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To Whom It May Concern,

NEWHAM BEREAVEMENT SERVICE - BEFRIENDING

The befriending service is for people who have experienced the death of a friend or relative or are caring for someone who is seriously ill. The service offers anyone over 18 who lives in the borough and is isolated the chance to receive visits from trained befrienders who can provide emotional support as well as signposting to other specialist agencies.

St Joseph’s Hospice and Newham Talking Therapies have come together to provide this service which we believe will provide much needed support for people at a vulnerable time in their lives, who may not be receiving any other help. For people who would prefer to meet in a group setting, sessions will be held at various venues in the borough.

If you know anyone who is struggling with loneliness, a bereavement or isolation please refer them to our service. We can offer a befriender to visit them on a weekly basis for up to 20 sessions. You need to just call Tel: 020-8475-8080 or Fax: 0208-475-8081 to refer asking for the Newham Bereavement Service.

Attached is a referral leaflet and service user information.

If you would like more information about the service please do not hesitate to contact me on Tel: 07506927647.

Yours sincerely,

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