

SOCIAL PRESCRIBING LAUNCH EVENT - Q & A

Janet Wheatley

Q1. Has the CCG committed to long term funding?

- A. *Yes the CCG has made a commitment towards funding. The Project started off as a pilot in 2012 in the Rotherham area with 12 GP surgeries involved and was successful enough to secure funding until 2018. All 28 GP practices in Rotherham have signed up.*

Note : (Janet's DVD link to be sent to all attendees)

Q2. Have there been any incidents of domestic violence arising and what actions were taken?

- A. *We may have come across domestic violence, just because I have not heard about it doesn't mean we haven't. I am happy to find out and report back on this.*

Krishna

Q3. Can we refer direct or do we have to go through the GP?

- A. *It is very health driven at the moment coming from Laindon and Pitsea areas. We will be working with patients who have identified they want to improve their own health and wellbeing. (There is a range of voluntary sector providers we are working with at the moment who we can utilise - Dave Fazey).*

Q4. Is it the hope of the CCG and partners on this project that it would be possible for SP to be expanded across the wider CCG area?

- A. *We are quite early in the process at the moment. Numbers at Rotherham can be achieved with local rollout in the future.*

Transformation is all about not looking only at individual services but rather looking at it all as a whole and how it all works.

Relationships - SP driven relationships are at the heart of how we are going to change the system. The third sector is there so we need to use it to find out how to access.

We need to be working together to look at sustainability to take forward.

Q5. Can you give a scenario of someone going to the GP and how they pick up from the patient how they would benefit from SP?

A. The way it works in Rotherham, the referrals come from the GP rather than the patient. There is a risk stratification measurement which applies and the patient must be in the top 3-5% of this rule otherwise the referral cannot be taken. For mental health issues, the referral comes from the Mental Health Trust who have specific defined areas which are used.

After saying that, it does not mean they are not getting referrals direct from patients, because they are and as a result are working out how to deal with it.

John Leslie

Q6. How would the GP case manage it?

A. It varies, the GP is the lead for the case management. All GPs are the lead at GP multi disciplinary team meetings held. They are constantly referring, as are the social workers, district nurses and other health professionals.