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Welcome

to Spark

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# Say hello to Spark – your digital home for employee health and wellbeing from L&G

Spark is your digital home for the health and wellbeing services that come with the L&G cover your employer provides for you. Spark offers a wealth of resources to help you and your immediate family stay healthy and happy. Benefit from a 24/7 virtual GP service, child mental health support and a confidential telephone helpline for on demand support, through to a digital gym, over 300 hours of wellbeing content and nutrition advice – plus much more!

You can access everything in one place, using your phone, laptop or desktop – whichever way suits you. Once accessed, Spark guides you quickly and easily to the service you're looking for. You can choose to see a health professional, ask for mental health support, understand your own personal cancer risk, or simply just browse and explore all the services provided.



#### Welcome to Spark.

One app. Each service. Employee wellbeing in one place

#### How to access Spark

It couldn't be easier! Either download the Spectrum.life app from the Google Play or Apple App stores or go online at landg.spectrum.life. You'll need to register to access all the services provided by Spark. Simply enter your name, email address and your employer's organisation code, create a password, and that's it, you're all done !

# **Employee Assistance Programme**

On demand wellbeing support when you need it the most. Life has its ups and downs and having someone to turn to when you need support can make all the difference to your wellbeing.

The Employee Assistance Programme (EAP), provided by Spectrum.life, is here to do just that. The EAP gives you and your immediate family\* on demand wellbeing support and an expert telephone counselling service, Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, you can speak directly to a qualified counsellor, any time, day or night.

You can receive advice when you need it, through on-demand access to fully accredited and qualified counsellors and psychotherapists. Support can be delivered in the format you feel most comfortable with – telephone or video. There's almost no end to the issues you can get support with, which includes but isn't limited to:

- Stress
- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Financial worries
- Substance abuse issues
- Worries about physical health
- Confidence issues

The EAP is not just for critical moments, it can help you with everyday concerns with practical information on legal, financial and medical issues.

\*Immediate family includes spouse, partner, registered civil partner and children aged 16 to 24 in full-time education who are living in the same household.

#### Medical helpline

Whether you're looking for a sympathetic ear or practical guidance, you can speak to a qualified nurse about a range of medical or healthrelated issues.

#### How to access the EAP:

Confidential helpline: **0800 316 9337** Or request an appointment via WhatsApp and SMS: text **Hi** to +**07418 360 046** (Calls may be recorded and monitored) App: Spectrum.life Online landg.spectrum.life

### Legal and financial support

Legal and financial issues can be worrying, so it makes sense to get free initial information from a trained professional. Please note this facility is only available to you - it is not available to your immediate family. The helpline is open from 9am to 5pm. Calls to the helpline are restricted to one call per issue within a 12 month period.

## Virtual GP and Advanced Nurse Practitioner Service

We all know getting an immediate appointment with your GP can be difficult and frustrating. This is where our virtual **GP and Advanced Nurse Practitioner** (ANP) service can help. ANPs are registered nurses who have completed advanced education and training, typically at a master's degree level, and can provide a higher level of expert clinical care. Our Virtual GP and ANP service is available 24/7, so you can always arrange an appointment at any time you need to. Whether it's a video call or a phone chat, you can book a 15-minute appointment at a time that suits you, ensuring quick peace of mind for any non-emergency medical issue.

#### Fast, Convenient, and Reliable

Reduce the strain of waiting days to see your GP. The intelligent booking system is designed to book you an appointment the same or next day. Whether you need a private referral or a sick note, GPs are on hand to help, and both GPs and ANPs can prescribe medication. Prescriptions are issued electronically, so you'll receive a code to collect your medication from your chosen pharmacy. You can also opt for home delivery. While delivery and prescription issue are free, please note that you'll need to pay for your medication, even if you're entitled to free NHS prescriptions. If you select home delivery you can pay for your medication online.

#### Appointment booking

The first time you book an appointment on Spark, you'll be asked for some details such as your contact information, GP name, notable medical conditions and allergies plus a photo ID. Acceptable photo forms of ID are your passport or your driving licence. You'll also be asked for consent to share information with your GP so that your medical records are kept up to date. You don't need to agree but if you don't, it could restrict the sick note and prescription service. The requested information only needs to be entered once, but if anything changes you can update the information at any time. This service is provided by Spectrum.life.

### Non emergency medical appointments for your immediate family

**If you have a child under 16**, you'll need to make the appointment for them on Spark. Simply select "a child/young person (under 16)" when booking. The first time you book an appointment you'll have to complete the requested details (as outlined above) and upload photo ID on their behalf. If your child doesn't have any photo ID, you can upload a picture of their birth certificate

Any immediate family members aged 16 or over, can download the Spectrum.life app and register with their own email and your employer's organisation code. They can then create a password and set up their own account. They will need to complete the requested details (as described above) and upload a photo ID when they first make an appointment.

## Online Physiotherapy Service

**Fast access when you need it** You and your immediate family (aged 16 and over) can have access to a qualified physiotherapist without the need for a GP referral. Immediate family includes spouse, partner, registered civil partner and children aged 16 to 21 in full time education and living in the same household. Appointments are available within two working days and can be conducted via telephone or video – whichever suits you best. Each session lasts for up to 30 minutes and this service is available from 8am to 8pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays.

#### Personalised Care

After your appointment, your physiotherapist will provide you with selfmanaged exercises and access to digital resources tailored to your recovery. Your personalised treatment plan will be sent to you via a link in an email immediately after your consultation. If needed, the physiotherapist can also refer you to a specialist consultant. This service is provided by Spectrum.life.

#### Booking an appointment

The first time you book an appointment, you'll be asked for some details such as your contact information, GP name, notable medical conditions, allergies, and a photo ID. Acceptable photo forms of ID are your passport or your driving licence or a National ID card. This information is only entered once and can be updated anytime. Once you've entered your details, you'll be asked "What's the reason you're booking today". Select the "muscle, bones or joints" option and you'll have a list of physiotherapists to choose from.

### Immediate family appointments

Any immediate family aged 16 or above can also use this service and will need to set up their own account. They can download the Spectrum.life app and register with their own email and your employer's organisation code. They will then need to create a password and their account will be set up The first time they make an appointment, they will need to complete the requested details as described in the "Booking an appointment" section and upload photo ID.



# Cancer Awareness and Nurse Support

Cancer can impact everyone differently, whether you're concerned about your own health, living with or beyond a diagnosis, or supporting someone you care about. That's why L&G has partnered with **Perci Health**, the UK's leading virtual cancer clinic, to offer confidential, expertled support.

Created with leading oncologists and backed by Macmillan Cancer Support, Perci Health delivers a comprehensive risk reduction, early detection and cancer support service. From risk assessments and screening guidance to one-to-one cancer nurse support, everything is designed to be clinically robust, easily accessible, and tailored to your needs, or those of someone you're caring for.

This service is available to your immediate family too. This includes spouse, partner, registered civil partner and children aged 18 and above who are living in the same household.

# Digital risk assessments

You can take an online clinically validated cancer risk assessment in just a few minutes. This takes into account your lifestyle, family history, and health behaviours to indicate your personal risk of cancer.

Based on your results, you'll receive clear, personalised next steps, including digital education, lifestyle guidance, and screening recommendations. If necessary, you'll also be guided toward free NHS screening services, with expert support to overcome common barriers like access, language or fear.

### ) Cancer nurse

If you're worried about symptoms, facing a diagnosis, in treatment or recovery, or caring for someone who is, you can book a confidential appointment with an experienced cancer nurse. All Perci Health nurses are NHS-trained cancer specialists who offer both practical advice and emotional reassurance.

Support is available via phone or video call, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm and you can also message a nurse through Perci Health's platform anytime. Whether you need help preparing for an appointment, managing symptoms, understanding test results, or figuring out how best to support someone else, the nurses are there to guide you with compassion and expertise.

## Expert created resources

You'll also get unlimited access to Perci Health's growing library of expert-created resources. This includes evidence-based videos, webinars and articles focused on prevention, early detection, treatment preparation, symptom management, mental health and post-treatment recovery.

Everything is grounded in clinical guidelines and regularly updated by Perci Health's multidisciplinary team, which includes cancer dietitians, genetic counsellors, psychologists and physiotherapists. It's a space where you can build understanding and feel confident, without needing to search for answers alone.

If you're a carer, you'll find tailored resources too, helping you support others while also looking after your own wellbeing.

# Child Mental Health Support

Our child mental health service aims to help children thrive emotionally and socially and to provide families with practical strategies to understand and manage behaviours and emotions. Our team of practical, evidence-based mental health professionals will tailor care to the unique needs of each child and family.

#### Who can access this service?

Our services are available for children aged from 6 to 16

#### How does it work?

### 1

#### Initial consultation:

A half-hour video session with the parent/ carer and either a psychologist or a psychotherapist to understand your child's background and concerns.

### 2

#### Comprehensive assessment:

The psychologist or psychotherapist with then have a 60-minute session with your child to identify their needs.

#### Assessment report:

You will receive a detailed report within 10 working days. The report will provide tailored advice on treatment options, signpost to useful resources and self help strategies.

### Booking an Appointment

Booking an appointment is simple through Spark:



The first 30-minute appointment will normally be available within one working day. After this initial appointment, if the psychologist or psychotherapist deems it appropriate, they will then book a 60-minute follow-up appointment. There will be slots available within five working days of the initial consultation.

### Availability

Appointments are available from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. One parental session and one assessment is allowed per child each year. This service is provided by Spectrum.life.

# **Second** Medical Opinion

Being diagnosed with an illness or condition can be stressful and worrying. The Second Medical Opinion service is here to help provide peace of mind, by helping you to make informed decisions about your diagnosis and care.

This service is available to you and your immediate family\* if you have received a medical diagnosis. It offers access to a UK based specialist consultant who can provide a second medical opinion on a diagnosis or treatment plan.

\*Immediate family includes spouse, partner, registered civil partner, and children from birth up to 21 years old in full-time education living in the same household.

### How it works:

Call the dedicated helpline on 0808 168712 and speak to the team who will explain the process

Nurse consultation - a nurse
will contact you within 2
working days to learn about
your condition and then set up
an appointment with a specialist
consultant.

Attend appointment with the specialist consultant - this can be face to face or virtual, which ever format suits you



Follow-up support: you can book an appointment with a nurse for advice on the second medical opinion and for ongoing support and assistance.

This service is available Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm. You and your immediate family can have up to two Second Medical Opinions per household per year.

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Please note that the consultation with the medical specialist is free of charge. However, costs such as travelling expenses, additional tests or ongoing treatment are not covered. The second medical opinion service is not available for a mental health related diagnosis. This service is provided by Spectrum.life.

# Empower your health with long-term condition support

Discover **CONNECTPlus**, a service designed to help you and your immediate family\* manage long-term health conditions with ease. This service, provided by HCi digital, is available either by logging into Spark or through the **CONNECTPlus** app.

#### **Conditions covered**

Get valuable information and advice for managing:

- Cancer
- Stroke
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Type-2 Diabetes
- Long Covid
- Rheumatoid Arthritis
- Heart Health
- Menopause

#### General wellbeing

There's a wealth of health and wellbeing tools to help you manage your general wellbeing and / or another condition that's not listed

### Simple, straightforward digital support

Developed with NHS clinicians and patients, CONNECTPlus offers a wide range of digital features to provide simple, straightforward support and guidance.

#### Features include:

- Specific condition and healthy lifestyle information
- Symptom trackers
- Appointment diary
- Medication reminders
- Video explainers and frequently asked questions

### Benefits to you

- Knowledge at your fingertips: Easy access to clinically approved information to feel more informed about your condition and general health.
- Efficient support: Find answers to questions which could reduce unnecessary phone calls and visits to health departments.
- Track your progress: Monitor your symptoms by tracking changes and improvements in your health

- Self-management: Get support while waiting for appointments, with advice on how to manage your condition.
- Preparation for work: Understand how to prepare for returning to work, if appropriate.

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# **Wellbeing** Services

Explore an extensive range of wellbeing services, provided by Spectrum. life, designed to nurture a healthy mind and body for you and your loved ones.



Pilates and HIIT to yoga, combat, and kettlebells. Whether you're a beginner or an advanced enthusiast, there's something for everyone. Enjoy live sessions or watch on-demand, all from the comfort of your own space.



#### Wellbeing Webinars

Reserve your spot for a series of live broadcasts that bring you the latest insights in health and wellbeing. Engage with expert panel discussions and join the live chat to share your thoughts and questions.



#### BeCalm Programme

Reduce anxiety, improve sleep, and boost happiness with self-guided mindfulness and meditation exercises.



#### Fitness and Nutrition

Explore a vast collection of healthy recipes, from quick snacks to air fryer recipes through to family meals.



Access the latest expert advice on subjects such as mental health, depression, anxiety, sleep, parenting, and more through articles, videos, and podcasts with content created by expert clinicians.



#### Sound Space Podcast

Tune in to the latest health and wellbeing podcasts and listen your way to better health.

# Adult and Elder Care: Simplifying Support for Your Loved Ones

Navigating the complexities of care for adults or elderly family members can be a minefield. Our Adult and Elder Care resource is here to help simplify the process, helping you understand, find, and fund the right care for you or your loved ones (aged 18 or over) at no extra cost.

### How Does It Work?

Confidential, Expert Support Enjoy personalised, one-toone telephone support with a dedicated care expert who will be with you every step of the way.

#### Tailored Resources

Our care experts will direct you to the most relevant online tools, care guides, and resources, crafting a customised care plan just for you.

arranging immediate or future care, and learn more about important topics such as power

#### Arranging Care Details Get assistance with finding and

of attorney.



Explore your eligibility for NHS funding, benefit entitlement checks, and government support. Plus, access financial advice to help fund care.

#### Home Care Support

Funding Assistance

Discuss home adaptation and home help options with our care experts to ensure a comfortable living environment.

#### Find out more

Discover all the ways we can support you <u>here</u>

#### How to access this service

Call Freephone: **08000 608 823** Lines are open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Calls may be monitored and recorded. This service is provided by L&G Care.



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