



Social Prescribing

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Collaborating for happier communities

Definition of Social Prescribing

“a way for local agencies to refer people to a link worker. Link workers give people time, focusing on ‘what matters to me and taking a holistic approach to people’s health and wellbeing. They connect people to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support.”

Social prescribing in Walsall

At least 5 organisations:

- NHS – approx. 14 social prescribers
- whg (including partnership with MindKind) – 1 full time and 5 part time
- Making Connections – 4 social prescribers (full time)
- Wellbeing Service – due to launch Nov 2023
- Children and Families – plan to recruit 8 social prescribers

Social prescribing in Walsall

- Demand high
- Pressure on services to refer into
- Social prescribing leads group
 - Agreed a model for social prescribing across the borough and quality statements
 - Work starting to develop a shared dashboard and have agreed outcomes (including Wellbeing Outcomes Framework outcomes)
- Need for systematic promotion
- Research

Recommendations

That Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- Provide a collective voice to identify opportunities to enhance the work, profile and sustainability of social prescribing link workers and the wellbeing services they refer into.