



Application Pack

Live Well Wakefield Social Prescribing Link Worker

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Application Pack

Dear applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the **Social Prescribing Link Worker** role at Live Well Wakefield. In this pack, you'll find background information about Nova and Live Well Wakefield, and details about our application process.

If you require an alternative format, please contact the Nova team using the details below.

The closing date for applications is Monday 17 November at 9am.

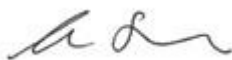
A CV and Cover Letter (no more than 2 pages) describing how you meet the Person Specification should be emailed to jobs@nova-wd.org.uk or posted to:

Operations Team
Nova Wakefield District
11 Upper York Street
Wakefield
WF1 3LQ

Interviews are currently planned to take place in person in Wakefield District between Wednesday 26 and Friday 28 November.

If you would like to have an informal discussion about this role, please contact Rebecca Dunford at rebecca.dunford@swyt.nhs.uk to arrange a time. Thank you for your interest in working at Nova and we look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



Maddy Sutcliffe

**Chief Executive Officer
Nova Wakefield District**

About Nova

Nova is a local charity that supports Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Wakefield District to thrive. We do this in three key ways:



1. Infrastructure Support

We support our member organisations from the local VCSE sector through a range of services, including:

- Learning & Development Workshops
- Sharing information and updates
- Direct support and advice



2. Providing a voice

We ensure that a VCSE voice influences policy that directly affects the sector. Our new project, VCSE Voices, is selecting senior leaders from the sector to attend strategic meetings across Wakefield District.



3. Securing resources for the sector

Our team co-ordinates various contract and funding opportunities for our members. This includes work on:

- The Third Sector Framework – an open and transparent process to distribute funding
- Wakefield District Funders Forum – bringing together local and national funders and others

You can find information about our other work on our website: www.nova-wd.org.uk



About Live Well Wakefield

Since 2017 Nova and South West Yorkshire Partnership Teaching NHS Trust have collaboratively delivered Live Well Wakefield services, providing social prescribing and self-management support to adult residents across the Wakefield District, and have provided services to Wakefield's Primary Care Networks since 2019.

Working closely with individuals to understand what matters to them, develop personalised care plans, and create connections with local community groups, services, and activities the service aims to help people improve their health and wellbeing by addressing non-clinical needs. In addition, the service works to identify gaps and build on local provision, provides intelligence to local health and social care systems and acts as a vital link between Primary Care, statutory services, and the local Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector.

The service and team are nationally recognised, and has won awards including:



Best Larger Social Prescribing project

2021 National Social Prescribing Network Awards



Social Prescribing Link Worker of the Year

2022 Social Prescribing Network Awards



Partnership Excellence

2024 SWYPFT Excellence Awards

Last year 100% of service users who evaluated the service rated the support they received as 'Very good' or 'Good', 98.5% achieved their primary health and wellbeing goal, and 84% improved their overall health and wellbeing.

Derek's Story

Recently widowed, Derek joined one of our supported self-management sessions at Pontefract Library, hoping to better manage his anxiety.

By the final week, Derek shared an incredible achievement – he had taken a solo trip to the coast by train, something he once thought was impossible, saying it was *"unthinkable for me a few weeks ago!"* He attributed this to the skills he had learned and practiced during the sessions.

Working at Nova

Reward Package for Live Well Wakefield

As a Nova employee you'll receive our full reward package, which includes:

28 days holiday a year plus bank holidays, increasing once you've been at Nova for five years	Annual pay reviews
Range of policies to ensure a supportive and inclusive workplace	5% salary contribution to a pension scheme

You'll also receive:

- Access to Occupational Health
- Access to health service discount schemes, such as a Blue Light Card

"Working for Nova is enjoyable and rewarding. I feel supported, valued and happy within my role."

Creating an inclusive culture

It is important to us to build an inclusive culture where members of staff feel valued and able to contribute to our vision. This means providing equal opportunity to all applicants and treating staff and applicants with respect.

We're working on this by:

- [Being a Mindful Employer](#) – we have signed the charter to demonstrate our commitment to better mental health at work.
- [Being a Living Wage Employer](#) – we choose to pay staff based on the cost of living.
- [Being part of the Wakefield Wellbeing Charter](#) – we joined the charter to access health and wellbeing initiatives for our staff, such as a series of short sessions on sleeping well.
- [Being an accredited Menopause Friendly Employer](#) – we are committed to maintaining policies, practices, training, and a culture that makes sure our staff have the guidance and support they need around menopause.

"The investment in employees is shown from the 1st day you start."

Meet the Teams

The Live Well Wakefield Team

Senior Team	 Rebecca Dunford Social Prescribing Service Manager	 Shannon Simpson Service Coordinator	 Caroline Sylvester Service Coordinator	 Dawn Gzella Service Coordinator	Senior Social Prescribers	 Jazz Johal Senior Social Prescribing Link Worker	 Cindy Stratford Senior Social Prescribing Advisor
Service and Project Support Officer	 Alina Moisejeva Service Support Officer	 Megan Aspinall Project Support Officer	Self Management Team	 Paul Boyd Self Management Administrator	 Vacant Position	 Team of volunteers and champions	
Social Prescribers	 Gemma Naylor Social Prescribing Advisor	 Gemma Newman Social Prescribing Advisor	 Helen Hackney Social Prescribing Advisor	 Joanne Bratby Social Prescribing Link Worker	 Andrea Vickers Social Prescribing Link Worker	 Justyna Banks Social Prescribing Link Worker	 Sharon Kennedy Social Prescribing Link Worker
	 Adele Spaven Social Prescribing Advisor	 Dave Harrison Social Prescribing Advisor	 Fareeda Mir Social Prescribing Advisor	 Joanna Joy-Jones Social Prescribing Advisor	 Curtis Hollinsworth Social Prescribing Advisor		

The Nova Wakefield District Team

Senior Team



Maddy Sutcliffe
Chief Executive
Officer



Scott Copeland
Contracts & Grants
Officer



Natalie Jones
Head of Operations



Julie Baker
Community & Enterprise
Development Manager

Operations Team



Alice Edinburgh
Communications
Manager



Helen Betts
Senior Project
Support Officer



Amna Waqar
Business Support
Officer



Emma Steadman
Finance Manager



Sonia Begum
Cleaner

Adviser Team



Rachel Hale
Lead Mental Health
Community Builder



Andy Cable
Nova Adviser



Martin Brennan
Nova Adviser



Elsie Olesu-Adjei
Membership and
Networks Coordinator



Kaylee Thompson
Development Worker