About us:

Our Community Link Practitioners give you the time and support you need to talk about the issues you are experiencing.

Together you will agree a plan to access the local services and the information which will help you.

This might include contacting community groups, local charities and initiatives as well as other professional services.

Our Community Link Practitioners:

Erika Copland

Linsey Drever

Participating GP Practices

Our Community Link Practitioners work within these GP practices as part of the practice team.

- Daisy Villa 01856 831206
- Dounby 01856 771209
- Heilendi 01856 888270
- Papa Westray 01857 644227
- Skerryvore 01856 888240
- Stromness 01865 850205
- Westray 01857 677209

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VAO

Scottish Charity No. SCO10691
Company No. 143208

NHS Orkney

Community Link Practitioner Service

Help to find and access services to improve your health and wellbeing

What we do:

Community Link Practitioners provide flexible support, tailored to your own individual circumstances to improve your health and wellbeing.

They help you find ways to:

- be more active
- support your mental health
- be healthier
- be more socially connected
- live well and more independently
- deal with your finances

How to access the service:

You can access the service by talking to your GP or anybody within the practice. They will refer you to the service.

The Community Link Practitioner will then arrange to meet you in person where you feel comfortable. This could be:

- by phone
- by text
- by an online call
- at home
- at another suitable place

FAQ's:

How long can I expect to wait?
You will be contacted as soon as possible following your referral.

How long can I receive support for?
There are no set time limits. The Community Link Practitioner can work with you for as long as it takes. How long you need support for is discussed and agreed with you.

Is there a charge for the service?
No, the Community Link Practitioner Service is free.

Do the Community Link Practitioner's offer counselling?
No, but they can give you details for professional services to help you.

Are the Community Link Practitioner's medically trained?
No, but they can give you details for professional services to help you.