

## GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING

### DEMENTIA CARERS GROUPS BOUNCE BACK FUND APPLICATIONS

#### About Us

Dementia United (DU) is Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership's (GMHSCP) flagship programme for dementia. It is our aim to work alongside clinicians, charities, localities, professionals, those living with dementia, families, friends and care partners to make our region the best place to live if you have or are caring for someone with dementia.

Our primary objective is to make Greater Manchester the best place to live for people living with dementia or caring for someone who does.

The Dementia Carers Expert Reference Group (DCERG) was set up in 2018. The DCERG consists of a group of current and former carers of people with dementia who are passionate about improving the lives of carers of people living with dementia and those they care for across all Greater Manchester. Linking in with Dementia Leads across 10 localities and a variety of communities across GM, the DCERG members are equal partners in DU's governance structure. Within their localities and networks, they ensure the carers collective voice is represented in the feedback of the development and implementation of all work streams.

#### About the Dementia Carers Groups Bounce Back Fund

We are all too aware that people living with dementia and their carers have disproportionately been affected by the Covid 19 pandemic. In particular, the carers support groups which were a lifeline for so many have had to close and whilst some are now restarting, albeit in a limited way, many will never recover or have already closed.

Dementia United want to help grass roots dementia carers organisations to help carers get back on their feet after this difficult time with the Dementia Carers Groups Bounce Back Fund.

We have a limited fund of £30,000 to offer one-off grants between £750 - £1200 to carers organisations across Greater Manchester. Successful applicants will receive their award in March 2022.

Applications are open to groups working with carers of people affected by mild cognitive impairment and dementia including charities/Community Interest Companies / Community Interest Organisations. Joint applications from groups with a host organisation that can hold funds for them are also welcome.

Applicants must have a bank account requiring two signatures. **Application deadline: 5pm on Friday 21 January 2022**

Applications will be reviewed by the Dementia United / Dementia Carers Expert Reference Bounce Back Fund steering group and either approved and funds allocated, or reasons given for non-approval.

Award letters will be sent by the end of Feb 2022 and funds will be issued by the end of March 2022.

Once the funds have been issued, we will require two short reports, no more than one side of A4. The first will need to be sent back at the end of June 2022 to confirm the project has been implemented and rolled out. At six months, we will ask for confirmation of spend and project close.

We would like to report back on how the Bounce Back Fund has helped your project/organisation via the Dementia United website and our social media channels. There is no obligation to take part in this however and is not a condition of receiving funds. Similarly, we are very happy to promote your own activity too, again, please just ask.

#### **Priority will be given to alignment with GMHSCP and DU Values**

- Tackling inequalities and transforming population health is a key priority for GMHSCP and DU.
- To strengthen the focus on wellbeing, including greater focus on prevention and population health
- To contribute to growth and connect people to growth and maximise impact from health innovation and digital healthcare
- To continue to redress the balance of care to move it closer to home where possible

#### **Please contact us with any queries**

For any questions, please email [sarah.kirkland@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.kirkland@nhs.net) If you need help completing the form, or require a different format, please just ask. If you would rather speak on the phone or Zoom or Teams, this can be arranged too.

For anyone not sure if they can apply or how to explain their details, we will be holding an informal 'drop-in' session on the afternoon of Monday 10 January 2022 on Microsoft Teams. Please email [sarah.kirkland@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.kirkland@nhs.net) for an invitation to this.