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Vista, the local sight loss charity, will receive £5million of Big Lottery Funding over the next 5 years to reduce social isolation amongst people over the age of 50 in Leicester.

Vista was chosen as the lead organisation by older people and older people's organisations within the city and put together a successful bid ensuring that Leicester is one of 15 localities which will benefit from the Big Lottery's £82 million Ageing Better programme.

Vista's aspiration for the programme is that older people are less isolated; are actively involved in their communities with their views and participation valued more highly; are more engaged in the design and delivery of services that help reduce their isolation; that services are better planned, co-ordinated and delivered; and that better evidence is available to influence the services that help reduce isolation for older people in the future.

Working in conjunction with older people, the City Council and Health partners, our local programme, called Leicester Ageing Together, consists of 23 projects that will be delivered by 17 delivery partners, with the first projects starting in June 2015.

These projects include Men in Sheds, Community Navigators, Social Prescribing, Intergenerational projects, and Financial Wellbeing amongst others. They present opportunities for people to come together, to design their own services and to reengage with their communities.

Projects will be focussed on four wards, Latimer, Thurncourt, Spinney Hills and Evington selected through the prevalence of risk factors associated with social isolation which had been identified by older people.

There will also be city wide delivery to older people with hearing loss, African Caribbean older people and older people who find it difficult to leave their homes.

Over the five years Leicester Ageing Together will work with 6, 570 people, will train and develop over 1,000 volunteers through a workforce development programme and will fund over £3million of local jobs.

We will be collecting data on each and every person that we work with and use this to inform both local and the national evaluations. Links have already been made with the Collaboration for Leadership in Applied Health Research and Care (CLAHRC) at the University of Nottingham to undertake research projects. This work forms part of a larger learning network which will host the Big Annual Event to share the learning from this programme with our wider partners in both statutory, voluntary and the private sector.

We have ambitions that Leicester Ageing Together will be a programme of national significance but be locally relevant.