

For Heritage Professionals: conversation prompts for meetings with Social Prescribing Link Workers

If you are a heritage professional looking to get involved in social prescribing, meeting one of your local Social Prescribing Link Workers is important.

Here are some suggested conversation prompts for your first meeting:

- What activities and services are in most demand? Can we help with any of them?
- What types of need are you most struggling to meet through social prescribing? Are there any gaps in provision that you need support with?
- Do you have any needs as a social prescriber that we can potentially help with - e.g. hosting you within our site, co-hosting activities or services, organising events together or raising awareness?
- (If relevant) We have experience in supporting particular groups of people (for example, children with SEND, veterans with PTSD, refugees etc). Would signposting people from that group be of interest as a social prescribing project?
- Is there specific training / awareness / policy provision that is needed for our activities to be used for social prescribing? Can you offer advice on how we can access this?
- Which partners would you recommend we work with to make sure social prescribing activities can be designed and delivered in the safest way - for both participants and staff?
- Who have you worked with that we can learn from? (e.g. other organisations where you have successfully made social prescribing referrals?)
- How long is a referral on average (i.e. for how many sessions)? How can we make this offer sustainable? (e.g. is there a possibility of people who are referred taking on a volunteering role afterwards?)
- How do you capture feedback and outcomes of referrals? What do you need from us to support you with that? (If appropriate, also talk about your own evaluation and monitoring process, and see if there is a way for Link Workers to contribute towards that).

It is also a good idea to **invite the Link Worker to visit your site** and take part in the activity or project. This is the best way for them to see and understand your work. Link Workers will often be delighted to have the opportunity to do something different and experience the offer for themselves.

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