

Social prescribing template for GP practices

There is likely to be a range of voluntary organisations in your local community which offer services that your patients may need. Referring patients to non-health support, especially for those facing complex social or legal issues, is a key part of holistic and patient-centred care.

Please complete the below table with local organisations for each service type and keep the information updated with regular checks. Some organisations which provide services nationally have already been suggested.

Service type	Provider	Contact details
Housing/homelessness services		
Emergency accommodation		
Asylum & Immigration advice	Often via local migrant support group	
Benefits advice	Local Citizens Advice	
Debt advice	National Debt Advice Line / Local Citizens Advice	0808 223 4188 www.nationaldebtadvice.org.uk
Employment services	Local Citizens Advice	
English language classes	Often via local migrant support group	
Maternity support	Maternity Action	0808 800 0041 www.maternityaction.org.uk
Mental health/counselling	Local Mind or other specialist provider	www.mind.org.uk/information-support/local-minds/
Healthcare access support	Doctors of the World UK (<i>London clinics; national advice line</i>)	Praxis Pott Street E2 0EF 020 75157534 clinic@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk
LGBT support		
Support for survivors of domestic violence		
Support for survivors of torture	Freedom From Torture	020 7697 7777 www.freedomfromtorture.org
Support for survivors of trafficking/modern slavery		

