

Regional HIV Social Work Service

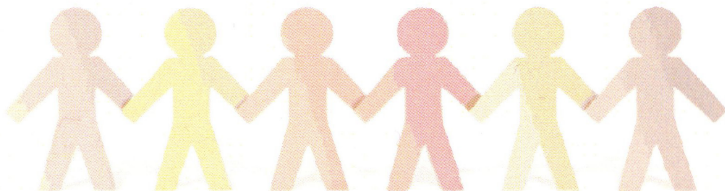
'...helping you to LIVE with HIV.'












What do we do?

The social worker is concerned with how your personal and social life and relationships are affected by an HIV diagnosis

We offer confidential emotional and practical support and advice to people living with HIV, as well as their partner, families and carers.



How can we help?

-  Counselling – on impact of diagnosis, relationships and coping with treatment.
-  Community Care Services – help to access practical support services at home, if needed.
-  Voluntary organisations – signposting and advice on what is available locally and nationally.
-  HIV Youth Workers
-  Respite care.
-  Volunteer Home Visiting Service.
-  Grant Aid.
-  Advocacy – represent your views and liaise with DHSS, Housing, as well as with you clinical care team in the clinic.
-  Advice – employment issues, benefits, immigration and housing.

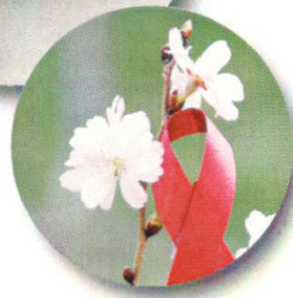


How can you contact us?




Social Services Dept.

T: 028 950 40405

E: pat.knowles@belfasttrust.hscni.net
or ask clinic staff to contact us on your behalf.



Our service is

-  Confidential
-  Impartial ...totally non discriminatory
-  Accessible ...we will meet with you in hospital/clinic home/our office or a venue of your choice.