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Dear Social Prescribing Network member,

Many thanks for your continued interest in the Social Prescribing Network. There are a number of items which members wish to circulate to the wider network, please find these included below.

Kind regards,
The Social Prescribing Network

Webinar: Social Prescribing – Making it Happen

Dan Hopewell (Bromley by Bow Centre) has asked us to circulate information about a webinar focusing on Social Prescribing, which is happening on Monday 16th May:

Evidence suggests that as little as 20% of health outcomes are attributable to the quality of clinical care. By far the most important influence on our health and wellbeing are socioeconomic factors – which account for 40% of all influence. Social prescribing is a way of linking primary care patients to sources of appropriate, non-clinical support in the community (Kinsella, 2015). [Innovation Unit](#) invites you to a webinar that explores how three different models of social prescribing work in practice to reduce demand on primary and secondary health and care services.

The webinar will be an opportunity for you to learn from others in the field about the experience of implementing and sustaining social prescribing services. You will learn about:

- the cohort of patients that these approaches can have the biggest impact on
- different approaches to evaluation and data collection
- business models for ensuring the ongoing sustainability of these projects

By participating, you will listen to the discussion and be able to submit questions to our panelists. They are experts in asset based care from Bromley-by- Bow Centre, Wigan Community Link Workers and Ways to Wellness.

Find out more and sign up at: http://eepurl.com/b0_-RT

NHS England job advertisements

Anu Singh (NHS England) has asked us to circulate details of a job search which is currently being undertaken to the network:

NHS England is currently working with patients and communities to roll out a new operating model for health and care. A social, not biomedical model - where professional staff work alongside individuals, carers, families, and social networks. We are seeking to rebalance our health system so that it empowers and enables people to be in control of their own health. In the coming months we will be strengthening our ability to make this happen through two new 'support offers' to the system:

- Supported self-management programme – this will create the right conditions for a sustainable health and care system; one that builds on people’s strengths and understands their ambitions;
- New care models, empowering patients and communities workstream – this is designed to enable the new care model vanguards to implement key person and community centred approaches. This will also drive wider system and workforce change.

We are looking for passionate, visionary and high energy people to help make this happen. We will be recruiting to a range of posts - communications, business support, leadership, policy, and programme delivery – if you know of people with the values and vision to make these lasting differences to our health system, please do forward the links below. We would love to bring together a truly diverse range of skills, approaches and experiences.

In the first instance we have already published the New Care Models roles; and will be publishing the Self Care roles in the next week. Please visit [NHS jobs](#) for current vacancies, and for the Self Care roles which will be published imminently.

Links to New Care Model roles:

- [Empowering People Workstream Lead](#)
- [Empowering People Delivery Lead](#)
- [Empowering People Delivery Partner](#)
- [Patient Involvement Manager](#)
- [Business Manager](#)
- [Empowering Patients Administrator](#)

For more information, do read my recent blog

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/2016/05/anu-singh-2/>

The Art of Commissioning Programme

Please see links below to a report which the Cultural Commissioning Programme has just published, The Art of Commissioning. This will be of value to all leaders and commissioners of services for health, wellbeing and communities who are looking to strengthen their relationships with arts and cultural organisations to deliver better outcomes.

The report shares the learning from the Cultural Commissioning Programme’s work with two commissioning partners over the past 18 months, Kent County Council and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group, both of which have embedded arts and cultural providers within their strategic planning and service delivery. It highlights the benefits of this approach and also makes a number of recommendations for improving commissioning and procurement practices to enable stronger relationships and partnerships between commissioners and the arts and cultural sector.

Links to report (full and summary) are here:

[Download the full report](#) (pdf, 2.1MB)

[Download the summary](#) (pdf, 240KB)

Kind regards,

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Mapping social prescribing in London

Our map has been updated!

Link to the [London Social Prescribing map update](#)

As part of our Regional Voices' strategic partnership work, LVSC is mapping social prescribing activities in London. We will continue to update the map every quarter over the coming year.

The map includes links to social prescribing activities in London. Each link takes you to a uniquely created page with information about and contact details of each social prescriber.

We are also working with [Healthy London Partnership](#) (HLP) to take this work forward across London. We will look at best practice and different models of social prescribing activities in London.

The map will be widely shared with the VCSE (voluntary, community and social enterprise) sector in London. We will also share it at a strategic level with commissioners, NHS England (including HLP), London Health Board, Public Health England, local authorities, [Social Prescribing Network](#) and academic institutions that are reviewing and evaluating social prescribing activities.

If you are a social prescriber, you are cordially invited to complete our survey which will inform your unique page on the map. It will also provide useful information for our work with HLP.

[Link to the survey](#)

If you know of other and emerging social prescribing initiatives not listed on the map, please email me: sandra@lvsc.org.uk. If you want to find out more about this work, please feel free to contact me as well (Monday-Wednesday till May 20th. After May 20th I will be working Tuesdays and alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays).

Please forward the map to relevant contacts and other interested parties.

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