

Social Prescribing Commissioner Workshop, 16 April 2019

Meeting Details	Name of Meeting: Social Prescribing Commissioner Workshop Date of Meeting: 16 April 2019 Third Sector Rep: David Smith, Cross Gates Good Neighbours
Key Issues / Themes / Messages	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The workshop was hosted for the Yorkshire & Humber region by NHS England staff from London. The aim was to explain and promote the new role of Social Prescribing Link Worker that is associated with the new Primary Care Networks (PCNs) as part of the new NHS GP Contract.2. The PCNs are to be formed from groups of GP practices covering populations of 30,000 to 50,000. Each PCN will be provided with new money to recruit a Social Prescribing Link Worker. These new positions will be additional to all existing arrangements.3. Unlike most current social prescribing, signposting or care navigator functions, the Social Prescribing Link Workers will if necessary invest much more time with individual patients, making multiple home visits, establishing care plans, and promoting self-management and personalised care.4. NHS England expects each Clinical Commissioning Group and its PCNs to create a shared local plan for social prescribing by June 2019, building on what's already present. There should be a commitment to involve and support wider service providers such as third sector groups, even the smallest ones.
Key Actions of Third Sector Representative	Note the desire of NHS England that third sector groups be included and supported in delivering social prescribing.