

Report Title	National Academy Social Prescribing Share Investment Fund
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Our Vision	
To be healthier, happier and wealthier.	
The items in this paper contribute to the following Integrated Care Partnership priorities:	
Please ✓ all applicable	
1. Start well - give our children the best start in life, supporting them and their families with problems that affect their health and wellbeing, and getting them ready to start school.	✓
2. Live well - reduce ill health and tackle inequalities across mental and physical health for people of all ages by understanding the cause of these unfair differences.	✓
3. Work well - increase ambition, aspiration and employment, with businesses supporting a healthy and stable workforce and employing people who live in the local area.	✓
4. Age well - support people to stay well in their own home, with connections to their communities and more joined up care.	✓
5. Die well - encourage all our residents to feel comfortable in talking about planning for dying, and to be well-supported when a loved one dies.	✓

Executive Summary
<p>Population Health are leading a review of social prescribing across Lancashire & South Cumbria. As part of the review the Voluntary Community Faith Sector & Enterprise (VCFSE) has been extensively engaged. The emerging picture is that whilst there has been significant investment in social prescribing link workers (SPLW) in each Primary Care Network (PCN) from various funding sources; the investment into VCFSE to support onward referrals from social prescribing (SP) has not had investment at the same level. The VCFSE sector are reporting that they are reaching crisis point in</p>

managing the workload that is received through SP and are using other organisational resources to prop this up.

This too has been recognised by National Academy of Social Prescribing (NASP) and as such they have been working closely with government and The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) to develop a longer term more sustainable solution for the VCSFE. NLCF awarded NASP a six-month grant, running from October 2023 to March 2024, to explore new models of shared investment funds for social prescribing activities. As a result, by the end of March 2024, NASP expects to be in a position to submit proposals that have been widely tested and enjoy a clear consensus across national and local organisations in health, healthcare, local government, the VCFSE, the arts, sports, leisure and the natural environment. NASP are now looking to work closely with interested Integrated Care Systems (ICS) and Integrated Care Boards (ICB) to progress solutions in line with the above. NASP have developed a proposal to be able to further develop a 'shared investment fund' with interested ICS's over the next 12 months. NASP are supporting the development of a model where the SIF could eventually comprise of funding from weighted per population at £1.80 per person (90 pence per person from Big Lottery with a potential 90 pence per person matched investment from partners). The SIF would provide a shared and structured funding framework in which this funding will be disseminated across LSC to the VCFSE.

It is important to note that neither NASP nor the co-production partners are asking specific ICPs, philanthropists or national investors such as NLCF or HM Government to commit to making an investment. The status of the report at Appendix 1, that accompanies this paper is not a bid application, seeking a yes/no decision. Instead, this report is a shared exercise in envisaging what could come to pass. With wider partners NASP have developed ideas into concrete proposals set out in the report, purely for the purpose at this stage of making a shared vision as tangible as possible, to show it is properly thought through, and to demonstrate practicability.

Please see Appendix 1 for the report and Appendix 2 for a slide deck for further detail relating to this.

Recommendations

Agreement for a decision:

The ICP Board to agree to work with NASP to progress proposals to become an early demonstrator site understanding that there are no concrete commitments at

this stage and further developments would be brought back for update / decision / commitment.