



Self help to ease your pain isn't a one size fits all technique that works for everyone. The key is to finding something that works for you that you find calming rather than something that causes you more stress than its releasing. Stress alone can trigger pain signals, flaring up existing pain and also causing new pain and inflammation. Movement and relaxation are the healthiest ways to cope with stress. By moving more you burn up the stress hormones that worsen pain as it triggers the release of the body's natural painkillers, endorphins and feel good hormones such as dopamine. Strengthening muscles help protect and heal, start low, go slow and build up gently. Simple stretches can ultimately lessen pain. Calming down and relaxing, mind/body therapies may also be worth considering as is joining in a group session whereby you receive the necessary support and are with other likeminded people.

Jo Nichols has come to CPSG on many occasion and members of the group, in their own time and in their own way, have participated in these sessions. Being



a pain sufferer herself Jo is fully supportive and her sessions are always fun, always to music and always to suit people's needs.

Always do what is right for you, if you are not sure seek advice first before committing yourself.



CPSG remain positive that meetings can resume in September. Currently venues for coffee morning are being researched.

Visit the group website for all the details. www.chronicpainsupportgroup.co.uk or email any queries to info@chronicpainsupportgroup.co.uk

Meanwhile stay safe, stay positive, keep talking and keep being kind to yourself!