

Wellbeing Weekly

SLEEP A good night's sleep can really

help us cope with the day, but many of us struggle to rest properly – which can make everything so much harder to face.

TIPS TO HELP WITH SLEEP

PERSONAL SLEEP WINDOW

Try and go to sleep and wake at a similar time each day. Most of us allow less time than we need - adults usually need between 7 and 10 hours a day. Teenagers need between 8 and 11 hours a day.



SUNLIGHT

We all need time in the light as well as in the dark – find time to get outdoors for some sunlight (even if it is raining!) to help your body understand it is time to rest at night.

MINIBREAKS IN THE DAY

We all will feel the build up of stress in the day - whether in work or at home. MAKE TIME to have even just a ten second break - stop and breath slowly for ten seconds, stand and stretch, or spend ten minutes phoning a friend. Plan these mini-moments into your day.

SLEEP SAVVY DIET

Eat breakfast and hour or more after you wake. Try to stop eating about 3 hours before you sleep and avoid sugar before bed.

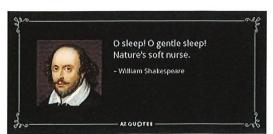
• TRANSITION AND DETACH FROM YOUR DAY BY:

Reflect and appreciate – think of the things that went well and you got done!

Distance yourself from work and the stresses of the day – put the laptop away, ironing board and move to a different room etc... if working from home.

Your choice - Choose a TV programme you want to watch (don't just flick through the channels), or an activity that is something you want to do away from your work life.

START YOUR NEW DAY BY REATTACHING:



Don't snooze - allow yourself to wake slowly and engage with the new day

Leave your phone alone for a bit – 30 mins or so.

Open the curtains/blinds - let the light in

Reconnect with the day - plan conversations, remind yourself of what needs to be done

Identify the breaks and any support you'll need for the day

