



## **Financial Support Link Workers**

- Full-time fixed term post or full-time secondment opportunity
- Salary: £25,000
- Starting date: by agreement/aim for mid October
- Fixed term: 15 months

**Quay Health Solutions (QHS) and Improving Health (IHL) are each looking for an enthusiastic Social Prescriber Link Worker with expertise in financial support to help residents in South Bermondsey and Peckham.**

We have created this new role (Financial Support Link Worker) to support local people in these two neighbourhoods. Each Financial Support Link Worker would cover one of these two areas.

Due to the need for an urgent start, we are offering these two posts as both secondment opportunities and fixed term contracts. For a discussion or to express an interest in these posts, please contact

- Peckham: Harprit Lally on [Harprit.Lally@nhs.net](mailto:Harprit.Lally@nhs.net)
- South Bermondsey: John Hopkins on [John.Hopkins9@nhs.net](mailto:John.Hopkins9@nhs.net)

### About the project

As the Government's furlough scheme and other protections for households come to an end, it is likely that we will witness a significant rise in financial difficulties and debt problems.

With funding from Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, Southwark's Primary Care Networks will be piloting a new neighbourhood-based approach to create a healthcare pathway from GP surgeries and other local provision to financial support.

The project will be working closely with Southwark Council, local housing associations and other creditors to provide a 'breathing space' from enforcement for rent and Council Tax arrears for people with long-term health conditions, whilst the financial, and wider, support they need is delivered to them.

### About the Role

Based in Southwark's Social Prescribing teams, the new FSLW will be part of a coordinated approach to enable local residents to improve their health and wellbeing through tackling key determinants of financial stability/security.

The role will

- Take referrals from local GPs surgeries and other services, providing 1:1 support and assistance to people with complex needs and develop personalised plans to tackle their debt and financial liabilities.
- Assess whether there is a need for the Council, local housing associations and other creditors to suspend any debt recovery action and then liaise directly with these organisations to achieve this, wherever possible.
- Help residents facing financial crisis to access emergency grants and other forms of assistance, and will be responsible for drawing up longer-term plans that will maximise income and deal with any financial or debt problems they may have.
- Monitor, continuously improve and evaluate this approach/project, working with PCN leads
- Develop strong relationships with statutory and voluntary sector organisations to put in place appropriate support and arrangements for local residents
- Participate in the development work of the wider pilot project being led by Centre for Fairer Credit

### **Expressions of interest**

To express an interest in these posts, please email your CV, with a cover letter, to the contacts below **by Monday 28 September**

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If you would like to discuss this further, please do get in touch.