



NASP - Portfolio resources for Social Prescribing Link Workers (SPLWs)

The National Academy of Social Prescribing (NASP) has been commissioned by NHS England & Improvement (NHSEI) to develop a portfolio of resources for Social Prescribing Link Workers (SPLWs). The aim of the portfolio is to equip SPLWs with accessible and practical resources and enable them to evidence and demonstrate capabilities as set in the competency framework to evidence professional development.

What are we asking

NASP is piloting the suite of resources and looking for 2-5 SPLWs in each region to **either test the materials and/or provide general feedback on the resources with their supervisors**. We understand supervisors may not be able to test the observation sheet and so the option of any feedback on the resources will be made available.

We are particularly keen to hear from SPLWs directly employed by a PCN but also welcome other employment arrangements. NASP will send goody bags to those who confirm interest to either test or feedback on the materials.

Testing the resources

We estimate a time commitment of approximately 6-8 hours for SPLWs and 2 hours for employers/supervisors between January and February 2022, inclusive of meetings with NASP and stakeholders, testing the materials in practice and feeding back to NASP. The resources include:

- Observation Sheet and a pre-observation preparation document
- Feedback surveys for service user and wider primary care colleagues (for SPLWs to use)
- Reflection tool
- Case study templates

Feedback

An MS Forms questionnaire is being developed and will be circulated once we have confirmed a cohort of SPLWs (by late Jan 2022). For each of the materials we ask SPLWs to consider the following:

- Would you find the documents useful and easy to use? If not, why not?

- Did the materials support you in reflecting on your practice and skills? If not, why not?
- Was there anything you felt that was not included in the materials that you would find helpful?

For supervisors we ask you to consider the following:

- Does this support you in understanding the role of a SPLW?
- Do you feel better supported in understanding how a SPLW might demonstrate their skills?
- Was there anything that you felt was not included in the materials that you would find helpful?

Approach and deadline

As well as collating feedback from testing sites and general feedback, we will also invite stakeholders separately to feedback on these materials with the aim to fully collate all feedback, suggestions and necessary editing by late February/early March 2022. We envision this to be an evolving resource and there may be additional changes if needed in future.

- Deadline in confirming interest in testing the materials: **21st January 2022**
- Deadline for testing either all or some of the resources and/or feedback: **18th February 2022.**

Once interest is confirmed, NASP will send resources and arrange any meetings for clarification and guidance of use.

Please direct all potential interest and queries to Najnin Islam, Development Lead for Social Prescribing, Najnin.islam@nasp.info