

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Health & Wellbeing Board
Date: 13th September 2024
Report for: Information/Decision
Report of: Programme Director for Health and Care

Report Title

Social Prescribing in Trafford - Health and Wellbeing Board

Purpose

The report provides an overview of a recent review and ongoing strategic work into Social Prescribing and related roles within Trafford.

This review is in line with the GM Joint Forward Plan mission “Strengthening our communities” and the need to strengthen visibility and governance within such roles and build on best practice. In meeting these aims, a Social Prescribing Steering Group was recently established identifying and prioritising current needs and risks. This group identified the current most pressing need as a contingency regarding the cessation of the electronic recording system used by social prescribers (Elemental) in March 2025. In response to this, an Elemental Task and Finish group has been established to identify if professionals and key stakeholders want to continue to fund the use of Elemental, and what alternative options are available regarding recording software past March 2025.

Recommendations

The Board are asked to:

1. To note the progress to date.
2. Support a collaborative solution to the cessation of Elemental.
3. Agree to the final report being presented again at a future meeting.
4. Support the identification of dedicated leadership for the continuation of the social prescribing work to address outlined short, medium and long-term priorities.

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