Developing and Supporting Social Prescribing Link Workers

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Complex Landscape of Link Workers roles (LWs)

Social Prescribing Link Workers

Health Trainers

Health Coaches

MH nurses, community matrons

Care navigators
## Implications of changes in healthcare system for LWs

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<th>Traditional health system</th>
<th>Integrated healthcare system</th>
<th>Implications for role of Link Workers</th>
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<td>Diagnose and treat (Bio-medical)</td>
<td>Prevent, manage LTCs (Bio-medical and psychosocial)</td>
<td>Wide range of skills needed; tackling health inequalities; Counselling, coaching</td>
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<td>Primary and secondary care</td>
<td>Communities/home; VCSE</td>
<td>In-depth knowledge of VCSE sector</td>
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<td>Health and social separate</td>
<td>Integrated (e.g. LW, GP, VCSE), collaborative</td>
<td>Holistic (health and social, non-clinical)</td>
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<td>People recipient of care</td>
<td>People are partners, self-care with the right support</td>
<td>Flexible to the needs of users (light touch/in-depth support)</td>
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Development needs of LWs

Training (Level 3 Cert, Connect Link, Health trainers and health coaching)

Link worker network
- Recognise their input
- Share good practice and challenges

Funding
- Regular skills upgrade
- Clinical supervision
- Safeguarding
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING

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