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Guiding the way to confident living with intermittent catheterisation

# Continence **Care Emotional** Wellbeing Workbook Module 7

This workbook has been designed to accompany the wellbeing modules, providing you with a space to reflect and follow along with the guided exercises.

# Welcome

We're delighted that you've taken this important step in navigating the journey of becoming an intermittent catheter user. At this moment, you may have a range of feelings about this, and we're here to support you in exploring them.

We recommend working through each module over at least one week, possibly two or more if you need to. Each module contains guided exercises to complete in your workbook alongside the videos.

To get the most out of the programme, use the resources available and do the home practice.

While the modules are designed to be sequential, you can skip ahead to address specific needs. If you skip ahead, remember to return to the earlier modules later to get the full benefit.

## Wellbeing modules

- Getting familiar with catheterisation
  - Common fears & reducing pain
- Enhancing life with catheterising
- Socialising & social context
- Movement & catheterising
- Intimacy
- Facing your feelings
- Negative thoughts & your relationship with yourself
- Building confidence in yourself
- Who are you now and where are you going?

# **Ready**, let's continue

# **Daily pixel tracker**

It can be helpful alongside the module reflections to recognise how you are feeling daily to track changes as you move through the programme.

### Simply click the emotion that represents your current mood.

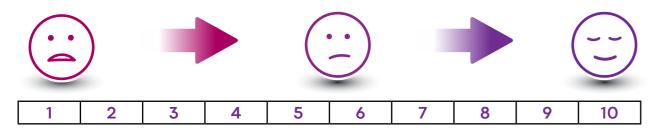
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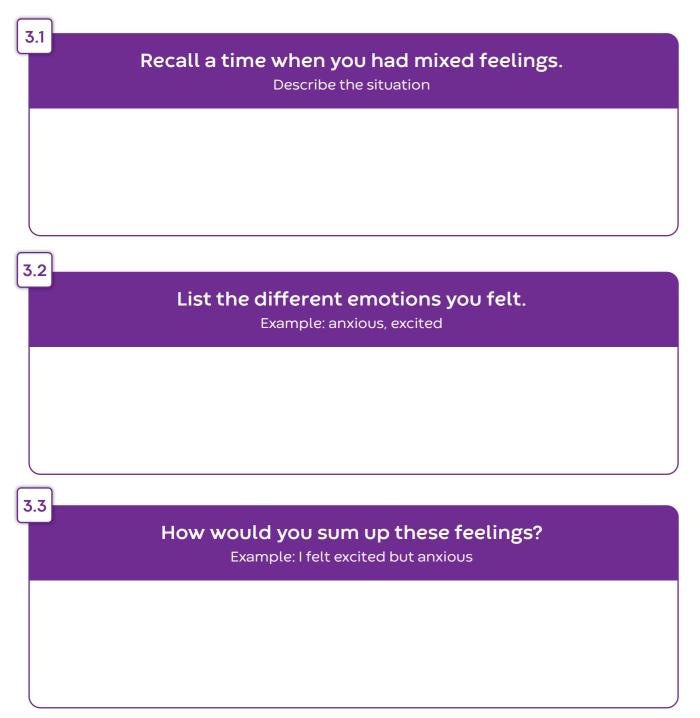
## 1.2 Facing your feelings What emotion did you feel? Example: happiness, anger, sadness This module highlights the importance of understanding and managing your emotions. Many people aren't taught why this is important or how to do it. By exploring this, you'll learn how handling your emotions can help you reach your goals in this programme. Before we get started, please fill in your pixel tracker on page 2. 1.3 Did you notice any physical sensations? How are you feeling today? Example: tight chest, butterflies in stomach Please describe. Select all the emotions that apply to you. Stressed Good 2. Recognising moods Bored Bad 2.1 How has your mood been over the past week? Overwhelmed Curious Motivated Interested Low 1. Identifying emotions 1.1 2.2 What might have influenced your mood? Think of a recent time when you felt a strong emotion. Describe what happened Example: stress, good news

2.3 Rate your mood from 1 to 10.



(1 = very low, 10 = very high) tick the number in the box.

### 3. Exploring different feelings



## Emotional coping styles

We all cope with emotions differently. Understanding whether you use approach or avoidant strategies can help you manage your emotions more effectively.

- **Approach** = acknowledging emotions and using strategies to regulate them
- **Avoidant** = escaping or denying emotions

Complete the example below to help identify your current emotional coping style and how we might explore new strategies. Think about a recent emotional experience.

1. What emotion did you feel?



### 2. Which coping strategies did you use? Using the check boxes, select all that apply.

2. Choose an **approach** styles from the list you could try instead.

Approach	Avoidant	Labelling emotions
Labelling emotions	Ignoring emotions	Expressing feelings
Expressing feelings	Distracting through busyness or entertainment	Making intentional choices (e.g., exe
	•	Practicing mindfulness
Making intentional choices (e.g., exercise, relaxation)	Numbing with substances (e.g., alcohol, drugs)	Using cognitive reappraisal
Practicing mindfulness	Suppressing or pushing down feelings	Problem-solving
Using cognitive reappraisal	Withdrawing from others and situations	3. Plan a situation where you can use this new
Problem-solving	Intellectualising (overthinking emotions)	

3. How did these strategies affect your emotions? Did they help or hinder you?

Exploring new ways of coping

1. Choose one **avoidant** style from the list you often use.

Ignoring emotions

Distracting through busyness or entertainment

Numbing with substances (e.g., alcohol, drugs)

Suppressing or pushing down feelings

Withdrawing from others and situations

Intellectualising (overthinking emotions)

Great work, by understanding your emotional coping styles it can help you manage your emotions better. By trying new strategies, we can start to improve

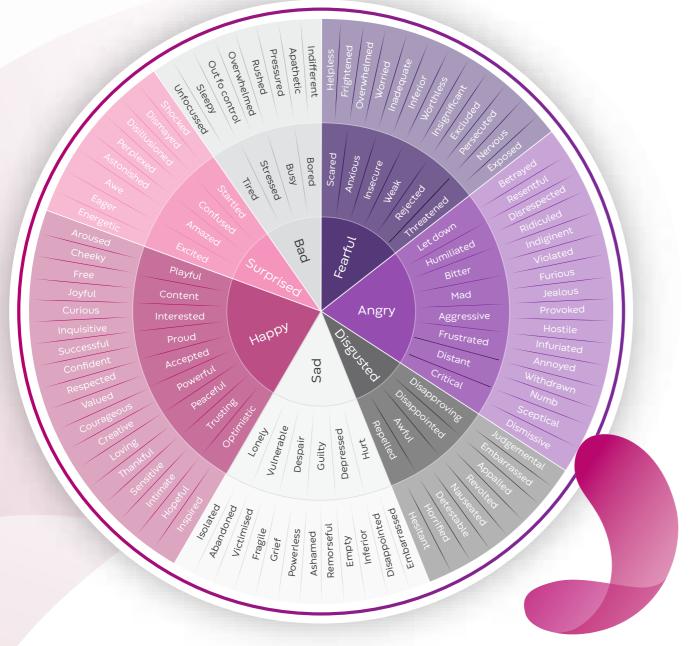


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## Spotting emotions

### The emotion wheel



### Using the emotion wheel

In the centre there are 7 basic emotions. You can use this to guide you to identify more specific emotions you are feeling.

1. Look at the centre of the wheel to find basic emotions like happiness, surprise, fear, anger, disgust, and saddness.

Place a tick in the table below against the basic emotion you are feeling right now.

Surprised Bad Fearful Disgusted Sad Happy Angry

2. Move outward to identify more specific emotions related to these basic feelings.

Write down which specific emotion(s) you are feeling in the second layer of the wheel.

3. Select the emotion(s) that best match what you're currently feeling. Using the outer layer of the wheel identify which emotion best describes your feelings right now.

Feel free to jot down any additional thoughts or reflections.

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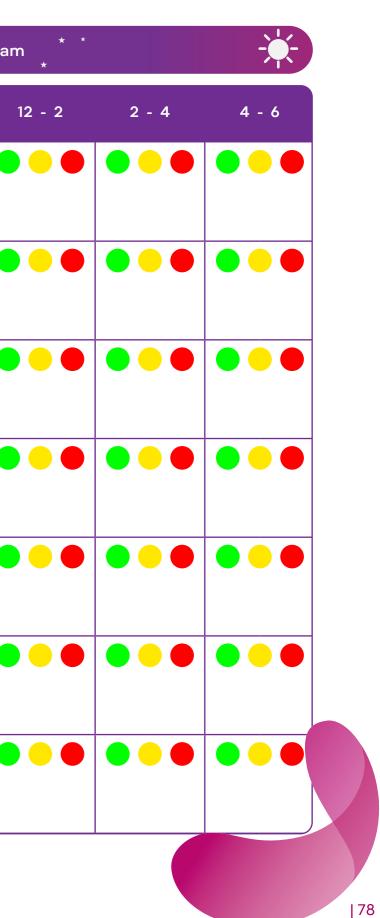
## your thoughts and actions?

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# Noticing your emotions

Using a pacing diary to track your emotions at different points in the day can help you build emotional awareness. You can click for a recap on-screen on how to use your pacing diary.

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# Let's reflect

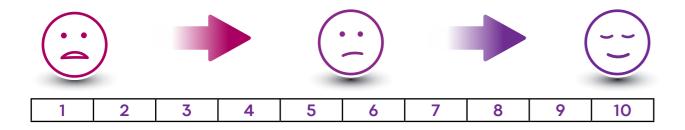
Notes

During module 7 we have covered the importance of understanding and addressing your emotions. Many of us aren't taught how crucial this is or how to do it. By working with your emotions, you can progress toward achieving your goals in this programme.

For this module's home practice, keep up with everything you have been doing so far.

Add in time to your day to observe and label your feelings and emotions, make sure to keep a record of this in your pacing diary.

**Before you go, how are you currently feeling about catheterising?** Log your current rating of anxiety about catheterising by ticking a number.



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