencies** 

**Peer communities** 





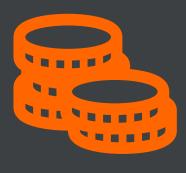


#### **Questions & Answers**











Eating well

Healthy sleep

Time management

Financial wellbeing

Home/family situation



Peer support



Existing support networks



Education & Training



Journalling & Reflections





Mindfulness



Mentoring & Coaching



## Support on Life's Journey Railway Mission

A team of dedicated, geographically spread chaplains supporting staff across the industry. **Experienced working with individuals and** teams through a wide variety personal and professional challenges, including bereavement and post trauma and post incident. Also, offering support with wellbeing and mental health issues.



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#### Thanks, keep in touch...

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