

Appendix 1 – Social Prescribing Task Group Activity

Key Lines of Enquiry

The following Key lines of enquiry were identified for the social prescribing Task Group:

- a) To review Brent's current social prescribing offer, including both the infrastructure and attitude to social prescribing and evaluate whether Brent is fully realising the potential benefits of social prescribing.
- b) To understand the opportunities for social prescribing in Brent and what can be achieved through social prescribing locally for all residents.
- c) To consider the most effective ways of further developing social prescribing in Brent in collaboration with the NHS and other partners#

Evidence Sessions

A series of evidence sessions have been held by the Task Group from December 2021 to January 2022 with a range of key stakeholders.

	Key Themes / Discussion Areas	Participants
Evidence Session 1 October 2022	<p>Social prescribing and its expected benefits</p> <p>The national direction of travel for social prescribing</p> <p>How social prescribing is being delivered in Brent including the outcomes for delivery and patient pathways</p> <p>How developed social prescribing is in Brent in comparison to other NW London Boroughs</p> <p>The key health issues Brent seeks to address through social prescribing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Charlotte Benjamin - Chief Medical Officer, NHS North West London Integrated Care Board • Javina Seghal – Director of Primary Care, NHS North West London • Joe Nguyen – North West London lead for social prescribing, NHS North West London • Nipa Shah - Programme Director Brent Health Matters – Brent Council • Dr John Liquorish – Deputy Director of Public Health – Brent Council • Caroline Evans - Senior Public Health Analyst – Brent Council • Caroline Kerby - Managerial Lead – Harness Primary Care Networks • Mehrnoush Bakhasz - Team Manager: Social Prescribing Link Workers, Brent Mencap • Jackie Rosenberg – Chief Executive, One Westminster • David Sagman – Senior Social Prescriber, Kilburn Primary Care Network
Evidence Session 2 November 2022	<p>The local opportunities for those who socially prescribe</p> <p>Primary care awareness and attitudes towards social prescribing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Brent Council • Dr Melanie Smith - Director of Public Health, Brent Council • Tom Shakespeare - Brent Integrated Care Partnership Director • Claudia Brown – Director of Adult Social Services, Brent Council

	<p>Potential barriers to effective social prescribing for primary care professionals in Brent</p> <p>Equity in delivery of social prescribing in primary care across Brent</p> <p>Ensuring social prescribing is inclusive of vulnerable people, those with disabilities or complex needs</p> <p>Training and development of social prescribing link workers</p> <p>Funding of social prescribing in Brent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nipa Shah - Programme Director Brent Health Matters – Brent Council • Tiffany Adonis- French - Head of Service - Access information and Long Term Support, Brent Council • Fana Hussain - • Caroline Kerby - Managerial Lead – Harness Primary Care Networks • Ann O’Neil – Executive Director, Brent Mencap • Mehrnoush Bakhasz - Team Manager: Social Prescribing Link Workers, Brent Mencap
<p>Evidence Session 3</p> <p>November 2022</p>	<p>The local offer of social prescribing opportunities in Brent, including those provided by the local authority</p> <p>Benefits and opportunities for local organisations who receive social prescribing referrals</p> <p>Potential barriers to effective social prescribing in Brent for local organisations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Promise Knight, Lead Member for Housing, Homelessness and Renters Security, Brent Council • Dr Melanie Smith - Director of Public Health, Brent Council • Tom Shakespeare - Brent Integrated Care Partnership Director • Lorna Hughes - Director of Communities, Brent Council • Thomas Cattermole - Director of Customer Access, Brent Council • Peter Baxter - Library Arts and Heritage Manager, Brent Council • Yoel Berhane - Community Lead Brent Health Matters, Brent Council • Laurence Coaker – Head of Housing Needs, Brent Council • Sophia Johnson, Citizens Advice Brent • Anne-Marie Morris, Brent Carers Centre

	<p>Potential barriers to involvement in social prescribing for organisations not currently receiving referrals</p> <p>How attractive and inclusive are social prescribing opportunities for Brent residents? (including vulnerable people and those with complex needs)</p> <p>Communication and awareness raising of social prescribing in Brent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristine Wellington, CVS Brent
<p>Evidence Session 4</p> <p>November 2022</p>	<p>The role and effectiveness of link workers in connecting those who social prescribe with those who offer social prescribing opportunities</p> <p>Assessing the patient pathway in social prescribing</p> <p>How well connected are different aspects of social prescribing</p> <p>How could stakeholders involved in social prescribing in Brent work together more effectively</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Neil Nerva, Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Brent Council • Dr Melanie Smith - Director of Public Health, Brent Council • Tom Shakespeare - Brent Integrated Care Partnership Director • Claudia Brown – Director of Adult Social Services, Brent Council • Nipa Shah - Programme Director Brent Health Matters – Brent Council • Ann O’Neil – Executive Director, Brent Mencap • Mehrnoush Bakhasz - Team Manager: Social Prescribing Link Workers, Brent Mencap • Germaine Brand - Managerial Lead – Kilburn Primary Care Network • David Sagman – Senior Social Prescriber, Kilburn Primary Care Network

	<p>Evaluating and monitoring social prescribing's outcomes</p> <p>Developing social prescribing in Brent with partners to fully realise its potential</p>	
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