

## Frontline terrorist teams set up in the UK following the bomb attacks in London

**Volunteer homeopaths are on standby in London to help victims of the 7/7 bomb blasts suffering from post traumatic stress.**

But the Frontline Homeopathy project, set up in the wake of the terrorist attacks, needs help to publicise the scheme and the benefits of homeopathic treatment to those who are in need of it.

Currently, 16 homeopaths in the capital and neighbouring counties have offered to help and a hotline has been set up so commuters affected by the blasts can be put in touch with their closest practitioner.

Clinics have also agreed to subsidise room rentals and Helios, Nelsons, Ainsworths and Neal's Yard have offered sponsorship. For a fee of £5, the patient is entitled to three consultations, but so far only four victims have come forward for treatment.

Karin Fofana, co-ordinating the project, said: "There is a problem in getting the information out there and in getting the public to understand what homeopathy is.

"We have approached the Red Cross and the support centre set up for victims, but neither organisation has responded to us. We have also put up posters at stations but they were taken down within a few hours."

Karin, who lives and practices in Hackney and has worked with victims of war in Sierra Leone, said they were appealing for anyone with contacts or ideas for generating publicity, to get in touch.

"Or if anyone is prepared to hand out leaflets at stations or ask local businesses to display them, it would be a great help," she said. "Even though time has elapsed now, the nature of post traumatic stress is that you don't realise you've got it until quite a long time afterwards, something I experienced myself when I returned from Sierra Leone."

Frontline has also set up teams of homeopaths in other cities in case of terrorist

attacks. Volunteers in Edinburgh, Birmingham, Leeds, Manchester, Bristol and Cardiff are on standby.

Organiser Liz Hennel said: "We also felt that other areas of the UK might be at risk, particularly tourist centres, and that it would be sensible to start planning in anticipation.

"We have supplied guidelines to those groups, and we can also provide some

funding. Of course - we also have to continue to raise funds - as always we have more things we can spend money on than we can fund, so any help anyone can give us would be greatly appreciated."

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