

Central Area Council Social Isolation Programme



GENERAL GUIDANCE

What is the Central Area Council Social Isolation Programme and who is it for?

The Central Area Council Social Isolation programme has been established by the Central Area Council for 2021-2024 to address the need for an overall co-ordinated Social Isolation and Loneliness Programme for the Central Area Council area delivering over the next XX months??

The application process for this programme:

- Application packs distributed by XX
- Deadline for proposals XX
- Project proposals submitted and evaluated by the Central Area team against the Social Isolation programme framework criteria.
- Organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their proposal to a grants panel on the XXX. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form
- Grants to be awarded in XX
- Social isolation programme delivery to start from XX

How much can be applied for?

Applications will be for £10,000 upwards and we can fund projects for up to 2 years.

What kind of projects/activities can be funded and when should they be delivered??

Projects and ideas from local providers and community organisations need to meet and work towards the following principles and framework (tbc):

- Innovative solutions are being sought to improve the health and wellbeing of adults living in the Central Council area by reducing loneliness and isolation.
- Proposals should not duplicate but complement existing provision, should add value and aim to link with other services procured by the Central Area Council and the wider council and health partners.
- Proposals need to reflect the differing needs and challenges of an all age approach, with specific vulnerabilities identified and addressed.
- Proposals need to reflect the differing needs and challenges of the individual five wards, with specific challenges (in each ward) identified and addressed.
- Proposals should provide coverage and a spread of provision across the five wards. This may well be a mix of different projects.
- Proposals should be for activities / projects providing appropriate opportunities and interventions to reduce social isolation.

- The service is likely to be made up of interventions that have an evidence-based rationale for reducing isolation and loneliness within communities
- Residents who live in one of the five wards that make up the Central Area should be involved in the development and delivery of provision.
- Creative solutions are sought to encourage new and different people to participate in the activities provided as part of the programme i.e. those who are most hard to reach.
- Providers are encouraged to join forces and match skills and experience i.e. proven skills and experience around outreach matched with a provider with a track record in delivery and outreach
- All projects/providers will be expected to help support and contribute to a Central Area Social Isolation celebration event
- Promoting social action, volunteering and addressing sustainability should be an integral part of any proposals.
- Where possible, work experience placements, apprenticeships and the use of local labour, where appropriate apprentice opportunities and local labour should also be built into proposals.

In addition, sustainability, community support, self-reliance, resilience and reciprocity should, therefore, be built into the service design and delivery.

We are keen to see the involvement of local people, groups and social enterprises in this service, not only through volunteering and stakeholder engagement, but also through partnership arrangements at a local level, where appropriate.

All projects must benefit older and/or vulnerable residents in the Central Area and meet the requirements of the framework outlined above.

Groups applying should preferably be based within one of the five wards that make up the Central Council area or within the Borough.

Project delivery should take place between XX and XX

Who can apply to the Central Social Isolation Fund?

Examples of projects may include:

- Outreach and activity opportunities which support isolated and vulnerable people
- Centre based work providing positive activities and improving health and wellbeing
- Providing positive activities i.e. sport/ recreation, arts and craft, music with outcomes related to confidence building, accreditation, resilience etc.
- intergenerational opportunities for skills sharing and forming social connections

Who can apply?

- Any voluntary or community group which is locally led and run
- Registered Charities
- Social Enterprises & not for profit organisations

Priorities

Central Council Priorities:

- Reduction in loneliness and social isolation in adults and older people
- Improvement in the emotional resilience and wellbeing of
- Creating a cleaner, greener environment in partnership with local people
- Supporting vulnerable people

How to apply

For further information and to request an application pack please contact the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or e-mail: lisaphelan@barnsley.gov.uk

- An application form should be completed and submitted by XX
- A local panel will meet on the XX to consider all the applications. Organisations that meet the criteria will be invited to present their proposal to the grant panel. The presentation will be considered alongside the application form
- You will be notified of a decision within 4-weeks of the closing date
- Grants to be awarded in XX
- Programme delivery to start from XX
- Social Isolation & Loneliness celebration event planning and delivery by all successful applicants to take place in XX.
- Social Isolation programme delivery completion XX

If successful you will work with the Central Area Team during XX to agree monitoring outcomes in order for formal approval and grants to be awarded by the end of XX.

Is there support to help groups to complete their application form?

Yes, support is available from the Central Area Team on 01226 775707 or email lisaphelan@barnsley.gov.uk

Post:
Central Area Team
Stronger, Safer & Healthier Communities Business Unit
Communities Directorate
Barnsley Council
Worsbrough Common ICT Centre
Warren Quarry Lane
Barnsley
S70 4ND