

Annex 1 - Tables and figures

Table A1: geographic distribution of samples across the national stakeholder, green provider and link worker surveys

Region	Stakeholders (n)	Green providers (n)	Link workers (n)
East of England	1	6	5
London	1	2	2
Midlands	3	14	18
Northeast and Yorkshire	4	16	15
Northwest	2	28	67
Southeast	1	22	49
Southwest	2	6	9
Other	2	10	n/a
Total	16	104	165

Table A2: type of green activity provider organisations

Type of organisation	Providers (n)
Third sector	84
Public sector	13
Profit making	7
Type of organisation	Providers (n)

Table A3: geographic scale of green activity provider organisations

Geographic scale of organisation	Providers (n)
National	19
Regional	28
Local	53
Neighbourhood	4

Table A4: size of green activity provider organisations

Size of organisation	Providers (n)
Micro (1 to 9 staff)	42
Small (10 to 49 staff)	26
Medium (50 to 249 staff)	25
Large (250+ staff)	10

Table A5: average annual income of green activity provider organisations

Average annual income	Providers (n)
Less than £10,000	8
£10,000 to £100,000	18
£100,000 to £1 million	22
£1 million to £10 million	15
£10 million to £100 million	3
More than £100 million	1
Don't know	15
NA	9

Table A6: ratio of green and nature-based activities and other types of activities delivered by green activity provider organisations

Types of activities delivered	Providers (n)
All nature-based	36
Mostly nature-based	36
Half nature-based, half other	20
Mostly other types of activity	11

Table A7: average number of service users attending green or nature-based activities delivered by green activity providers

Annual service users	Providers (n)
Less than 20	7
20 to 50	8
51 to 100	15
101 to 200	18
201 to 500	20
501 to 1000	14
More than 1000	20

Table A8: percentage of referrals received by green activity providers that have associated funding

Referrals with funding	Providers (n)
All	7
Less than 75%	1
51% to 75%	4
25% to 50%	6
Less than 25%	14
None	60
Don't know	8

Table A9: other sources of funding used by green activity provider organisations, and main sources of funding

Other sources of funding (not referrals)	Use funding source (providers n)	Main source of funding (n providers)
Grants and charities	84	70
Donations	46	1
Fundraising	42	5
Other	26	12

Table A10: breakdown of green activity provider income across grant funded and traded income

Income sources	Providers (n)
100% grant funded	19
70% grant funded, 30% traded	27
50% grant funded, 50% traded	9
30% grant funded, 70% traded	7
100% traded income	5
Don't know	34
No response	3

Table A11: sector of employee organisation of link workers

Sector	Link workers (n)
Primary care sector	55
VCSE	79
Local authority	18
Other	13

Table A12: length of employment contract of link workers

Contract length	Link workers (n)
Permanent	93
2 to 5 years	22
1 to 2 years	27
6 months to 1 year	18
Less than 6 months	5

Table A13: weekly paid hours of link worker employment

Weekly hours	Link workers (n)
More than 30	132
22.5 to 30	13
15 to 22.5	16
7.5 to 15	3
Less than 7.5	1

Table A14: number of clients link workers support in a typical month, broken down by full time link workers (employed for over 30 paid hours per week), part time link workers (employed for 30 hours or less per week) and for the total sample

Number of clients supported	Full time link workers (n=132)	Part time link workers (n=33)	Total
5 to 10	3	2	5
11 to 20	16	8	24
21 to 30	32	12	44
Less than 30	77	9	66
Don't know	4	2	6

Table A15: numbers of new referrals received by link workers in a typical month

New referrals	Link workers (n)
1 to 10	33
11 to 20	52
21 to 40	39
41 to 60	9
More than 60	20
No answer or unspecified	22

Table A16: percentage of referrals received by link workers that come from GPs or primary care staff

Percentage of referrals from GPs or primary care staff	Link workers (n)
All	31
More than 75%	76
50 to 75%	22
25 to 50%	15
Less than 25%	4
None	2

Table A17: percentage of referrals made by link workers that are into green and nature-based activities

Percentage of referrals into nature-based activities	Link workers (n)
All	3
More than 75%	6
51% to 75%	17
25% to 50%	33
Less than 25%	88
None	10
Don't know	8

Table A18: main themes identified from link worker responses regarding the challenges they face receiving referrals

Challenge	Link workers (n)
Inappropriate referrals (for example, people with needs beyond the capacity of link workers)	40
Incomplete information on clients' needs	21
Referrer awareness, understanding and support for link worker and social prescribing services	16
Not receiving enough referrals or working with only a limited number of referral organisations	12
Referrers not following the correct referral process	11
Technical issues with referral process or system (for example, EMIS)	8
Receiving too many referrals	7
Clients not being aware of or consenting to referrals to link workers	3
Bottlenecks in processes that make the system vulnerable to backlogs	2
Referral processes being lengthy	2
Other challenges	5
None (exclusive)	28
No answer or unspecified (exclusive)	38

Table A19: percentage of clients referred to link workers who have defined mental health needs

Clients with defined mental health needs	Link workers (n)
All	14
More than 75%	72
50 to 75%	51
25 to 50%	25
Less than 25%	1
Don't know	2

Table A20: information storage systems used by link workers to record case information

Case record storage	Link workers (n)
GP related system	111
Organisation database	62
Excel or Word document	49
Social prescribing software	32
Paper files	8
No records	1