

# Supporting people

to live well in the local community

Loneliness, anxiety, mental health issues?

Problems with finances, work or relationships?

Substance misuse, inactivity or poor diet?

Struggling with long term conditions?

We can help.



Our team of link workers knows the community well. We work with other health and public services, as well as the voluntary sector, to find the correct support for people at a time when they are ready to make a change.

We can spend more time talking with people to find out what could make them happier and healthier.

We will complement any medical or other support they are receiving and plan how to take simple steps together, connecting people to:

- the right advice and guidance
- other people and services
- local groups, organisations and activities such as cooking, art, gardening, sport or social activities.

This one to one conversation is confidential and we work within each area's quality assurance processes, ensuring you are kept up to date on progress.



### Dr Jaweeda Idoo

"Our patients have challenges that we can't treat in isolation."



#### Dianne Gardner, Rochdale Borough Council

"Link workers have the time to really understand what will make a change to someone's overall health and wellbeing."



## Andy Burnham, Mayor of Greater Manchester

"We want social prescribing to be routinely offered through any public service and to become an integral part of how we do things here in Greater Manchester."

## Connecting people

into social groups and activities for issues affecting their health and wellbeing, often called



social prescribing, has been shown to reduce pressure on our health and care system - reducing the workload of health and care professionals.



## University of Westminster research suggests a 28% reduction in GP appointments

needed and 24% fewer

A&E attendances for people supported through social prescribing.

# Our lifestyles, the communities around us and our personal situation are said to affect 90% of our health and wellbeing.



66 I lost my job as a healthcare assistant because of back pain and was also trying to look after relatives. I was so stressed and depressed. My link worker helped me get a volunteer role at a charity. I'm very happy now. I've got my confidence back and feel like I'm part of the community. "



66 I really struggled when I retired. With the support of my link worker, I'm now keeping busy and feeling positive about the future. "



**Patrick** 



66 I have long-term health problems and when my husband died, I felt so isolated and lonely. With my link worker's support, I started going to activities run by local community groups. I feel happier and healthier now. "



# Glossop Health Team

We can work with people to address the issues that may be affecting their health and wellbeing.



To refer people into our social prescribing service please contact our reception team at your GP surgery and ask to be for an appointment with Janice lmrie our social prescriber Link worker

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