

SOCIAL PRESCRIBING FOR ACCREDITED REGISTERS:

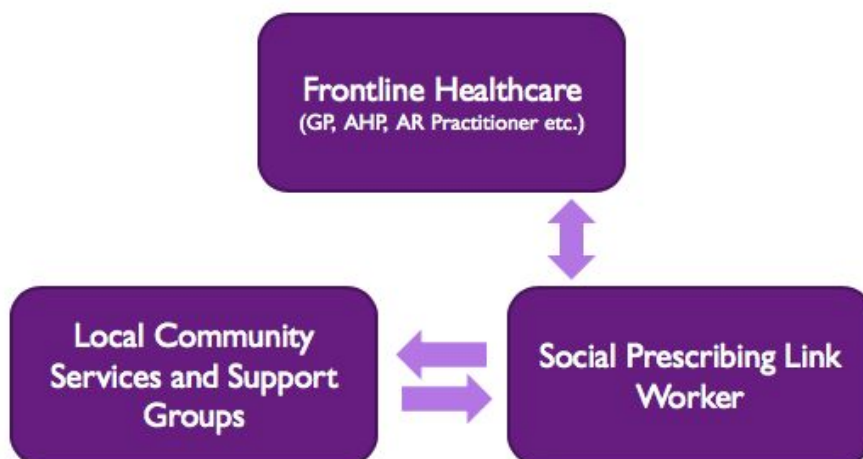
A FRAMEWORK THAT INTEGRATES COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND NON-TRADITIONAL PROVIDERS - ENABLING PATIENTS TO SELF MANAGE SOURCES OF SUPPORT WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

Definition:

Enabling healthcare professionals to refer patients to a link worker, to co-design a non-clinical social prescription to improve their health and wellbeing.

Link Workers in Social Prescribing:

Link Workers are professionals with specific training to deliver social prescribing interventions. Link Workers help their patients to access a range of local voluntary, community and social enterprise groups to which a person can be referred



The role of Accredited Register Practitioners:

AR practitioners form part of the public health workforce and they can identify people who have individual health and social needs. You are encouraged to engage with your local **Social Prescribing networks** to enhance outcomes for your patients/service users

How can AR Practitioners make referrals?

Local areas have varying models for Social Prescribing. Typically, referrals are made to a link worker by GPs, but in other areas a wider range of professionals can refer to the link worker.

What services might a link worker refer to?

Referrals may be to services that address any determinant of health. Examples include: exercise schemes, money and debt advice, social groups, arts and crafts, transport services, learning and training schemes.



<https://voluntarysupport.org.uk/social-prescribing/>

Resources and Further Reading

You can find out more about Social Prescribing via the [National Social Prescribing Network](#) which also lists information of [regional schemes](#).

The University of Westminster have produced a extensive guide titled [“Making sense of Social Prescribing”](#) that is available to view online and links to further resources.

