



Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group

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The Social and Economic Value of the Rotherham Social Prescribing Pilot

*Key Findings from the
Independent Evaluation*

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Outcomes for patients and carers

- 1,607 local people referred to the Pilot
- 1,118 onward referrals to VCS services
- 83 per cent made progress towards self-management
- 38 per cent had fewer A&E attendances
- 40 per cent had fewer in-patient stays
- 47 per cent had fewer outpatient appointments
- £350,000 in additional welfare benefits claimed
- General improvements in well-being, mental & physical health, isolation and independence
- Estimated well-being value of £920,000

Outcomes for the public sector

- 20 per cent reduction in A&E attendances
- 21 per cent reduction in in-patient stays
- 21 per cent reduction in outpatient appointments
- Potential cost-reductions of £415,000 in first year post referral
- Potential cost-reductions of £1.9 million - 5 years post referral
- Improvements in patient satisfaction
- Potential wider savings for primary and social care
- Up to £148,000 contribution by volunteers

Outcomes for the voluntary sector

- £0.5 million annual investment in VCS service provision
- £210,000 in additional funding accessed
- Opportunity to innovate and deliver health outcomes for the first time
- Highlights the potential for micro-commissioning with local infrastructure as the accountable body
- Improved sustainability of small organisations
- Improved collaboration and partnership working
- Stimulates social action through the creation of new groups and activities
- National spotlight on their work