Meet the team:

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• 3 year research project (2014-2017) funded by the AHRC
• Aim: to investigate the value of museum encounters in social prescribing
• MoP will connect socially isolated, vulnerable and lonely older people, referred through local NHS and Local Authority Adult Social Care services, to partner museums in Central London and Kent.
‘A mechanism for linking patients with non-medical sources of support within the community’

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- Improvements in physical health and healthier lifestyle
- Reduction in symptoms of anxiety and/or depression
- Increases in self-esteem and confidence, sense of control and empowerment
- Improvements in psychological or mental wellbeing and positive mood
- Reduction in visits to GP, referring health professional, primary or secondary care services
- Provided GPs with range of options to complement medical care using holistic approach
- Increase in sociability, communication skills and making connections
- Reduction in social isolation and loneliness, supported hard-to-reach people
- Improved motivation and meaning in life, provided hope and optimism about the future
- Acquisition of learning and new interests and skills including artistic skills