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Newsletter 2025



Social Prescribing Day 2025 ~ 19.03.2025

This year social prescribing day took place on 19th March 2025. The day is about raising awareness of what social prescribing is and the impact it has on the communities it serves. Up and down the country events are held to highlight the work of social prescribing. Here at Greater Derby PCN, we joined forces with the rest of the social prescribers in Deby city and came together for a peer support networking session. It was the first one of its kind in Derby city and provided the opportunity for social prescribers to have meaningful discussions with others who were doing the same job as them and share ideas about engaging communities and supporting patients. It was also a chance to share and promote good practice, so patients receive the right support in helping them.

Social prescribers from Derby City North, Derby City South, PCCO Lister house and Oakdale PCN joined social prescribers from Greater Derby PCN for a peer support networking session at Harrisons Hub, Pride Park. The aim of the session was to network with our peers but also to discuss common themes such as Mental Health, inappropriate referrals, safeguarding, domestic violence and the loss of some community services due to a lack of funding. The session was valuable and provided a framework for networking peer support sessions for the future.





Cancer Support

After the success of the cancer support focus group session, it was found that people wanted a group where they can meet with others that are going through a cancer diagnosis. A space where they can come together, support each other and have a chat in a relaxed nonjudgmental setting.

Greater Derby PCN can now announce that a regular group will be starting in June, this will be free to attend and open to anyone over the age of 18, with a cancer diagnosis in the last 5 years and their carers.

Falls Prevention

Falls are not an inevitable part of aging. If a person has a fall, it can have a devastating impact on their lives. They may be nervous of going out and become isolated and not take part in groups or other activities they would normally do. The impact on family can also be hard as they become more reliant on family and friends for tasks, such as shopping or being taken out to places. However, there are things that can be done to help prevent the risk of falling.

The poster explains some steps which can be taken.

There is also a video which can help with actions a person can take to help to reduce the risk https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnLXiJzYmEQ

What can we do to	Help Prevent Falls?	
Medication	Have a regular medication review, ask your pharmacy if any medication, or combination of medication you are taking will put you at risk of a fall. You can have a medication review at your local chemist.	 > Livewell livewell@derby.gov.uk > Adult Social Care Support 01332 640777
Exercise	Regular exercise will help you maintain strength and balance. Every adult should aim for 150 minutes a week of aerobic exercise and 75 minutes of streangth exercise. Activities like gardening, waking carrying shopping all count towards your total	 Handy Van 01332 640163, home.repairs@derby.gov.uk Housing Options 01332 88877, housing.options@derby.gov.uk Healthy Housing Hub 01332 640337, healthyhousing@derby.gov.uk
Hearing and Eye tests	These are important to make sure you know what is happening in your immediate area. We rely on our senses to keep us safe; you can get your sight and hearing assessed at many opticians	 Warmer Derby & Derbyshire 0800 6771332, wdd@mea.org.uk Healthy Chats; healthychats.co.uk/our-chatters/
Clothing and footwear	Loose and baggy clothing can be a falls risk. More important are correct fitting shoes and slippers. Shoes and Slippers that flop on your feet or are ill fitting are a falls risk	 Strength and balance exercise. Forever Active movemore@derby.gov.uk Care Link or Falls Response Service
Housing, Clutter and well fitted aids	Check for cords that are easily accessible, they may be a trip hazard. Look at rugs, do they lay flat? Is there a clear walkway? If you have handrails fitted, are they secure? Do you need others fitting to help get in and out the bath or house	 01332 642203, carelink@derby.gov.uk Community Hub 01332 346266, support@communityactionderby.org.uk Joined up care self-referral joinedupcarederbyshire.co.uk/self-referral/
Being more social	People who join groups tend to be more active,	Safe and well check – Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service 01332 777850, SouthAreaAdmin@derbys-fire.gov.uk
Reduce laying or sitting.	The adage Use it or lose it, is true if we don't move and use our muscles, we will lose our strength and balance	

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The Markeaton Coffee Group



No booking just turn up! Every Thursday 11am - 12:30pm For more information, call Ellie on 07931 830398 Spondon Coffee Group Spondon Liberal Club



Every Monday 12:30pm-2pm (excluding bank holidays) For more information call Rebecca on 07950279809

Mickleover Next Door Neighbours Coffee Group



No booking just turn up! Every Wednesday 11am - 12:30pm For more information, call Jane on 07950 275890

Social Prescribing Groups in The Community

Mickleover Men's Group

Men- aged 30-60

Meet @ Mickleover Memorial Hall, Station Road, DE23 9GH.

For more information call Jane on

07950275890

Holly Court Coffee Morning Meet every Friday 10 - 12pm @ Holly Court Community

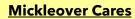
Centre For more information, call Jane on 07950 275890



Social Prescribing working with Phoenix Futures Drug & Alcohol Recovery Services have a drop in every Thursday 1pm-4pm, Max Road, Chaddesden, Derby.



Derbyshire Healthcare



New joint initiative with Derby City Council and Social Prescriber (Jane) to deliver a pop-up session various health topic's, in the library once a month. Various organisations attend to show case their services and of course there is a cuppa and a biscuit and a chance to talk to your local Social Prescriber.

Some of the topics they have already covered include:

- Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes
- Living Well
- Preparing for Winter
- SEND Support



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Christmas and Spring Charity Donations

The Social Prescribing team had another successful Christmas collection in December 2024, with a total of 17 bags of food, 14 bags of clothes and £30 cash donation. This was gratefully received by Food4Thought, a Derby based charity that supports patients with food parcels, employment and financial support.

Whilst they are inundated with donations at Christmas time, they particularly struggle for donations in the summer months. As team, we decided to have another Spring collection, and dropped off 3 trolleys full of food and clothing donations.

It really means a lot to Food4thought and will benefit a lot of local patients who need the support.









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Long Term Pain Support in the Community

Chronic Pain Peer Support Group

Are you struggling with Chronic Pain? Caused by conditions such as Fibromyalgia, Arthritis or Neurogenetic pain. The support group is here to help share experiences and offer support when needed.

Fairdene Court, Lowerdale Road, Derby, DE23 6XE

Every other Thursday 10:30am-12 noon

For more information, please contact: Shabana on 07539775510

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Rebecca House, Uttoxeter Old Road, DE1 1GF

Every other Tuesday 12 noon - 1:30pm For more information, please contact: Jane: 07950 275890 Sean: 07376 476949





















