



# 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 Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 9am.**

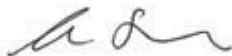
Completed Application Forms should be submitted by email to [jobs@nova-wd.org.uk](mailto:jobs@nova-wd.org.uk) or posted to:

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

**Interviews are currently planned to take place in person in Wakefield District on Wednesday 18 February.**

If you would like to have an informal discussion about this role, please contact Rebecca Dunford at [rebecca.dunford@swyt.nhs.uk](mailto: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](http://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

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