

## Social Prescribing: the GP Perspective

In our original articles section we have an in-depth look at how social prescribing is working in Donegal Ireland *Social prescribing, Donegal – a non-medical approach to health and wellbeing*. However we do not include the GP perspective on this novel way to ‘treat’ medical ills. The two pieces below provide this view point in the UK context.

How GPs are using social prescribing to tackle health inequalities

This article outlines a presentation given by Dr Patrick Hutt who spoke at the RCGP annual conference 2015 in Glasgow. Dr Hutt describes how and why GPs in London are taking part in a social prescribing scheme, and also highlights some key problems facing such schemes.

For the full article follow the link below:

**<http://www.gponline.com/gps-using-social-prescribing-tackle-health-inequalities/article/1366926>**

**Analysis: What does social prescribing mean for GPs?**

In this article Dr Sam Everington describes the Social Prescribing service he is involved in and some of the main advantages this model has specifically for GPs, as well as their patients. 'It's such a simple idea', says Dr Everington, opening up a whole raft of support to GPs...'

For the full article, follow the link below:

**<http://www.gponline.com/analysis-does-social-prescribing-mean-gps/article/1354653>**