



Item 7: Funding for health projects

All Wychavon Strategic Partnership partners and the three LSPs have been invited to submit initial expressions of interest for our £10K [health fund](#), provided by Worcestershire PCT.

To date we have received the following two expressions of interest:

1. 'Off The Rails' - Pershore Tarmac Public Art Mural Project

Submitted by Pershore Market Town Partnership.

A partnership of organisations are working together currently to enhance the general appearance of Pershore railway station. This application is for commissioning a unique art mural which will support local heritage and distinctiveness to cover the building surface that faces the station. The expected health outcomes will include:

- A positive impact on arriving at Pershore Station and 'feel good' benefits
- Making the 1 mile walk into town (having decided to take the train and walk rather than drive)
- Students being supported in developing a fun and arts based activity working with professional artists to help to create the final design for the site, developing self esteem and a sense of achievement
- Students work being exhibited at Number 8 with the full range of proposed ideas for the site – again developing a feel good factor and shortening the gap between old and young in a town centre location

2. Supporting volunteers with special needs

Submitted by Evesham Volunteer Centre.

This is for a pilot exercise to identify interesting volunteering opportunities and develop appropriate support mechanisms for a group of adults with a range of disabilities. The expected health outcomes will include:

- General improvements in mental health and well-being through
- Increased confidence through participation in new experiences
- Increased sense of self-worth through consultation/focus group
- Increased opportunities for social engagement
- Opportunities to gain new skills
- Opportunities to contribute to self development
- Community involvement and participation

The deadline for submitting expressions of interest, on the form previously circulated, is **1 June 2009**. We are aware of several other proposals that may be submitted in the next week or so.

Paul Madill and Cherrie Mansfield will carry out an initial assessment of all expressions of interest received, and request further information if necessary. We will consider all proposals

received at the July meeting of the Wychavon Strategic Partnership and allocate funding accordingly.