Farm Crisis Network

FCN works within the farming community throughout England and Wales. We provide pastoral and practical support to farming people and families throughout times of hardship and distress relating to both the farm household and the farm business. We have a national telephone helpline which operates every day of the year between 7am and 11pm, which refers callers to local volunteer groups. We have over 300 trained volunteers from within the farming and rural communities, helping around 3000 people every year.

Volunteers work in county-based groups, each with a volunteer coordinator who oversees and coordinates the group’s activity. Callers to the national helpline and those made known to us by other agencies are referred to the local group, and volunteers provide a visiting service to “walk with” people through whatever situation they are facing, for as long as they are needed. Typical examples include serious financial problems, depression, ill health, family issues, farm business problems, bereavement, suicide and legal issues. The volunteer is there to be a friend and to bring in appropriate complementary sources of help as each occasion demands. A key part of the work involves the encouragement of communication and mediation between all those involved in a situation, in order to facilitate the best possible outcome.

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