Green social prescribing: application form for

‘test and learn’ sites

Partnerships interested in applying to be a ‘test and learn’ site are asked to use this template. Should you wish to apply for the Greater Manchester (GM) wide initiatives element of the programme, this is to be submitted on a different form. You are able to apply for one of the two options or both.

You should address each of the following criteria within the stated maximum word count. This word limit excludes any pictures or diagrams embedded in the text and any references. Content that exceeds the maximum word count will not be considered. Hyperlinks embedded in the text will not be followed. In addition to the word count, the weighting that will be applied to each section is provided in this template.

A set of frequently asked questions is available to help to support you in your application. Please do read this prior to completing your application.

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# Your details

Name of lead voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE) organisation:

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Name of lead contact, role and email address:

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# Your application

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| **Are you** | **Please tick** |
| Applying to be a ‘test and learn’ site only? |  |
| Applying to be both a ‘test and learn’ site and for the Greater Manchester wide initiatives? |  |

# Evidence of a clear understanding of the green social prescribing programme and what it is aiming to deliver

1. Demonstrate your understanding of how your local initiative will fit into the broader green social prescribing programme across Greater Manchester.
2. Explain how you will ensure that green social prescribing remains embedded beyond the lifetime of this project.
3. Explain how you propose to make your model sustainable within the community and how you will continue to develop and expand it beyond March 2023.
4. Demonstrate your commitment and expertise in developing green community activity within the local partnership, including the range of provision and the process for referral.

This section carries a weighting of 15% of the total.

(max 500 words)

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# Addressing Covid-19, deprived communities and health inequalities

1. Explain how you have identified communities with high levels of deprivation, health inequality and/or Covid-19 impact. This should include details of targeting groups who have disproportionate risk of developing mental health problems, such as people from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds and people with low socioeconomic status, and how you will target these communities.
2. Describe how your proposed project supports those who are experiencing (or more likely to experience) mental health difficulties and how this could potentially be scaled up for implementation across Greater Manchester.
3. Explain the ambition, reach and potential impact of your site’s work and how you will track progress on the delivery of outputs and measurement of outcomes, either quantitatively, qualitatively or both.
4. Describe how your partnership will engage relevant communities (some examples of which are in (a) above), including those who may have particular challenges in accessing support.

This section carries a weighting of 25% of the total.

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# System and partnership approach and methodology

1. Give details of each partnership organisation included in your project (eg statutory, link workers/providers, grass roots organisations), how they have been engaged so far and what they will contribute to your local project and the broader green social prescribing programme across Greater Manchester.
2. Propose how you will seek to maximise involvement and partnership working with the identified stakeholders.
3. Explain the governance and reporting arrangements and how you will ensure that the local partnership works cohesively together.
4. Outline how your partnership is rooted in the community to create a place-based partnership.

This section carries a weighting of 25% of the total.

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# Relevant experience and ability to deliver

1. Describe your current activity in respect of social prescribing – green and other – and how you plan to build on this in your community.
2. Provide a high-level overview of your plans to commence the project from March 2021 and how you propose to resource this, including any existing capacity that may be used.
3. Outline your expertise and experience in delivery of nature-based activities and how this is grown in a sustainable way to ensure it is valued: VCSE, schemes, systems and how projects work with volunteers.
4. Demonstrate your skills and experience in community and volunteer development
5. Identify a high-level of the indicator of the total funding requested and what this would be used for in the table provided.

This section carries a weighting of 20% of the total.

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**Project costs**

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| **Funding requested** | | |  |
| **Item** | **Cost (£)** | **Brief description of item** |  |
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| **Total Funding Requested (A):** | **£0.00** |  |  | | |  |
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| **Income**  **(please include any match or in‑kind resources)** | | |  | |
| **Item** | **Cost (£)** | **Brief description of item** |  | |
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| **Total Match Contributions (B):** |  |  |  | |

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| **Summary of Costs** | **Cost (£)** |  |
| Total Funding Requested (A): |  |  |
| Total Match Contributions (B): |  |  |
| **Total Project Costs:** |  |  |

# Greater Manchester Green Social Prescribing Delivery Model (test and learn sites)

1. Greater Manchester test and learn sites will be expected to deliver projects that will:

* Engage with or lead on GM wide initiatives.
* Test and learn practical techniques for engaging and increasing green social prescribing access for cohort groups.
* Train and develop link workers on the benefits of green initiatives.
* Map green resources and have methods to increase the quality and volume of activity in this area.
* Maximise investment by aligning local community grants and other funding of green destination themes that will aid the delivery of green community activity in a sustainable way.
* Invest in community and volunteer development and infrastructure around green initiatives.
* Align existing assets and resources such as staff, parks and allotments to support this project and commit to this for the long term.

Identify which of the above elements are applicable to your project and how you will deliver them.

This section carries a weighting of 15% of the total.

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1. Which of the Greater Manchester localities will your project cover?

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| **Locality** | **Please tick as many as apply** |
| 1. Bolton |  |
| 1. Bury |  |
| 1. Manchester |  |
| 1. Oldham |  |
| 1. Rochdale |  |
| 1. Salford |  |
| 1. Stockport |  |
| 1. Tameside & Glossop |  |
| 1. Trafford |  |
| 1. Wigan |  |
| 1. All localities |  |

1. Please specify below the location of the sites included in your project:

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Signature of lead (on behalf of the project)

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