



On 6th April we joined the network of social prescribers on the Isle of Wight. The session was led by Dr Isaacs (GP and WCA advisor) and Alison Pearce (an experienced social prescriber from One Wight Health), with the support of Steph Heath and Lucy Pickup from WCA. The focus of the morning was how this group could support a primary care team-based approach to providing holistic cancer care reviews.



Alison and David wanted to be able to support social prescribers who may be asked play a role in non-clinical support for cancer care reviews – today’s session was as part of this support offer providing an opportunity for training and discussion about cancer and the value cancer care reviews provide for people. Plus, there was cake (lots of cake, because we know how to win a crowd).

Lucy provided training on using ‘very brief advice’ principles to support smoking cessation and Steph introduced a new CCR care plan, which had been specially adapted for supporting this work. The social prescribing network on the Isle of Wight have kindly agreed to trial this document and feedback their experience at a follow up meeting.



### What did people say about the session?

“useful information – succinct”

“useful handouts – I will explore the WCA website”

“very good session”



### How did the group feel the session would change their practice?

- Creating a process/flow for continuity within the team
- Change to how they initially contact people with cancer (from text to template invite letter)
- Better understanding of QoF
- I will use very brief advice training more frequently

### So what next?

WCA are keen to follow this group's progress to learn from their experience of supporting cancer care reviews and using a care planning document to capture these supportive conversations and plans.

A follow up meeting is planned where we hope to hear back from this group about using the CCR care plan. This will help us to develop good practice guidance and to continue to refine the care planning document based on user experience (both health care professionals and people with cancer).

### Is this available for social prescribers in other parts of Wessex?

Yes – we would like to offer this training to other areas and will be planning future sessions in 2022. If you would like to arrange training for your team/locality please contact us via [Stephanie.heath5@nhs.net](mailto:Stephanie.heath5@nhs.net) - we would love to hear from you. There is no costs for teams wanting training as. WCA are keen to support teams to expand their skills and learning about new ways of delivering support.

### Is there an equivalent for other roles (e.g. Practice nurses, primary care AHPs) who support CCRs?

Yes – this is part of a wider Wessex Cancer Alliance support package focused on CCRs. We will be releasing further information about this wider support offer shortly – watch this space!

