



Beacon Service

Social Prescribing Support Health & Social Care

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What is Social Prescribing

Non-clinical support services provided by local voluntary organisations, community and faith groups and charities in Bury

‘A clear, coherent and collaborative process in which healthcare practitioners work with patients and service users to select and make referrals to community based services.’ (Langford et al, 2013)



Introduction

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Social Prescribing support
for Health & Social Care

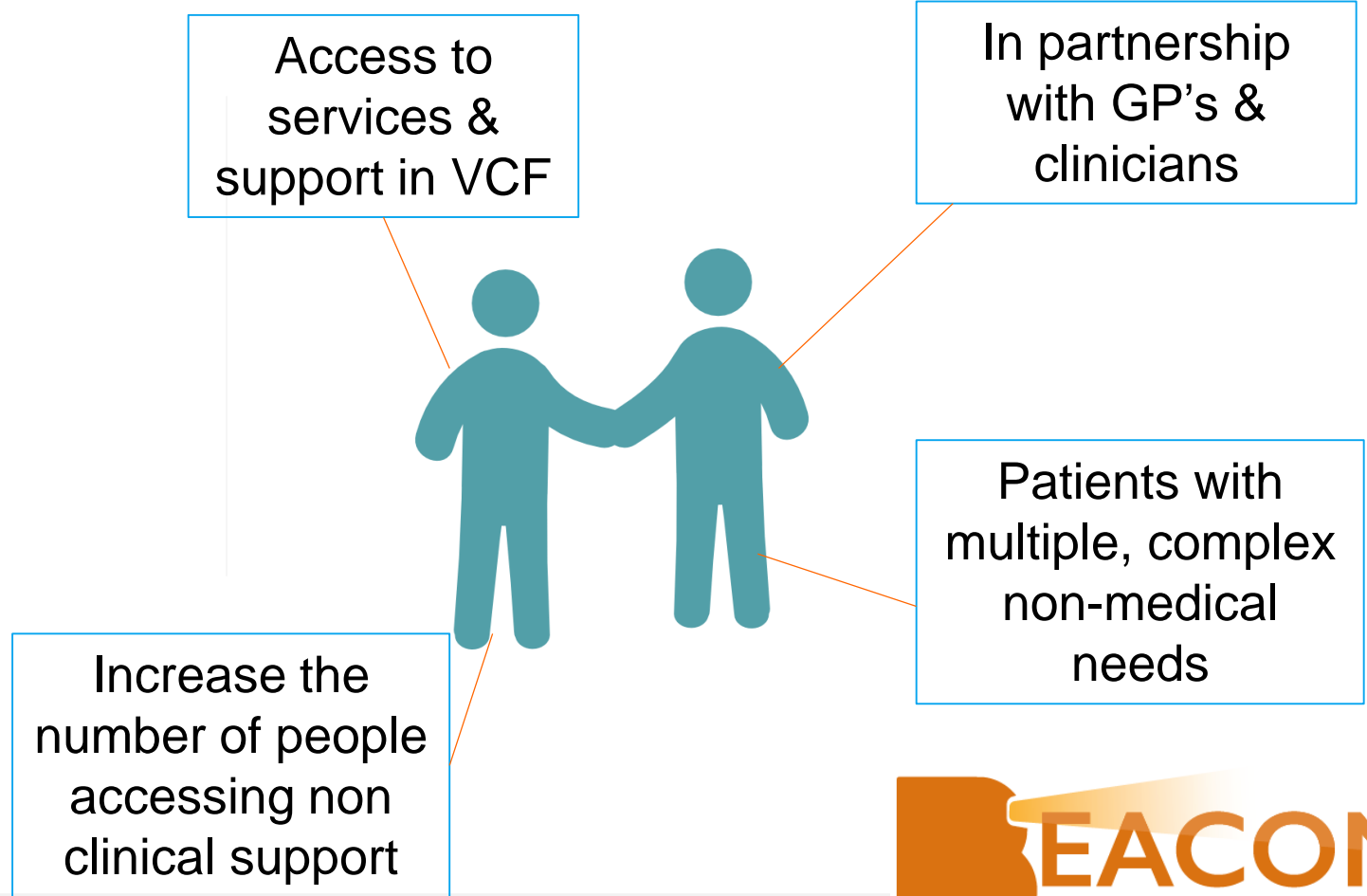




Social Prescribing

Social Prescribing will reduce:

- Pressure on primary and secondary care services
- Repeat appointments
- A&E attendances
- Secondary care referrals
- Bed blockages
- Prescriptions
- Clinical referrals





Further Outcomes

Impact on the person

- feels more in control and able to manage their own health and wellbeing
- is more physically active
- is better able to manage practical issues, such as debt, housing and mobility
- is more connected to others and less isolated or less lonely.

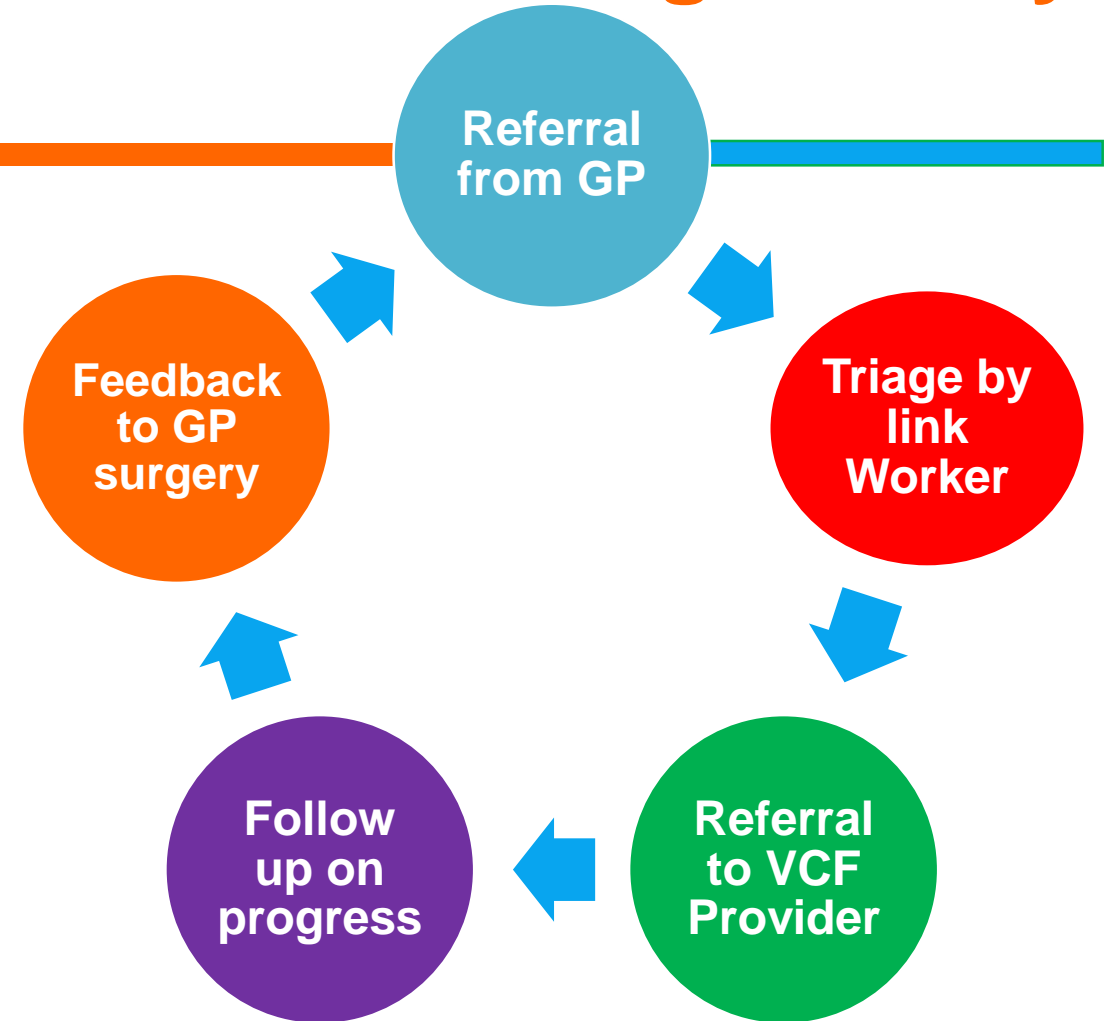
Impact on community groups

- Annual survey VCFA members – VCF groups covering
 - Impact of taking social prescribing referrals.
 - No of volunteers, engaged in Social Prescribing
 - No of VCF groups involved in social prescribing
 - Funds/funding secured to build capacity and/or sustainability



Social Prescribing Journey

- Collate referrals from GP's, secondary care and self referrals
- Triage each patient and identify needs and concerns
- Sign-post to the most appropriate provider in the VCF and follow up
- Motivate and encourage take up of opportunities
- Track via Simply Connect platform
- Feedback to surgery



How it works



Link worker receives referral from GP's, clinicians and self referrals

The patient will be contacted within 2 days to arrange their initial assessment

Triage by Link Worker of patients to support needs and generate a bespoke social prescription

Social prescription discussed and given to the patient and a copy to the relevant VCF group(s)

Follow up 2 days after the consultation to ensure take up of the support and again after 7 -10 days to monitor progress

Further action as needed – further referral VCF or discharge and feedback to GP



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