

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/487

Subject: Social Prescribing Link Workers (SPLW)

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Concerning Social Prescribing Link Workers (SPLWs), or other workers who undertake the role of a SPLW with different role titles, please could you tell me:	
1. How many SPLWs are employed by Primary Care Networks (PCNs) in your Integrated Care System (ICS)? Please give the number of heads and WTE if possible.	93 staff, 59.3 WTE
2. Does each PCN in your ICS employ a SPLW?	All PCNs have SPLW services provided either in-house (employed by a PCN directly) or by a third-party charity/community provider.
3. Do any PCNs share a SPLW (or employ the same SPLW as another PCN)?	One locality is working together to in-house social prescribers.

<p>4. Are there any SPLWs in your ICS who are employed by organisations other than PCNs? If so, do you know how many and who employs them?</p>	<p>A number of SPLWs within BNSSG are employed by a third-party charity/community provider. We believe currently that approximately half of our PCNs outsource SPLWs (though this information is not currently held or monitored by the ICB).</p> <p>Organisations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curo • Southmead Development Trust • Southern Brooks • Care Forum • BS3 Community • Citizen's Advice
<p>5. Please tell me how many patients/clients were referred to (a) PCN-employed SPLWs and (b) other SPLWs based in your ICS during the financial year 2022-23 or calendar year 23, whichever is easier.</p>	<p>36,370 referrals. We use the Nationally available dashboard for this information. It does not split information as per the question.</p>
<p>6. Which body is responsible for monitoring the activities of SPLWs (e.g., ICB, PCN)?</p>	<p>PCNs.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 April 2024 and has been approved for release by Dave Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.