

	Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee 7 March 2023
	Report from the Social Prescribing Task Group
Social Prescribing Task Group Final Report	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	Non-Key
Open or Part/Fully Exempt: (If exempt, please highlight relevant paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 12A of 1972 Local Government Act)	Open
No. of Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Social Prescribing Scrutiny Task Group Report
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To present the findings and recommendations of the Social Prescribing Task Group to the Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To discuss and agree the contents of the report, paying particular attention to the recommendations for the Brent Integrated Care Partnership.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has the power commission evidence reviews of a policy area or function of the local authority, which are led by on-executive members. The Social Prescribing Task Group was established in September 2022 to review how social prescribing is developing in Brent, and to explore options for its future development.
- 3.2 The Task Group was asked to produce a written report with recommendations to Brent Council's Cabinet and/or local NHS organisations. The Task Group presented its interim report at the 25 January 2023 Community and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee meeting which included its initial findings. The Task Group has now concluded its work, its report containing the Task Group's findings and recommendations is included as appendix to this report.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 It is possible that recommendations made by the Task Group, if accepted and implemented may have financial implications for the local authority and/or local NHS organisations. Any financial implications will be subject to consideration by Cabinet and, if relevant, by local NHS organisations.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Section 9F, Part 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, overview and scrutiny committees: functions, requires that Executive Arrangements by a local authority must ensure that its overview and scrutiny committees have the power to make reports or recommendations to the authority or the executive with respect to the discharge of any functions which are or are not the responsibility of the executive, or on matters which affect the authority's area or the inhabitants of that area.
- 5.2 Section 9Fe, duty of authority or executive to respond to overview and scrutiny committee, requires that the authority or executive:
- (a) consider the report or recommendations,
 - (b) respond to the overview and scrutiny committee indicating what (if any) action the authority, or the executive, proposes to take,
 - (c) if the overview and scrutiny committee has published the report or recommendations, publish the response, within two months beginning with the date on which the authority or executive received the report or recommendations.

6.0 Equality Implications

- 6.1 Under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the Council has a duty when exercising their functions to have 'due regard' to the need to:

- a) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited under the Act.
- b) advance equality of opportunity; and
- c) foster good relations between those who share a “protected characteristic” and those who do not.

6.2 This is the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED). The ‘protected characteristics’ are: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 The report has been drawn up in consultation with Task Group members.

Report sign off:

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