**Young Adult Mental Health Pathway, NHS Community Grants Programme**

**Small Grants, 2022**

Young K&C is delighted to be distributing a new grants fund for the voluntary and community sector, in partnership with NHS North West London.

**Background - NHS North West London Young Adult Mental Health Pathway**

North West London Integrated Care System is planning to implement a new mental health model of care for 16 to 25 year olds – a Young Adult Mental Health Pathway – in North West London boroughs during 2021-22, including the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea.

The model will be tailored to meet local needs and have impact on:

* Improving outcomes for 16-25 year olds
* Reducing health inequalities
* Improving access and quality of mental health provision for young adults
* Engagement and navigation of services.

The Young Adult Mental Health Pathway will include implementation of seven components of mental health care in each borough:

1. Multi-agency Young Adult Triage and Partnership Meetings
2. Dedicated support for young adults moving from Adolescent to Adult Mental Health Services
3. Continuity of support for young adults who have experienced adversity including young people who have experienced being in care, youth violence, long-term conditions and being a carer
4. Young adult focused therapies and service adaptations
5. Mental health in-reach service
6. Young adult mental health wellbeing and recovery pre and post-treatment support
7. Promotion of good mental health outcomes

Locally, implementation of the pathway will be steered by a Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster Young Adult Mental Health and Wellbeing partnership.  This will be a partnership with representatives of the NHS, Local Authority, Higher Education Institutes and VCSE. The Partnership will bring together the expertise, values and wealth of experience along with young adult and family involvement at the heart, to develop new and use existing ways to:

* address inequalities and better identify unmet need
* improve equality of access to early intervention

**NHS Community Assets Grant Programme – Aims, Funding and Eligibility**

The Community Assets Grant Programme has been launched as a component of the Young Adult Mental Health Pathway, with the aims of:

* 1. Building partnerships between the NHS and organisations that support young adult mental health
	2. Improving young adult (16-25s) mental health and wellbeing through one or all of the following:
* Addressing inequalities
* Better identifying unmet need
* Improving equality of access to early intervention and wellbeing support

A total of £65,000 is available for this scheme (one-year, non-recurrent funding). This is most likely to be allocated to multiple projects/organisations for grants in the range of £5-20k each. However, a larger amount may also be allocated to an exceptional single project/organisation.

To be they eligible to receive a grant under the programme, organisations must demonstrate that will meet the following eligibility criteria:

* VCSE organisation that works within the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
* Must address the aims of the scheme
* The project may involve scaling up a current project that is shown to work OR extending a current project OR developing new or different ways to work better between organisations
* Must be willing to join the Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster Young Adult Mental Health and Wellbeing Partnership and attend meetings where necessary

The funding can be used between 1 January and 31 December 2022.

**How to apply**

You can apply by completing the application form below and sending it by email to info@youngkandc.org.uk. The deadline is **Tuesday 25 January 2022**.

**Additional Guidance**

* Your activities must take place in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and work with young people that live, work or study in the borough
* Your activities must be for young adults aged 16-25
* All activities must be completed by 31 December 2022

**What we won’t fund**

* Unhealthy food or drinks (eg processed or junk foods)
* Screen-based games

You can find our Top Tips for writing funding applications at: [Young K&C's Guide to Writing Better Funding Applications](https://youngkandc.org.uk/images/downloads/ypfWebsite/Young-KCs-Guide-to-Writing-Better-Funding-Applications.pdf).

If you have questions or want further information about these grants, please contact info@youngkandc.org.uk