

Social Prescribing Capacity Fund Information

Social prescribing helps people improve their health and wellbeing by connecting them to activities and services within the community. The Social Prescribing Capacity fund is designed to provide the sector with additional resources to support people referred through social prescribing. It will help local voluntary and community organisations to increase capacity within existing services, that are utilised by Social Prescribing Link Workers. The fund will be managed by Enable Leisure & Culture, in partnership with South West London CCG and Wandsworth Borough Council who each commission social prescribing and contribute to this fund.

About the fund:

- The funding will help increase capacity within existing services, primarily by clearing waiting lists.
- Funding is available to any service/activity provided by a Wandsworth VCS organisation that is unable to accept new referrals due to a waiting list (capacity issue).
- This includes organisations that receive referrals from other organisations or the community and is not exclusive to organisations that have waiting lists due to social prescribing referrals.
- However, priority will be given to service/activities that are requested most frequently by social prescribing participants or services that Link Workers believe will be most beneficial to their clients.
- Funding must be used to clear waiting lists and the service/activity should be able to accept new referrals within 3 months of receiving the funding.
- Funding up to £6000 is available per organisation.
- Before being awarded funding, organisations must provide a detailed plan of how they will use the funding to clear their waiting list (this is provided within an application form).
- Organisations must demonstrate a commitment to finding a sustainable solution to meeting future demand. We recommend all applicants work with the Voluntary Sector Coordination Service to develop this.
- Applications cannot be accepted for organisations that have seen no demand from Social Prescribing participants within the last 12 months. For example, if no Wandsworth Link Worker has supported a client who would be suitable for your service, then it would not be in the remit of this funding.
- Applications will open on 29th Jan 2021. Applications will remain open throughout the year and be reviewed on a monthly basis by a Funding Panel.
- Applications will close once all the funding available has allocated.
- The Funding Panel welcomes creative solutions to address capacity issues within services. There are no restrictions on how the funding can be used, providing there is evidence it will increase capacity within the service and funds are used responsibly.

Who can apply?

Organisations must be based within Wandsworth and provide support to Wandsworth residents.

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How to apply

Organisations interested in applying for funding should complete an **expression of interest form** and email it to swlccg.socialprescribing@nhs.net

The Social Prescribing Team will review the expression of interest form and contact each organisation to discuss their case further.

Following this discussion and after reviewing the information provided on the expression of interest form, the Funding Panel will assess whether your organisation is suitable for the Social Prescribing Capacity Fund.

Applications will be reviewed on a case by case basis against the following criteria:

- Current demand/pressure on the service e.g. waiting list sizes and capacity issues.
- Demand for the service from social prescribing participants e.g. the number of referrals sent by Link Workers in the last 12 months OR the number of referrals that could have been sent to your service but were not referred due to lack of capacity within the service.
- Please note, as each VCS organisation varies, applications will not be judged solely on the number of social prescribing referrals received and other factors will be taken into consideration. Social Prescribing Link Worker will also be consulted during the review process.

Organisations which the panel agree are suitable for this funding and meet the criteria will be provisionally offered funding. Organisations will then be asked to complete an application form, which will include a detailed plan of how you will use the funding to increase capacity. Funding will be allocated upon return of this form. The information provided in the application form must show clear evidence of how the organisation will use the funding for the purpose it has been allocated.

Organisations who do not meet the criteria for Social Prescribing Micro-commissioning will be offered support from The Voluntary Sector Coordination Service to explore alternative funding options.

Successful applications

You will receive an email informing you of a provisional funding offer.

This will be followed by a contractual letter that states the terms and conditions of the funding. This letter must be signed and returned via email. Your offer may be conditional based on the fulfilment of additional requirements such as a providing more details on the plan.

100% of the funding will be paid on receipt of the signed letter and fulfilment of any special conditions.

Organisations must provide evidence of increased capacity within 3 months of receiving the funding. The most effective way to report this will be determined on a case by case basis and will be agreed in the contractual letter.

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Alterations

We understand that circumstances can change from the original application. If your budget changes after submission, for example due to unexpected income increases, the amount payable will be at the discretion of the Social Prescribing Fund.

Terms and conditions for successful Wandsworth Social Prescribing Capacity Fund Applicants

Terms and Conditions:

1.	The funding must be spent for the purpose it was awarded, as described in the contractual letter.
2.	The Enable Social Prescribing Team must be provided with information about use of the funding and its impact. Provision of this information will be agreed within the contractual letter.
3.	100% of the funding will be paid up front. Organisation must provide evidence that the funding has been used to increase capacity and clear waiting lists in order to accept new referrals within 3 months.
4.	Funding must be spent to benefit 18+ adults who are Wandsworth Borough residents.
5.	Organisations must be committed to accepting people referred or signposted through social prescribing.
6.	Enable LC is unable to fund: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities which are for private gain or result in a profit being made. • Activities which promote a particular political or religious view, or any project which entices racial, religious or sexual hatred or extremism. • Core running costs or overheads (e.g. utilities or rent) unless there are exceptional circumstances. • VAT. • Budget deficits. • Endowments. • Activities which do not benefit the residents of Wandsworth. • Activities which have already taken place.

When a grant may be repaid:

7.	Enable Leisure and Culture reserve the right to require that the funding is repaid either in part or whole where (including but without limitation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • we found the funding underwrote a financial risk which was made good;
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• you cease to operate, are declared bankrupt, or are placed into liquidation or receivership;• you fail to use the funding for the purpose for which it was obtained, or fail to complete the deliver outcomes within the agreed timeline;• you fail to comply with the conditions of the funding at any time during the period of the grant; and / or• you completed the application form fraudulently or negligently. |
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