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AIIHPC Social Prescribing Workshop
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“Improving the palliative care experience across the island of Ireland”

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Workshop Overview

- Introduction to Social Prescribing
- Summary of current delivery across Ireland
- Professor David Robinson
- Professor Mary Lynch
- Panel discussion
- Session close

Social Prescribing



UK Social Prescribing Network Definition

“Social Prescribing is a means of enabling GPs and other frontline healthcare professionals to refer patients to a link worker - to provide them with a face to face conversation during which they can learn about the possibilities and design their own personalised solutions, i.e. ‘co-produce’ their ‘social prescription’- so that people with social, emotional or practical needs are empowered to find solutions which will improve their health and wellbeing, often using services provided by the voluntary and community sector”



Social Prescribing in Ireland



HSE definition

“Social prescribing is an effective means of engaging people in non-clinical activities and services in their communities in order to promote their health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities. It generally involves healthcare and other professionals referring people to a social prescribing link worker, who supports them to access local services through discussion and joint decision-making”



Social Prescribing in Northern Ireland

NI Social Prescribing Board Baseline report as of May 2022

Spring SP	13 Healthy Living Centres led by Bogside and Brandywell Health Forum	National Lottery Community Fund
Spring Enhanced Rural Project	10 rural organisations led by Derg Valley Care	Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)
Connected Community Care	A partnership between Belfast Health and Social Care Trust, GP Federations and community and voluntary organisations	Belfast Local Commissioning Group and MacMillan
IMPACTAgewell®	Mid and East Antrim Age Well Partnership working with GP practices and community pharmacies	Dunhill Medical Trust and Health and Social Care Board
Community Health Trainers	Southern Health and Social Care Trust (SHSCT) through the Verve Network	Department for Communities (DfC)
Caring Communities	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT)	South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust (SEHSCT)

Social Prescribing in Northern Ireland

Key learning:

- Alignment with the current definitions of Social Prescribing influenced by two key factors: referral sources and intensity of approach.
- Holistic Social Prescribing plus links to MDT / Primary Care
- Referral criteria – age, geography and extent of the presenting issue.
- Lack of consistency in respect of terminology and language used across projects for both staff and those engaged by Social Prescribing services.
- In more integrated models there appears a greater likelihood for access to resources that enables ‘money to follow the patient’ although this could be enhanced significantly.

Social Prescribing in Northern Ireland



Current situation:

Spring no longer funded

Other models still in operation

NI Social Prescribing Board is not meeting



HSE Social Prescribing Framework

- A common approach for the delivery of social prescribing within the HSE
- Designed to support those involved in the delivery of HSE funded Social prescribing services.



Mainstreaming social prescribing
in partnership with community &
voluntary organisations.



Social prescribing pathway

INTEGRATION, SYNERGY, COMMUNICATION & FEEDBACK



MONITORING, EVALUATION AND GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

HSE Delivery Model & Implementation

- Slaintecare Healthy Communities Initiative will provide sustainable long-term funding for social prescribing in targeted areas of disadvantage
- Implementation started in 2021 with 19 sites – 47 HSE-funded sites by the end of 2023.



All Ireland Social Prescribing Network



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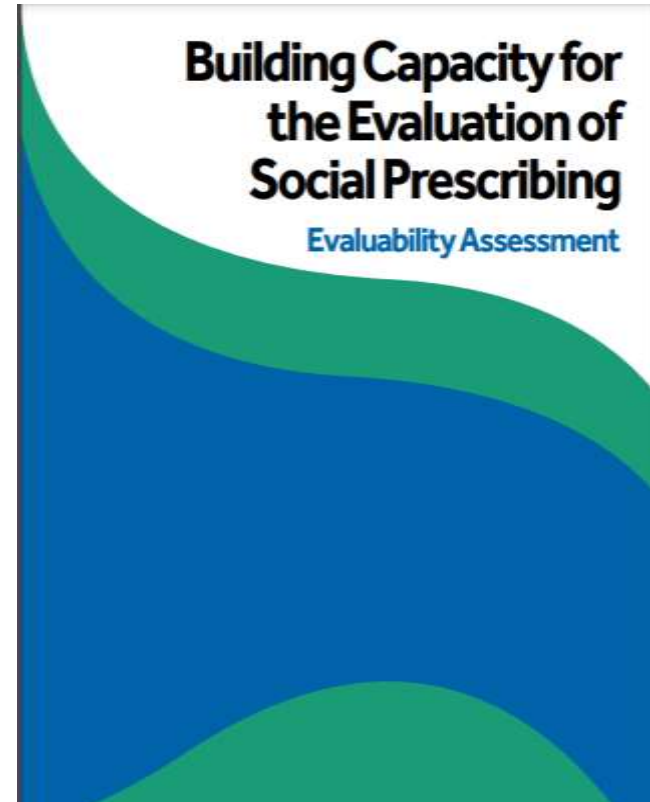
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EVALUATION

- Minimum outcomes related to personal wellbeing & social connectedness
- Qualitative data
- Procurement of a digital software platform to support the collection of output and outcome data to commence



Summary



- Opportunities for palliative care
 - Links to in-house, home based and community care
 - Complementary and adds value
 - Requires planning, resource and leadership
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