

Powys Teaching Health Board;

Project Title; Social Prescribing Co-ordinator/s

Powys; North. Piloting in two surgeries i.e. Llanfyllin and Welshpool

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Rationale; Existing models for Social Prescribing are overwhelmingly based upon delivery within populous urban settings, which have greater concentration of activities, services and resources than Powys. This means that many established approaches such as 'Arts of Prescription', etc. are expensive to deliver as a single county-wide service, as they need multiple local points of access and activity. However Powys is endowed with a huge range of existing community activities and third sector services if effectively co-ordinated

Project Details; PTHB will be working with GPs and Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinators to improve referrals and monitor outcomes The Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations (PAVO) are currently working on placing Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinators within communities throughout Powys, whose roles are going to be focussed on accumulating information about local third sector organisations and working with Virtual Wards and Multi-Disciplinary Teams within those communities

Intended Outcomes;

- Improve GP referrals directly into the Community Health and Wellbeing Service
- Create a dedicated Community Connector (Social Prescriber) who will be a member of the Community Health and Wellbeing Team
- Influence directly the GP team in the two identified surgeries, through attendance at team meetings and/or through direct referral via an on-line (IT) social prescription.
- Establish a Third Sector Surgery near the two GP practices that would make available the support, advice & information of key agencies, particularly in relation to welfare benefits, debt, housing & practical support (cleaning, gardening, laundry etc).



Partners; Welsh Government (ICF); Powys Teaching Health Board

Time-frame; Fixed term 2 years

Future Development Planned; Following the piloting phase the intention would be to expand the service across Powys

Commissioning / Funding; Integrated Care Fund (ICF)

Evaluation / Reporting; None initiated currently but evaluation mechanisms are currently being designed to measure the outcomes. Numbers of referrals from GPs will also be monitored.

Supporting Documentation;



Activity Report -
Broker Service - Q3 2



Activity Report -
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Project Status; The project is still in the pilot stage currently

