

## Self-Care Plan

## Step 1

List situations that you might find challenging or stressful in the future

## Step 2

Be aware of the signs that you're not coping as well as you'd like (tick those that apply to you).

- Being more irritable or grumpy
- □ Feeling overwhelmed
- □ Feeling tired or sore
- □ Procrastinating tasks
- □ Drinking more alcohol

- □ Eating badly
- □ Difficulty sleeping
- Thinking negatively
- □ Feeling like you can't be bothered
- □ Worsening self-esteem

List any other signs you should keep an eye out for:

## Step 3

Plan out how you will take care of yourself during stressful times. Tick the strategies that you'll do regularly to boost your emotional wellbeing:

- Controlled breathing
- □ Relaxation exercises
- $\Box$  Talking to others
- □ Physical exercise
- □ Saying 'no' to some things
- □ Scheduling 'me time'
- $\hfill\square$  Improving my diet
- $\hfill\square$  Improving my sleep
- □ Thought challenging
- □ Structured problem solving



List any other strategies that you can use to help you cope:

Plan out how you will implement these strategies. Specify **what** you will do, **when** you will do it, and **how** you will do it:

Keep this plan somewhere easily visible (e.g. on the fridge). It can also be helpful to share it with people you trust, as they can help you notice any warning signs and remind you to use helpful coping strategies.