

Regional Learning Coordinator - Request for Expressions of Interest

NHS England/NHS Improvement and their Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) partners are seeking expressions of interest for Regional Learning Coordinator associates in each NHS region (London, South East, South West, North East and Yorkshire, North West, East, and Midlands). These associate roles will facilitate learning opportunities for social prescribing link workers at both a regional level and Integrated Care System (ICS)/ Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) level.

How will it work?

These are associate roles, providing a learning development service to the NHS over a period of 8 months, from August 2019 to March 2020. There is a daily fee of £500 per day, plus expenses, for a total number of days depending on the region (see table)

	Total Days	Indicative days per month	Indicative days per week
London	50	6	1.5
South East	60	8	2
South West	70	9	2
North East & Yorkshire	50	6	1.5
North West	40	5	1
East	50	6	1.5
Midlands	120	15	3.5

The Regional Learning Coordinators will be hosted by a CCG within their region and supported nationally by NHS England. As these are associate roles, Coordinators will work from home and undertake regular travel across their regions, to facilitate regular learning events for social prescribing link workers.

Deliverables:

Each Regional Learning Coordinator will provide learning opportunities for social prescribing link workers across their region by:

- Organising a minimum of 2 regional learning events, in partnership with NHS England and other partners, including bringing in specialist trainers
- Facilitating a minimum of 2 informal peer support/ learning sessions for link workers in each of the ICS/STP areas within your region
- Facilitating peer support through 2 regional webinars for link workers
- Linking with other partners in regions, encouraging them to support link workers and invest in link worker learning

Why these associate roles are needed?

As part of the NHS Long-Term Plan, social prescribing link workers are currently being recruited to multi-disciplinary teams within Primary Care Networks across England. Over 1,000 trained social prescribing link workers will be in place by the end of 2020/21 rising further by 2023/24, with the aim that over 900,000 people are able to be referred to social prescribing schemes by then. Social prescribing link workers connect people to community groups and services. They are based in GP practices, take referrals from local agencies and support people on 'what matters to them', creating tailored plans and introducing people to groups, especially where people struggle to make their own connections. Social prescribing is part of a commitment to make personalised care business as usual across the health and care system. Personalised care means people have choice and control over the way their care is planned and delivered, based on 'what matters' to them and their individual strengths and needs.

Who should be interested in these associate roles?

We are looking for individuals with experience of providing, managing or developing social prescribing services, ideally with experience of delivering training to link workers or staff in similar roles. To be successful in this associate role, you must have a passion and commitment to social prescribing, community-based support and helping people to learn and develop. Excellent training, facilitation and teamwork skills are essential, as is the ability to build and foster relationships with key partners across the region. You will support link workers to cope with the challenges of their roles and help them to connect with each other, for peer support. You will play a key role in equipping link workers with the skills and confidence to succeed in their roles, by providing quality learning opportunities.

Deadline for applications: Monday 10th June

Interview dates: 17th June-17th July

Please return application forms to: england.socialprescribing@nhs.net or contact this address for further details