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How [LIO Name] can help deliver impactful social prescribing



The social prescribing ecosystem



A thriving VCSE Sector



Social Prescribing Link Workers



VCSE Support and Development

“active engagement between the PCN and local VCSE sector is influential on the success of local social prescribing... by virtue of their core services, local VCSE infrastructure organisations offer a key role in supporting the relationship”

Local VCSE Infrastructure and Social Prescribing



[Area]'s VCSE Sector

- *Add key stats and info on the local sector*
- *Add your own local picture(s)*



Local Infrastructure offers:

- Intelligence and insight about the local sector
- a direct route to connect with the broad and diverse local VCSE sector
- Connections at system, place and neighbourhood
- Forums and events to engage
- Opportunities to develop effective joint models through VCSE participation
- Intelligence to inform commissioning based on VCSE experience
- Skills and connections to drive effective collaboration within, and across the sector



"Strong community networks are built on trust and take time to develop. Local organisations with deep-rooted community networks need to be commissioned to provide social prescribing services"

Local Infrastructure offers

- Routes to build knowledge within the sector about the programme, and confidence to take on referrals
- Help to communicate to the community about the programme
- Opportunities to bring VCSE leaders together to discuss the impact, and approaches to improve or broaden



"This process should be as easy as possible... with awareness and understanding of this process in all agencies...Self-referral is also encouraged"

Local Infrastructure Offers

- An effective home for Link Workers which connects them directly to VCSE support and community development activity
- Opportunities to engage in events and forums which connect them with the local VCSE
- A route to inform local sector support and capacity building based on referral needs
- Access to a living “directory” of local community activity



It is crucial for link workers to start with ‘what matters to me’ and to value what motivates the person... and are able to work in a person-centred, non-judgemental way across whole, diverse communities.

Local Infrastructure offers

- Support to build VCSE capacity in response to needs arising from referrals
- Training and support to have the ability to effectively manage referrals, including the development of good governance, safeguarding, cybersecurity, financial management
- Support to access funding support and help to lever funding from outside the area
- Supporting residents to set up new community activity and peer support
- Developing Volunteering opportunities and practice



"It is essential to ensure that local voluntary organisations, community groups and social enterprises are locally sustainable and can plan ahead... It is necessary to ensure that community groups have support with all relevant aspects to ensure both people and link workers are safe"

- Support to develop data sharing policies between VCSE organisations and statutory partners
- Support and training to develop capacity of VCSEs to work with individuals to gather personal feedback
- Ability to connect quickly with the sector to check the temperature, identify opportunities and needs



“NHS England has worked with a wide range of stakeholders to develop a Common Outcomes Framework for measuring the impact of social prescribing on the person, on the health and care system, on community groups”

Case Study

Burnley, Pendle and Rossendale

Wakefield

Further reading and resources



<https://navca.org.uk/social-prescribing>

- SLPW Host Organisation Self-Assessment
- Case study materials
- Reports on role of VCSE in Social Prescribing



<https://socialprescribingacademy.org.uk/>

- Evidence bank
- Case studies
- Webinar programme



<https://www.england.nhs.uk/personalisedcare/social-prescribing/>

- Technical specifications and guidance

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