

GRASSROOTS ENGAGEMENT FUNDING

GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

(Please read this before you complete the application form)

Would you like to hold a fun event / activity for your local group or community?

We are offering funding to local grassroots organisations and groups to run one-off activities or events that are **enjoyable** to their local community and at which the local NHS can attend and speak to people about their experiences of local service. **A maximum of £750 per event is available.** The funding must make up at least 50% of the activity / event expenditure.

1. Why are we funding this?

The NHS, local councils and the voluntary sector in south west London have come together to deliver better care for local people as the 'South West London Health and Care Partnership'. We believe care is better when it is organised around their needs. Once we have understood the local issues and challenges, we will put together local health and care plans that set out how these challenges will be addressed. We need to speak to local people to find out their experiences of using local health and care services – so that our services better meet their needs. We are working with local [Healthwatch organisations](#) to extend our reach into communities. They are supporting the administration of this work and representatives from your local Healthwatch might also like to attend your event.

Please note: We are keen to encourage people who do not normally get the chance to express their views about local services to apply for this funding (working through local groups who support them). NHS staff will attend these events/activities and spend part of the time talking to attendees about their experience of using local health services. The team would like to have conversations about different areas within the NHS (please see section appendix 1 for further detail of these priorities). From previous experience, conversations are more in-depth when a specific slot is allocated to us during the session.

People who attend the event will also be invited to stay in touch with the local NHS and continue to share their views in the future. Feedback given will be shared with Healthwatch Wandsworth.

2. What can the money be used for?

We would like to fund activities and events that would be enjoyable to local people and provide an opportunity for them to speak with the local NHS. Examples could include tea dances; pottery classes; pizza and movie afternoons, cultural activities etc.

3. How to apply

Please complete a short application form which details:

- What activity you would like to run
- Which areas of our plan people would most like to talk to us about

- Who you will be inviting/reaching,
- How many people you think will be attending
- The date and time when the activity is likely to take place
- How we will be able to speak to people on the day (you will need to think about how this fits into the format of your event/activity).

4. Who can apply?

Local groups and voluntary sector organisations that work with or support the community in Wandsworth at grassroots level. We encourage applications from community groups, self-help groups as well as charities, businesses and social enterprises who can demonstrate that the funds will be spent on community engagement on a not for profit basis.

5. Funding Priorities

We will prioritise applications from the following groups (as we do not often get to hear from them):

- children and young people and their families
- people with learning disabilities
- people with mental health conditions
- older people
- people for whom English is not a first language
- pregnant women and those who have recently given birth
- people with physical disabilities or long term conditions
- transgender people
- lesbian, gay or bisexual people/communities
- people from different races, ethnicity and/or different religions
- carers
- socio-economically deprived communities
- those affected by cancer

6. Decisions

Applications will be reviewed by a panel from Wandsworth Care Alliance, including Healthwatch Wandsworth who may ask for further information before making a decision.

The following criteria will be used when evaluating the applications – please bear these in mind as you complete the application form.

- Is the organisation from the community and voluntary sector (ideally grassroots led)?
- Does the organisation work within Wandsworth?
- Will the attendees be primarily from Wandsworth?
- Has the organisation indicated which area (s) of our plan they would like to discuss?
- Has the organisation demonstrated how we will be able to speak to individuals during the activity / event?
- Does funding make up a minimum of 50% of the overall activity expenditure?
- Has a breakdown of costs been provided?

7. When is the funding available?

The funding will be for events/activities held **after 11th June 2018** and **before 21st September 2018**.

Money will be allocated on a first come first served basis – once the funds have gone they've gone!

8. How will we (the NHS) be able to speak to people on the day?

We realise that the activities will be varied, as will the attendees. Therefore, the ways that we capture information will need to be appropriate to the activity that you run and the people who take part.

For example, if it's a coffee morning, running a focus group to hear about people's experiences of the NHS might be appropriate. If it's an arts and craft session, speaking to individuals on a one-to-one basis might be useful. We don't need to give a presentation – just have some way of speaking to people, either in a group or on a 1:1 basis. Please bear this in mind when thinking about the events and phone Julie (contact details below) if you would like to discuss any detail before making an application.

We will also want to collect feedback and information from the people at your event including their contact details, whether they want to hear more or take part in the future and their views and experiences of local health and social care

9. What to do with the completed form

Please email completed forms to: Julie Bristow

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Appendix 1

Areas that we would like to speak to people about

We would like to speak to people about the following areas - please state which area (s) people would like to discuss with us when we attend your event.

Primary care – Primary care is the day-to-day healthcare, typically provided by clinicians who act as the first point of contact patients have with the health system – including GPs, practice nurses and pharmacists.

Mental Health – Services provided for those with mental health conditions, in the community and in specialist hospitals.

Children and young people – Services for children and young people include health services provided in hospital and those provided in a community setting.

Diabetes: A long term condition – we are focusing on improving access and patient experience

Learning disabilities – Service’s and support provided in the community for those with learning disabilities and/or autism.

Planned care – We are focusing on Musculoskeletal Services (MSK), Ear Nose and Throat Services and Ophthalmology Services (eyes)

Acute – Services that are delivered within a hospital environment

Workforce – this area looks at staffing levels and skill mix of clinicians across south west London.

Information technology – The use of information technology within health, for example online consultations including video calls or internet appointments with clinicians.

Maternity - Maternity services support women and their families before, during and after childbirth.

Urgent and emergency care:

Emergency care services are for people who have a condition which could be life-threatening or life-changing. These services are normally provided in hospital emergency departments.

Urgent care services are for people who need to be seen the same day, but do not have a life-threatening condition. These can be provided in a number of settings, including community pharmacies, GP practices, and urgent care centres.

Cancer – Cancer services are provided across south west London and involve a wide range of health professionals, from hospital doctors to GPs and community nurses.