

Westminster Health Forum policy conference

Next steps for social prescribing in England - commissioning, scaling up, supporting community and vulnerable groups, and learning from COVID-19 crisis

Timing: Morning, Thursday 17th September

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Pitkeathley, Chair, President, National Council for Voluntary Organisations
- 9.05 **Assessing the progress of rolling out social prescribing in England and the sector response to COVID-19**
Dr Michael Dixon, National Clinical Lead, Social Prescribing, NHS England and Co-Chair, Social Prescribing Network and Chairman, College of Medicine
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **'Developing the social prescribing workforce - integration and training'**
Catherine Wills, NHCP Assistant Director, Workforce, Northamptonshire CCGs
- 9.45 **The role of social prescribing link workers as part of a Primary Care Network in the COVID-19 response**
Christiana Melam, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Link Workers
- 10.00 **Commissioning of social prescription and implementation of personalised care - supporting mental and physical health in local communities**
Sarah White, Head of Policy, Sense
Dr David Smart, Clinical Director, Prevention and Mental Health, General Practice Alliance
Naomi Phillips, Director of Policy and Advocacy, British Red Cross
Questions and comments from the floor with **Catherine Wills**, NHCP Assistant Director, Workforce, Northamptonshire CCGs and **Christiana Melam**, Chief Executive Officer, National Association of Link Workers
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Pitkeathley, Chair, President, National Council for Voluntary Organisations
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dan Lyus, Director of Partnerships, South West Academic Health Science Network
- 11.00 **Assessing effectiveness and quality - evaluation of outcomes and next steps for developing the evidence base**
Dr Bogdan Chiva Giurca, NHSE National Champion, Social Prescribing and Collaborator, Harvard Global Health Institute
Professor Sheena Asthana, Director, Plymouth Institute of Health and Care Research, University of Plymouth
Dr Emma Hazeldine, Research Assistant, NIHR South West Peninsula ARC, Peninsula Medical School, University of Plymouth
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Promotion, community support, patient engagement and delivery of social prescription**
Priorities for patients - access, variation and reducing inequality
Tim Nicholls, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, National Autistic Society
Putting prescription into practice - the referral process and partnership with service providers
Councillor George Lindars-Hammond, Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care, Sheffield City Council
The role of technology and innovation in social prescribing during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in facilitating self-management of care
Dr Brian Fisher, Clinical Director, Evergreen Life
'Collaborative Practice: a sustainable approach to Social Prescribing'
Alyson McGregor, National Director, Altogether Better
Scaling up innovation and supporting best practice
Dan Lyus, Director of Partnerships, South West Academic Health Science Network
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Long-term goals for establishing best practice, scaling up and the sourcing and allocation of funding**
James Sanderson, Chief Executive, National Academy for Social Prescribing and Director of Personalised Care, NHS England and NHS Improvement
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Health Forum closing remarks**
Dan Lyus, Director of Partnerships, South West Academic Health Science Network
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Health Forum