

**Linking Leeds** is the new city-wide Social Prescribing service starting from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019, commissioned by NHS Leeds CCG. Community Links is leading a consortium of seven local partners to deliver the new service for all people 16+ registered with a GP in Leeds.

The Linking Leeds service is an additional resource to the PCN funded Link Worker roles. There are 36 WTE Link Workers (Wellbeing Coordinators) who are mapped around Primary Care Networks, with an increased focus in areas of higher deprivation; providing a service Monday to Friday (8am until 6pm) and weekend availability.

During implementation the priority is to achieve a steady state to minimise the impact on people accessing the service. Linking Leeds, alongside the GP Confederation as Strategic Partner, are adopting a phased approach to implementing the new service; continuing to work in partnership with Primary Care colleagues to develop and shape the new service.

Linking Leeds and the GP Confederation are committed to a consistent and integrated approach to the delivery of Social Prescribing in Leeds. The service wants to work closely with Primary Care Networks to adopt a collaborative approach in Leeds to support quality delivery, service integration and pathway development.

The service will work in partnership with PCN funded Link Workers to ensure a consistent and integrated approach to service delivery across the city. The Linking Leeds offer to support collaborative delivery includes support across the following areas:

- Consistent Reporting and Quality Assurance tools.
- Opportunity to shape and influence the city wide service.
- Shared culture of continuous improvement:
  - Link Worker Practice Groups
  - Forums for local people

For any queries about the new service please do not hesitate to contact Linking Leeds at [projects@inspirenorth.co.uk](mailto:projects@inspirenorth.co.uk) or contact Sue Wilkinson, Commissioning Manager at [sue.wilkinson5@nhs.net](mailto:sue.wilkinson5@nhs.net) or [rachel.mooring@nhs.net](mailto:rachel.mooring@nhs.net)

**Note:** Information on how to access the new service was included in the CCG Primary Care Bulletin (w/c 19/8/2019); with technical guidance included in the CCG Data Quality Bulletin (w/c 26/8/2019)