



## Health and Wellbeing Board Meeting Date

Item title: Healthwatch Shropshire Engagement Report 'Social Prescribing:

**Exploring Barriers**'

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1. Summary

Healthwatch Shropshire were asked by Healthy Lives to engage with people in Shropshire about Social Prescribing to find out what they knew about it and what might prevent them from accessing services and produce a report. We were asked to focus on those groups not already accessing social support or being supported by Community and Care Coordinators in GP practices, in particular young men, people with low-level needs and people living in rural areas. Engagement started November 2018 and was concluded in February 2019. The report was shared with Healthy Lives in March 2019.

## 2. Recommendations

Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to consider our findings and how they might be used to inform the future development of Social Prescribing in Shropshire.

## **REPORT**

See attached document

## 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

- 4. Financial Implications
- 5. Background
- 6. Additional Information
- 7. Conclusions

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
Local Member
Appendices