

**Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board
21st September 2022**

Report Topic:	Social prescribing and Chaplaincy at Cape Hill Medical Centre.
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Link to board priorities	<p>Please include in your report how your work links to one or more of our board priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will help keep people healthier for longer 2. We will help keep people safe and support communities 3. We will work together to join up services 4. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services
Purpose of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Illustrate the significant influence of social prescribing in the management of health care delivery in a practice in Smethwick – Cape Hill Medical Centre
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a social prescribing strategy for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council. • Understand what is happening across the whole of Sandwell
Key Discussion points:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of the social prescribing model at Cape Hill Medical centre with illustration of how it impacts client’s health and wellbeing and it can be instrumental in getting services to work together for the good of the client. • It has provided an opportunity for CHMC to explore how a health centre can become the pivotal centre for health in a community.

Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)	
<p>The idea is to create a system that is sustainable within the community and does not rely on continuous funding streams over and above the funding provided to the practice to employ social prescribers through the PCN DES.</p> <p>Some start-up funding grants may be required.</p>	
What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?	<p>Ongoing client referrals from the GP's to the SP service.</p> <p>Ongoing projects to improve health care access through qualitative, organic idea sharing with practice clients to identify areas where the health community concept and practice can help to break down barriers and provide more equitable access to healthcare for all clients.</p>

