

HOPE THERAPY & COUNSELLING SERVICES

Loneliness & Isolation

Feeling alone — even when you're not.

Qualified counsellors offering support for loneliness and isolation across England — online nationwide and face-to-face. Understanding what's behind the disconnection is often where things can begin to shift.

NCPS ORGANISATIONAL MEMBER

ONLINE & IN-PERSON

FROM £65

FREE 15-MIN CONSULTATION

ONE OF THE MOST COMMONLY MINIMISED EXPERIENCES

Loneliness is not simply about the number of people around you

"You can be surrounded by others — at work, in a relationship, in a busy family home — and still feel a kind of invisible distance, a sense that you are not truly known or understood."

Around 23% of people in the UK report regularly feeling lonely — a figure that has grown significantly in recent years. It can arrive gradually, accumulating across months or years as circumstances change. Or it can arrive suddenly, after a single significant event that leaves you feeling set apart from everyone around you.

You might recognise it as the particular feeling of a Sunday evening that stretches without shape or company. Or the sense of being in a room full of people and still feeling like an outsider. Or the absence of anyone you could call right now, if you needed to. **Whichever way it arrives, it matters — and it is worth taking seriously.**

WHY SOME PEOPLE EXPERIENCE LONELINESS MORE THAN OTHERS

Not a character flaw — a response to circumstances

Loneliness is not a sign of weakness, or an indication that something is fundamentally wrong with you. It is a human response to circumstances — and those circumstances vary enormously.

Moving to a new area or starting a new job

Going through a separation or divorce

Retirement or children leaving home

Bereavement or significant loss

Becoming a carer or having a chronic health condition

Being neurodiverse or belonging to a minority group

Once loneliness sets in, it can create its own self-reinforcing pattern — social anxiety makes reaching out harder, which deepens disconnection, which in turn makes the next attempt feel more difficult. Understanding this cycle is often the first step towards breaking it.

Professional registration: Hope Therapy & Counselling Services holds NCPS Organisational Membership covering counselling and psychotherapy services. Sessions are confidential; limited exceptions apply and your therapist will explain these clearly at the outset.

THE THERAPEUTIC RELATIONSHIP ITSELF

Having a consistent person who genuinely listens is, in itself, a form of meaningful connection

For many people struggling with loneliness, the therapeutic relationship provides a kind of foundation from which other connections become easier to build. Beyond that relational quality, counselling can help you explore what is actually getting in the way of connection — whether that is anxiety about social situations, a loss of confidence after a difficult period, grief, depression, or a pattern of relating that developed in response to earlier experiences of hurt or rejection.

Understanding these patterns is often the first step towards changing them. And for many people, the experience of being genuinely heard — without distraction, without judgement, and without the social performance that can make other relationships feel exhausting — is itself part of what helps.

THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES

Matched to what is most useful for your situation

Counselling

A compassionate, non-judgmental space to explore what is behind your loneliness — the circumstances, the patterns, and what connection might genuinely look like for you. Often valuable simply as a reliable, consistent human relationship in itself. From £65.

CBT

Helpful for identifying the thought patterns that make reaching out feel too risky or too likely to disappoint — and for developing more balanced ways of thinking about social connection and your own worthiness of it. From £65.

Mindfulness (MBCT)

Can reduce the distress of solitude and build a more grounded relationship with being alone — making quiet moments feel less like deprivation and more like genuine rest. From £65.

HOW THE PROCESS WORKS

Taking the first step

1 Free 15-minute consultation

A brief, relaxed conversation with our booking team. We listen to what is going on and explore whether counselling could help. No pressure, no obligation.

2 Matched with a therapist

We carefully match you with one of our 90+ qualified therapists based on your needs and preferences. If the fit doesn't feel right, we will find someone else at no extra cost.

3 Your first session

Your therapist takes time to understand your situation and what you are hoping to work on. There is no rush and nothing you have to share before you are ready.

WHAT OUR CLIENTS SAY

Client experiences

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I moved to a new city and gradually realised I hadn't spoken to anyone properly in weeks. My counsellor helped me understand why I'd withdrawn and gave me a real sense of being heard. That was the starting point for everything else.

CLIENT — LONELINESS AFTER RELOCATING

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I was surrounded by people at work but felt completely invisible. Counselling helped me see that the disconnection wasn't inevitable — it was something I could actually do something about. That shift made a real difference.

CLIENT — LONELINESS & LOW SELF-ESTEEM

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As a carer I had no time or energy for anything social. My therapist helped me work out what I actually needed and what small steps were realistic. The online sessions were perfect — I could fit them around everything else.

CLIENT — LONELINESS & CARER STRESS

Client experiences are individual. Results vary between people.

COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently asked questions

Is loneliness a mental health condition?

Loneliness is not a formal clinical diagnosis, but its connection to mental health is well established. Persistent loneliness is closely linked to anxiety, depression, and other difficulties, and can significantly affect physical health over time. You do not need a diagnosis to seek support — if loneliness is affecting your wellbeing and daily life, that is reason enough.

Isn't it ironic to seek counselling for loneliness online?

Not at all. For many people experiencing loneliness, online counselling is actually easier to access — it removes practical barriers and can feel less daunting as a first step. Many people find that the consistent, reliable connection with a therapist is itself part of what helps, and that the work done in sessions supports them in building other connections in their lives over time.

Can counselling help with loneliness?

Yes. Counselling can help you explore the reasons why connection feels difficult — whether that's low confidence, anxiety, past hurt, significant life changes, or circumstances that have left you more isolated than you would like. Over time, many people find that understanding these patterns opens up new possibilities for how they relate to others and to themselves.

How many sessions will I need?

Some people find a focused short course gives them the insights and tools they need. Others benefit from longer-term support, particularly where loneliness connects to deeper patterns of self-worth, anxiety, or earlier experiences. There is no fixed number — your therapist will discuss this with you as you go.

When you feel ready, we're here.

A free, no-obligation 15-minute conversation. No pressure — just a chance to explore whether we can help.

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