

VCSE Collaborative

Meeting Overview - 12 September 2022

The VCSE Collaborative's vision is to enable the potential and impact of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector to be realised by being fully integrated into the planning, design and delivery of health and care across Humber and North Yorkshire.

The VCSE Collaborative meet on a monthly basis. Following each meeting we share an overview of the discussions with the wider VCSE sector to update you on the Collaborative's activities. Approved Minutes are available on request.

Useful links:

Read our Memorandum of Understanding

Read our **Terms of Reference**

Visit the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's VCSE webpage

Cost of Living Crisis

The VCSE Collaborative has collated a response from the VCSE Sector in all six places in relation to the Cost of Living Crisis. The information provided details the coordinated response and support being delivered or planned by the wider VCSE sector to support individuals and communities during the winter months and beyond. Feedback highlighted the challenges faced by the Sector and its ability to remain open and delivering vital services, and how demand for support and services is increasing as we see the gap in health inequalities widen, and as people who have not previously asked for support are increasingly being brought into this challenge. This information contributed to a report from the whole system on the Cost of Living and how it is to affect people, communities and our workforce.

Urgent Emergency Care – VCSE Collaborative Offer

Representatives from the VCSE Collaborative attended an Urgent Emergency Care Summit on 11 August. Following the Summit a set of priorities and actions were agreed and circulated. The VCSE sector has a role to play in Urgent Emergency Care (UEC) and in both admissions avoidance and the discharge pathway. The VCSE Collaborative will engage in further discussions about what the VCSE offer is and about its approach.

Colleagues from the VCSE Collaborative will be representing the wider VCSE Sector at a follow-up UEC Network workshop on 21 September.

Personalised Care Programme

The VCSE Collaborative place leads are supporting the roll out of Personalised Care training to enable VCSE Sector staff and volunteers to access free training and resources from the <u>Personalised Care Institute</u>. The training, which will be circulated shortly, is designed to equip staff and volunteers with the knowledge, skills and confidence to help individuals get more involved in decisions about their care.

The next phase of the programme will be to work 'at place' and with specific conditions where the VCSE sector can create an offer where Personal Health Budgets can be used to support people eligible to receive them. This means the support available to an individual can be personalised to their needs. We'll share more information about this piece of work in future updates and in our bi-monthly newsletter.

Inclusion Roles

The VCSE Collaborative represents the wider VCSE Sector on the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's Digital Inclusion Steering Group. To further support the Sector to connect to communities and individuals, funding has been provided to employ a Digital Inclusion Manager and two geographical coordination roles. Recruitment is currently underway for these roles and more information will be provided in future updates.

The Digital Inclusion Steering Group are focusing on developing systems to improve digital inclusion. One of the areas the VCSE Collaborative will focus on is how we represent localised organisations who can support the delivery of and access to digital for individuals and communities.

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