

Building Bridges



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Some important messages about making sure social prescribing works for people with learning disabilities and autistic people

What commissioners and funders can do



Build flexibility into the contracts for link workers so they can offer more time or appointments if needed for those with additional needs



Make grants or investments available to community groups so they can build capacity and put in place reasonable adjustments for people to be part of them



Either commission some link workers with expertise in learning disabilities or autism, or fund local advocacy or self-advocacy groups to support local link workers if they need any specialist input to support someone well

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