Top tips to promote resilience whilst at home

Whether you are self-isolating for medical needs or socially distancing, being at home all day can be stressful. It is important that we stay physically and emotionally well during this time. Here are ten things you can do to promote your overall wellbeing:

1. Be up to date
   Know what the latest is, using reliable sources such as:
   https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk
   https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
   Try to limit how much news you watch / read to once or twice a day.

2. Be active
   Great for mind and body. Find ways to keep physically active that are suitable to your ability and circumstances e.g. gardening or home-based exercise.

3. Be connected
   Know who you need to stay in contact with for help with getting things done or just a general chat; this could include family, friends, local community or faith groups. Find new ways to connect with them such as video calling.

4. Be prepared
   Think about what you are going to need and make a plan. You can make daily, weekly, and monthly plans to help get the things you need, e.g. food, medicines, magazines.

5. Be in a routine
   Develop a new daily routine that works for you, this could include regular waking up and bedtimes, planned mealtimes, and time to be physically active.

6. Be occupied
   Now is a great time to get on with your current interests or explore new ones. You could try a hobby that you used to enjoy but haven’t had the time for.

7. Be helpful
   See how you can support others. Whether it’s someone you know or volunteering to support people locally, there are lots of ways to get involved with your community even from home.

8. Be relaxed
   Try a relaxation or meditation exercise that works for you and practice it once a day for at least 10 minutes.

9. Be heard
   Talk to friends, family or community and faith groups about how you are feeling. Writing things down can help to organise your thoughts. Living through a piece of global history could be a great time to start a diary!

10. Be positive
    Try to look for the positives in the situation e.g. having some extra me time or having the opportunity to catch up with something you have been meaning to do.