

Welcome to the 2026 Global Social Prescribing Summit

A Global Convening Point for Systems Change

Connecting Communities. Transforming Health Systems.
Scaling What Works.

Opening address

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CEO, Global Social Prescribing Alliance

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The Case for Change

Health systems are under pressure from rising chronic disease & mental health crises are overwhelming systems. Heavy strain on the healthcare workforce is reaching a breaking point. Reactive 'sick-care' is no longer sustainable — the model is failing patients and providers alike.

Our Collective Mission: finalizing the shift toward a proactive, prevention-led health system that works for everyone.

HEALTH SYSTEMS Under Pressure

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Proactive, prevention-led care. Systems change at scale. Health for all — built on transforming healthcare through innovation and social prescribing.



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Key Resources & Roadmaps

G20 Position Paper · State of Social Prescribing Around the World 2026 · GSPA 2026 Playbook · AI and Digital Health Social Prescribing · Future Trends of Value-Based Healthcare

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Upcoming Special Interest Groups

July 24th & September 11th — Featuring: AI & Digital Health (United Share and Scalar10) & Prevention Frameworks

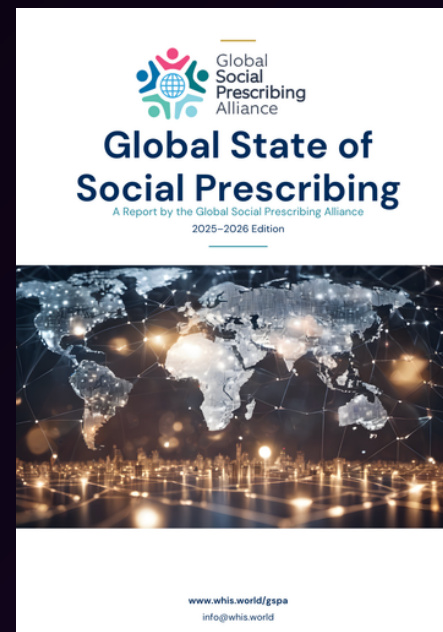
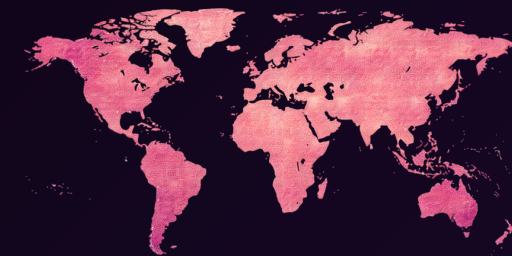
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AI & Digital Health Integration

Harnessing AI-driven tools and digital platforms to expand social prescribing reach, improve link worker capacity, and embed prevention frameworks into global health systems.

Scaling the Vision:

2026 Global Standards



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Sustainable Development & Global Partnerships



Addressing global challenges while delivering measurable, sustainable ROI. By investing in new models of healthcare, innovation and social prescribing, we are creating 'health for all' while generating new, meaningful jobs and building resilient communities across the world.



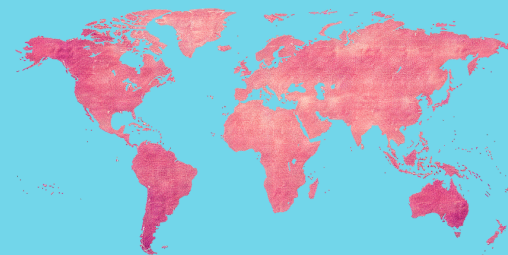
The Investment Case

Delivering measurable, sustainable ROI by shifting from reactive sick-care to proactive, prevention-led health systems that benefit entire populations.



Strategic Partners

Well Futures Alliance - SVC - Fyera Foundation - United Share - Scalar10 - DJK Global and many more are united in driving systems change and scaling social prescribing globally.



2025 Impact Award Winners

Innovation Award: Kate Shepherd Cohen
Menstrual Cycle Support, UK

Changemaker Award: Jutsna Khan
eQuality Primary Care Network, UK

Connector Award: Norwegian Red Cross
Bergen, Norway

Researcher Award: SPLS Portugal
Portugal

Student Champion Award: Ken Beller
Quiet Hour, Global



Thank You to Our Speakers & Wider Team

Too many to mention individually, but we are deeply grateful to everyone who helped make today possible.



Leadership, Advisory Board & Specialist Leads

Gareth Presch — Founder & CEO, WHIS; CEO, GSPA

Dr. Amir Hannan MBE — Chairman, WHIS

James Sanderson — Chair, GSPA

Dr. Ron Daniels BEM — Clinical Lead, WHIS; NHS Consultant in Intensive Care; Founder & CMO, UK Sepsis Trust

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Dr Neela Shabde - WHIS Expert, Global

Arun Nadarasa - Chair WHS Pharmacy

Siobhan Cafferty - WHIS Ireland

Up Next —

Keynote by Chair James Sanderson on the future of person-centered health

Thank you for advancing this shared mission with us today.

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