# MindWell MOT - self-care goal setter (with example)

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Well done! You've completed the MindWell MOT! It only takes a few minutes and can really help you to think about your personal wellbeing needs. Next comes the exciting bit. Taking a few small steps can really help to make a big difference. Have a look through our self-help ideas and pick a few to get started using our Weekly self-care planner. Remember it's better to start small in your troublesome areas and work gradually towards permanent change.

#### **Battery recharge**

#### Create a bedtime routine to help you wind-down

- and get tips for a good night's sleep:



Find ways to relax that work for you - try breathing techniques or mindfulness. You could keep a gratitude journal, use a meditation app or try yoga, whatever works for you: www.mindwellleeds.org.uk/relax

#### Movement

Move more - build more movement into your day, take the stairs at work or go for a walk outside at meal breaks.



People are advised to do 150

mins of moderate aerobic activity such as cycling or brisk walking every week. www.nhs.uk/live-well/ exercise

#### Fuel

Make time to cook nutritious meals from **scratch** - planning your weekly menu and shop can really help. Do it on days you know you have time.

aged 19-64 Cut down on sugar and processed foods - prepare some healthy snacks such as nuts and carrot sticks instead.



### Fluids & exhausts

## Drink 6-8 glasses of water per day.

Try to limit tea & coffee to 2 cups of coffee & 4 cups of tea a day. Don't drink caffeine after 6pm. Try herbal teas or water instead. www.mindwellleeds.org.uk/caffeine

It's safest not to drink more than 14 units a week - get tips to cut down or find help: www. mindwell-leeds.org.uk/ alcohol

## Weekly maintenance

Cut down on using digital devices - try switching off devices 30-60 mins before you go to bed. Build up to taking a whole day screenfree.

#### Take a regular walk outside

- find a green space like one of Leeds' parks.



Plan some social time to meet up with family or friends - join a club or group & meet new people with a shared interest.



Take time for 'metime' every day - book in 15 mins

to do something you enjoy, just for you, without a screen. Listen to your favourite music, sit in a cafe, read a book or magazine.

#### Find an activity you enjoy

- like swimming or join a walking group: www. mindwell-leeds.org.uk/exercise

**Eating a rainbow of vegetables** can help you
to eat different vitamins &
minerals &
5 fruit/veg is great. www.
mindwell-leeds.org.uk/eathealthy

Book in time to sit down & eat with family, friends or colleagues - leave your devices/phone in your bag.

# Get help & support to help you quit smoking.

It will give your health a boost and save you lots of money: www.mindwellleeds.org.uk/ stop-smoking



Volunteering, learning something new or getting creative - can all give you a great boost to your wellbeing. Remember there are lots of free things to learn online.

to learn online.
www.mindwell-leeds.org.
uk/volunteer
www.mindwell-leeds.org.
uk/learn
www.mindwell-leeds.org.
uk/creative

#### Set your own goals

Battery recharge	Movement	Fuel	Fluids & exhausts	Weekly maintenance
> Improve the way I sleep by creating a bedtime routine to help me wind-down.  > Try some breathing \$ relaxation techniques	> Build more movement into my day, take the stairs, go for a walk outside at breaktime and try cycling to work.  > Find an activity I enjoy. Find my local walking group.	> Cut down on sugar and processed foods.  > Take some healthy snacks to work.  > Book in times each week to sit down to eat with family, friends or colleagues.	> Need to drink more water! I'll take a reusable water bottle to work.  > Reduce cups of coffee to two a day.	> Try some mindfulness techniques.  > Keep a gratitude journal before I go to bed.  > Build in more social time for family or friends.  > I've always wanted to try a dance class!