



Local Networks Programme Guide - Autumn 2016

Introduction and contents

The Local Networks Programme is an ambitious and practical plan to increase the impact of MS Society groups, make local volunteering more rewarding, to increase our income and give people affected by multiple sclerosis (MS) greater campaigning power locally and nationally.

About the Local Networks Programme Guide

This guide is for volunteers who deliver information, support and services to people affected by MS through our network of MS Society groups across the UK.

The purpose of the guide is to support you through the implementation of the Local Networks Programme. It includes:

- ✓ key background information
- ✓ the change process and schedule
- ✓ practices and procedures your group should follow
- ✓ further support available from staff, and on the volunteer website

The Local Networks Programme Guide will be updated regularly and will grow over the next three years as the various proposals are implemented. The volunteer website sections, handbooks and resources that support you will also be updated so that by the time the implementation is complete, we'll have everything in place to deliver the positive change that people affected by MS and our volunteers tell us they want and need.

Where to find resources signposted in this guide

Throughout the Local Networks Programme Guide, you'll find links to further guidance and resources on our **volunteer website**. [Appendix 1: Volunteer website resource index](#) lists these links in alphabetical order -

click on any link to be taken to that resource. You can also contact the **Supporter Care Team** to request a printed copy of any resource.



Contact details for staff teams referred to can be found in [Appendix 2: Sources of support](#) on our **volunteer website** or at the end of this guide.

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