



Health and Social Care

Community of Practice

Frequently Asked Questions

This document collates responses to questions we have received and is available to all potential applicants. It will be updated weekly and are accessible at <https://www.powertochange.org.uk/news/power-change-launch-health-social-care-community-practice/> along with the application form.

If you have any additional questions which are not covered here please contact healthcop@powertochange.org.uk.

1. Question 24 asks about partnerships and collaborations for our health and social care delivery, is this in relation only to our formal commissioned/purchase health and social care activity, as opposed to other grant funded wellbeing activities?

This question relates to any partnerships or collaborations, this could be formal commissions/purchased services, grant funded services but also if you co-deliver services with other partners or collaborations with referral bodies.

2. As an organisation we do lots of different activities and projects. They aren't all health or social care, but some are, can we still apply?

Yes, so long as some of the activity you deliver is health and social care service delivery you are eligible to apply. Many community businesses offer a range of activities and services.

3. What do you mean in terms of individual practitioner understanding of business model?

This refers to the individual having an understanding of the organisations business model; what are its sources of income, does it cross-subsidise any services and whether the individual is involved in actively seeking funding and commissioning opportunities. Through initial research we envisage this being amongst the topics that the CoP may choose to focus on.

4. When you talk about interacting with the wider sector. Can you explain that a bit more?

Based on the needs identified by the CoP, and building on initial research we have already conducted, we envisage it may be useful to bring in wider perspectives to support the CoP. For instance, it may be that the CoP would like to access some commissioners, in which case the external convener would be responsible for sourcing relevant individuals.

The learning taking place in the CoP will also be shared more broadly with the wider sector e.g. community businesses, health and social care providers, commissioners and policy makers. This

sharing of learning will aim to be engaging and interactive so the broader sector can share its views and experiences in relation to the learning of the CoP.

5. You've said 10-14 organisations. How will you work out how many?

We aim to take a portfolio approach to membership, to ensure there is both sufficient shared experience and interest to make sure it is an effective community of practice but also to provide sufficient varied experience to facilitate learning from one another within the CoP. For this reason we have said 10-14 to allow flexibility in the recruitment process.

6. Our organisation is in the very early days of developing its idea, we'd like to be kept apprised of the developments of the CoP, is that possible?

As referenced in question 4 (above) we will be sharing emerging findings and learning with the broader sector through our communication channels. Email healthcop@powertochange.org.uk if this is something you would be interested in finding out more about and follow us on Twitter (if you have it) @peoplesbiz.

7. Have the dates for the meetings been set?

The dates have not yet been set and would be scheduled in collaboration with the CoP members

8. Is the webinar available to watch back as I couldn't make it?

Yes, to view the recorded webinar please follow this link

<https://www.powertochange.org.uk/health-social-care-community-practice-membership-application-form/>