



The role of the Connector was to carry out an initial assessment of an individual that had been referred from their GP or elsewhere and then support them to identify and access their own pathway to a range of local, non-medical and non-clinical services. These services were often provided by the VCF sector.

At present there were approximately 280 groups on the BPRCVS database that delivered activities in Pendle. These Groups could apply for funding through the ELCCG small grants programme. People were accompanied on their initial visit to the group activities and support was continued as needed.

The Panel was assured that all paid workers and volunteers had been, and would continue to be, Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checked and were also required to complete mandatory training.

The BPRCVS produced a quarterly report which included information on the Community Connectors/Social Prescribing Project. The latest report at June 2019 showed that, in the previous quarter, 37 new Pendle clients had been referred in; there were 22 active clients; and 26 had completed. In this same period 143 hours of support had been delivered.

The BPRCVS were always looking for volunteers and welcomed help in recruiting volunteers for the project.

Further information could be found on the BPRCVS website  
<https://www.bprcvs.co.uk/index.php/services/community-connector-project>

## **AGREED**

That Councillors be encouraged to promote the Community Connectors Project where possible.

## **10. REVIEWS**

### **(a) Food Banks in Pendle**

At the last meeting of the Panel it was agreed to carry out a piece of work, on behalf of the Pendle Health and Wellbeing Partnership Board, to get an overview of where Food Banks were in Pendle and what was available.

The Committee Administrator reported on the work carried out so far, which included the development of a short questionnaire, a copy of which was circulated at the meeting. The questionnaire had been designed for completion by organisations that ran Food Banks and aimed to establish information on things such as the service/items available; criteria; the referral process; the source of supplies/funding; in addition to data on the number of people who accessed the Food Bank in a typical week.

A number of questionnaires had been handed out at a recent networking event that had taken place at Asda, Colne. The event had been arranged by Asda's Community Life Champion and had brought together local groups and charities to discuss food poverty/poverty in the area.

The review was ongoing.

### **(b) Healthy food/drink offer in public venues**

In addition to the work on Food Banks, the Panel had also agreed to research the extent of the

healthy food and drink offered in Pendle Leisure Trust buildings, leisure sites, community halls and schools.

As with the above, a questionnaire/check list had been created, which had been designed to collect information on products available in vending machines, cafés and at children's parties. This was circulated at the meeting.

Those Panel members present agreed to each visit one of the three Pendle Leisure Trust centres to gather the information. A discussion was also held to help identify other venues from which to collect data.

The review was ongoing.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_