

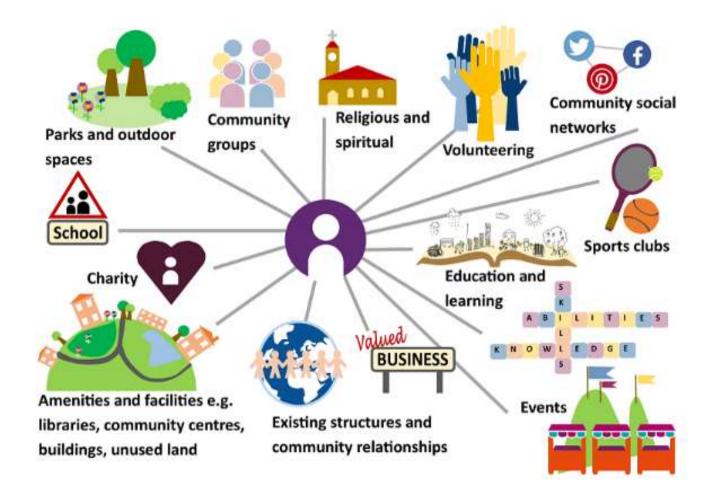








# What is Social Prescribing?



# A Sefton residents experience of Social Prescribing



# Why is Social Prescribing important?

- Around one in five GP visits are for non-medical problems.
- Medical intervention alone is unlikely to improve health outcomes.
- Positive mental health outcomes







" I didn't know things like this existed, it's just a brilliant thing to be able to ask your GP for other types of help rather than sticking you on more tablets"





### Potential positive economic impacts of Social Prescribing

- 40% reduction in GP visits for people referred to social prescribing after three months. Another found a 33% reduction.
- A study of over 8,000 people with type 2 diabetes found that social prescribing reduced secondary care costs by £77.57 per patient per year.
- Social prescribing schemes can deliver between £2.14 and £8.56 for every £1 invested (Social Return on Investment).

# **The Team**

#### 1 Care Coordinator, 6 Link Workers and 1 Senior Link Worker





## The Southport and Formby Social Prescribing experience

- Person centred conversations- what matters to them
- Time to listen- up to an hour for initial appointments and up to 12 weeks of support
- Personalised appointment options- telephone, out in the community, walk and talks, home visit, GP clinics
- Support to identify goals
- Knowledge of services or groups that the person may want to access
- Empowering people to access support- helping them take the first step





Shopping support at Brighter Living Partnership

# **Case Studies**



#### MICHAEL

## **Case Studies**



#### JOY

"I have a right to take time out for me. I'm not just a mum, I'm not just a nanny, I'm not just a friend but I am a human being who needs to move on with her life."

## Thank-you and questions

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