

Alder Hey Children's Charity and our Community Partners are delighted to have been successful in securing funding from NHS Charities Together "Community Partnership Grants" to deliver a number of exciting pilot projects in Merseyside and Cheshire. A key aim of this grant is to demonstrate that cross-sector partnerships between the NHS and Community Partners achieve meaningful health benefits for people adversely affected by COVID-19, especially those from marginalised communities or already experiencing health inequalities. This will be achieved through the delivery and evaluation of five pilot projects:

- **"Transforming Community Engagement with BAME Communities"** Lead Community Partner - Cheshire, Halton & Warrington Race & Equality Centre

Developing Community Champions and providing training to healthcare organisations, to increase engagement, understanding and uptake of healthcare support amongst minority ethnic communities.

Project contact: Shantele Sutherland Email: Shantele@chawrec.org.uk

- **"Homeless Mental Health Navigation"** Lead Community Partner - YMCA Liverpool & Sefton

Supporting homeless individuals with mental health and other complex needs to successfully access appropriate, local, specialist support and reduce the likelihood of attendance at NHS Emergency Departments.

Project contact: Jon Metcalfe Email: Jon.Metcalfe@liverpoolymca.org.uk

- **"Getting Social"** Lead Community Partner - Torus Foundation

Addressing the mental health needs of children and young people through creative and physical activities to help build personal resilience, helping prevent deterioration of symptoms and avoiding crisis intervention.

Project contact: Colin Scicluna Email: Colin.Scicluna@torusfoundation.org.uk

- **"Discharge to Home"** Lead Community Partner - Warrington Voluntary Action

Improved community capacity to enable more people to receive personalised care closer to home, supporting patients who would otherwise struggle with self-management of their health conditions (including Long Covid), through closer co-ordination and co-operation between the NHS and VCSFE organisations.

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- **"Bridging the Covid Gap Together"** Lead Community Partner - One Wirral CIC

Connecting patients with local resources and support and developing activities within communities, to enable individuals to build mental resilience and manage their health conditions (including Long Covid) more successfully.

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Final evaluation, core models, key principles and lessons learned will be shared between partners and partnerships, disseminated across the region to NHS, healthcare and VCSFE organisations and more widely through partner networks. **For more information on this partnership project please contact Alice Carey, Grants Manager at Alder Hey Children's Charity alice.carey@alderhey.nhs.uk**