

## **Social Enterprise Pathfinders**

On 10 October 2006, the Social Enterprise Unit invited applications to be part of its social enterprise pathfinder programme. Pathfinders will be eligible to apply for financial support and will have access to wider support, for example business advice and training. The learning from the pathfinders will be shared across health and social care, so that others can benefit from their experience.

The closing date for social enterprise pathfinder applications was 28 November 2006. The successful pathfinders are as follows.

Lorica Learning Disabilities, is based in Pulborough, Sussex. It proposes setting up a Community Interest Company to provide services for people with learning difficulties and their families, including helping support young adults during the transition to independent living.

Surrey Community Provider Services will be providing community health services to a total population of 1.1 million people in Surrey, and will be exploring using an umbrella model to support a number of social enterprises providing community based services.

SCA Healthcare is an industrial and provident society. It is proposing providing a range of community services including a long term condition resource centre and support to carers and relatives from a community hospital in Southampton.

Milton Keynes Health and Social Care Services will provide health and social care services including older people's services, children's services, adults out of hospital services, and integrated mental health and learning difficulties services.

Community Docs for All is proposing a locally managed primary care medical service for the population of one ward in Weston-super-Mare, and aims to link primary care services with wider health improvement and regeneration initiatives.

Devon Healthy Living Community will be developing cluster multi-disciplinary primary care teams integrated with the voluntary sector, providing advice on early intervention services for patients.

The Bridge is a proposal to set up a social enterprise to deliver alcohol and substance misuse programmes in London. The service will include residential accommodation, therapy programmes, modular treatment centres, and a back to work programme.

Phoenix Care Agency based in London will provide health and social care services to vulnerable adults, including emotional well-being, art activities, horticultural therapies, training, support to employment, and carer's services.

Healthy Living Centre in Southend is proposing developing a healthy living centre with a hub for integrated children's services into a social enterprise. Services will include primary care, children's services, adult mental health, and health enhancing activities.

Lifestyle Solutions in Thurrock will be providing services for disabled people and people with learning difficulties, including social and emotional support, the provision of personal assistants, respite for carers and support towards independent living.

Leicester Homeless Primary Care Service is proposing providing primary medical services to vulnerable patients. Its primary health care centre will be co-located with a 42 bed night shelter and a YMCA drop in centre.

Based in Rushcliffe, Principia Partners in Health is a coalition of GP practices, community professionals, community pharmacy and local people. Principia will provide primary care, including extended hours access, and community services to a population of 118,000.

Willow Bank Community Interest Company based in Stoke on Trent will provide General Medical Services and one stop care, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups including lone-parent families, local homeless people and BME communities.

Coventry based Health Equality Lifestyle Plan proposes transforming a successful healthy living centre into a social enterprise.

The Open Door is proposing providing a wide range of primary care services for vulnerable people in the Grimsby area, in addition to support into employment, gardening and music therapies, exercise and cooking skills.

Hull based City Health Care Partnership Ltd will provide all primary and community health services across the city through a social enterprise.

Salford Health Matters will provide essential medical services and community based enhanced health services, to a population of 12,600. The organisation also aims to provide training and development that benefits the local community and to support social enterprise activity with a wider health benefit in the community.

Cumbrian based Alston Healthcare is proposing to provide community health services, including e-health services, across a rural area, with a particular focus on older people.

Delivering Connected Care in Hartlepool will provide integrated health and social care services, bringing these together with housing, education, employment, community safety and transport, in an area of high deprivation.

DGP is a third sector organisation that will set up a social enterprise in Newcastle to deliver services to people living with dementia, and their carers.

Based in Middlesbrough, the Developing Partners Project aims to develop and provide user led training for health workers, and user led research and evaluation of health services.

The Forest of Dean Health Enterprise Trust proposes providing community health and social services in a rural area, including the operation of existing community hospitals.

London based Service User Led Direct Payments is planning to set up a service user led social enterprise to support and manage direct payments and individualised budgets.

Maternal Link Birth Centres proposes providing antenatal, postnatal and community midwifery services at home or in birth centres in the Trafford area.

Secure HealthCare is bidding to provide prison and offender health care services in HMP Wandsworth, and will consider how to develop and implement innovative ways of delivering care to this complex population and how these services could be applied elsewhere.