

Regional Social Prescribing Development Board

Call for Expressions of Interest for the Role of Co-Chair

A Regional Social Prescribing Development Board is being established by the Health & Social Care Board (HSCB) and the Public Health Agency which will be co-chaired by the Director of Integrated Care at the HSCB and a senior leader from the Community & Voluntary Sector.

Expressions of Interest for the Co-chair role are welcomed from those who can demonstrate that they meet the criteria below

- Are currently employed by a voluntary, community or social enterprise organisation
- Have at least 5 years' experience at a senior management level within the Community & Voluntary sector
- Have experience as Chair of a cross sectoral working group or Board
- Have experience of managing conflicts of interest
- Have a strong understanding of the Community & Voluntary and public sector environments in NI
- Have the support of their employing organisation to take up this role

Please email expressions of interest and the declaration of interests to Lorna.Marshall@hscni.net using the templates attached by 5pm on Friday 9th of October 2020.

Additional Information

The Co-Chairs will be required to work together across organisational and professional boundaries to provide leadership and support to the establishment and work of the Development Board.

The Co-Chairs will be in place for an initial two year term and the commitment is likely to involve

- 4 Development Board Meetings per year
- A monthly meeting of Co-chairs and Support staff
- Other related work (one day per month)

It is expected that the commitment should not exceed 20 days per year.

Support available

The Directorate of Integrated Care ICP support team will provide business support to the work of the development board.

The Co-Chair's employing organisation can claim time and travel expenses back at the ICP Community & Voluntary sector rate of reimbursement; (£78 for a half day/ 4 hour session)

Expressions of interest using the template provided should be submitted by email to the Director of Integrated Care email: lorna.marshall@hscni.net by 5pm on Friday 9th of October. The declaration of interest's template should also be submitted.

Process of Selection

- A selection panel* will be convened by the Director of Integrated Care to review expressions of interest received and to agree who best meets the criteria
- If agreement cannot be reached the selection Committee will invite applicants for interview
- The candidate who is deemed to best meet the criteria will be offered the role of Co-Chair for a term of two years.

**The selection panel will be convened after the expressions of interest have been received and will include the Director of Integrated Care, the Programme Director Integrated Care and two members of the ICP Third Sector Steering Group.*

Social Prescribing - Background Information

Social Prescribing is defined by the UK Social Prescribing Network as 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.

A number of social prescribing type services have developed in NI over the last number of years and they are increasingly seen as an important way to provide a more person centred and effective approach to improving an individual's health and wellbeing and to have the potential to reduce pressures in primary care while making best use of resources across the system.

The senior management teams of the HSCB and PHA agreed a proposal in November 2019 to establish a Regional Social Prescribing Development Board.

It was agreed that this Development Board would take a co- design and co-production approach to working with the wide range of stakeholders, including across government departments to provide regional leadership and co-ordination of effort in relation to social prescribing.

The Board will develop and agree a work plan to address the priorities areas already identified** and to provide recommendations with regard to the development of social prescribing in NI.

The Social Prescribing Development Board will be co-chaired by the HSCB Director of Integrated Care and a senior leader from the Community & Voluntary sector, to be identified through an open expression of interest process.

**Report from Regional Social Prescribing Workshop 2019

<http://www.hscboard.hscni.net/download/PUBLICATIONS/icps/publications/Report-Social-Prescribing-Workshop-16th-January-2019-FINAL-for-Circulation.pdf>