

In these unprecedented times, we should not forget those with low vision in our practices. The Macular Society and Vision West of England are continuing to providing information and support at this time.

With our practices now only dealing with **urgent** and **emergency** cases, care for our low vision customers is made more difficult. This information made available may help on our websites, Google posts and Facebook pages. Here is a brief description of what they are able to offer.

Macular Society Services During COVID-19 Outbreak

Telephone support from the Regional managers. SW call [07947 373 244](tel:07947373244)

Some local group meetings now delivered using telephone conferencing. Call [07947 373 244](tel:07947373244) for details

Volunteer group leaders are making calls to group members to check in.

Telephone Befriending service for anyone with a macular condition.

Advice and Information Service: [0300 3030 111](tel:03003030111) or help@macularsociety.org

Free telephone counselling service for anyone affected by a macular condition including family. Contact [0300 30 30 111](tel:03003030111)

Tech Talk and Gadget Guide calls – help with hi-tech and everyday equipment

Buddies – calls from people who can share their experiences of eye injections or Charles Bonnet hallucinations

Website www.macularsociety.org offers up to date information about treatment and all aspects of living with macular degeneration

The charity **Vision West of England** has information on how we can help by volunteering and what's in place to help those in need on a local level. Website: www.visionwofe.org.uk

Our telephone numbers remains the same:

Bristol, Bath and South Gloucestershire 0117 3224885

Wiltshire and Swindon 01380 723682

Let's not forget what we can do and the support we can still offer. Stay healthy and stay safe.