



Voluntary Action Rotherham (VAR) is the lead body for supporting, developing and promoting the voluntary and community sector in the Rotherham Borough. Our role is to support and develop effective action to bring about positive change in the lives of individuals and communities in the local area.

We are looking to recruit the following additional posts to work within Rotherham's Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to complement the existing social prescribing service.

### **Link Worker – Social Prescriber**

*Salary: £23,864 per annum*

As a Link Worker - Social Prescribing, you will be responsible for providing personalised support to individuals referred by the Primary Care Network (PCN), to help and empower them to improve their health, wellbeing and independence. The successful candidate will work within a specific PCN area and focus on areas of need and patient cohorts, working intensively with individuals to determine "what matters to them most".

Forging strong links with local voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations, community and neighbourhood level groups to utilise their networks and existing services, you will also be responsible for supporting local partners and commissioners to develop new groups and services where needed. A key part of this role will be to encourage others to provide peer support and volunteering in order to build their skills and confidence, develop new support groups and strengthen community resilience.

As well as having experience of working within the VCS in a paid or voluntary capacity, the successful candidate must have an understanding of the wider determinants of health including social, economic and environmental factors. As well as being a team player, you must have the ability to motivate and influence others through a person-centred approach and possess personal drive and resilience.

The successful candidate must be confidential, mindful of safeguarding issues and be willing to work flexible hours when required to meet work demands. Being able to travel around the Borough is a key requirement of this role.

Please note: during normal circumstances these roles will be based in GP practices, however, during COVID-19 restrictions you may be expected to work from home or Voluntary Action Rotherham's office base.

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For an informal chat about the post, please contact Kaley Drury on 07523 542009.

For further information & an application form please visit our website [www.varotherham.org.uk](http://www.varotherham.org.uk) or contact Andrea Cox on 01709 726897. **Please note: CVs will not be accepted.**

Closing date for applications is: 9.30am on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2021. If you have not heard from us by the end of August, please assume you have not been shortlisted for interview.