# **MENTAL HEALTH**

Understanding the terms, breaking the stigma, supporting each other



#### Mental health: Everyone has it. It's about how we think, feel

and cope



## Mental illness:

Diagnosable conditions like anxiety or depression

#### Mental health issue:

any challenge or difficulty that affects mental well-being.



1 in 4 adults will experience a mental health issue at some point in their lives.

\*Source: World Health Organization



**Psychologist:** Specialises in therapy and counselling for emotional issues

**Psychiatrist**: Doctor who prescribes, diagnoses and treats complex issues



### Mental health on ships

Headaches, low energy and digestive issues:

Mental health issues can manifest through physical symptoms Anyone can suffer with a mental health issue: A variety of ages, positions and gender request emotional support Common stressers for crew include:

Work stress, lack of sleep, ABHDV\*, relationship and family issues

#### **Emotional Support**



Listening, empathy and connection

In-the-moment support for a traumatic event. May require further support like counselling

#### Counselling



Short-term, issue-focused talking support

Exploring the issue and helping to increase resilience and develop coping mechanisms

\*Abuse Bullying Harassment Discrimination and Violence

## Therapy



Professional help to explore deeper issues

Support to develop long term resilience, looking at underlying patterns, past experiences, and

## **HELP IS AVAILABLE!**

Early intervention and support significantly improve outcomes.



Contact MedSea for confidential support - no concern is too small

Our team takes a holistic view of your mental and physical health. We're specialised in supporting you through challenging situations and when needed can refer you to counselling services to increase resilience.

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