



Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership

VCSE Collaborative

Meeting Overview – 11 December 2023

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 [Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's VCSE Collaborative webpage](#)

Humber and North Yorkshire VCSE Expo – Date change to 22 April 2024

The Humber and North Yorkshire VCSE Expo, organised by the VCSE Collaborative will now take place on **Monday 22 April at the MKM Stadium in Hull**. The event will bring together VCSE organisations from across Humber and North Yorkshire with representatives from across the wider health and care system. This is the first event of its kind in our region so please save the date as booking details will be shared shortly. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please email anna.boad@yorkcvs.org.uk

VCSE Communications Webinar – AI and VCSE Communications Tuesday 16 January, from 1pm – 2.30pm, online

Free webinar designed to provide practical information and guidance to support VCSE sector organisations. The webinar will provide an overview of the free training and development sessions available from Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership and a masterclass on the use of AI, specifically ChatGPT.

[Book your place here](#)

National Voices - campaigning to ensure equity within health and Care

During the meeting we welcomed Jacob Lant, Chief Executive Officer from National Voices. Jacob shared more information about National Voices, which is a coalition of over 200 health and care charities campaigning to ensure equity within the NHS.

National Voices are keen to bring their knowledge and expertise into integrated care systems as their focus is to improve equity of access and care for all within primary care. During the meeting Jacob shared three National Voices' reports with the Collaborative, including:

- [Our vision for the future of primary care](#), which is co-signed by 50+ of our member charities, which outlines nine key principles to ensure primary care works for all.
- [Accessible and inclusive communication within primary care](#): exploring what matters to people with diverse communication needs.
- [A shift to multidisciplinary teams in general practice: how multidisciplinary teams can work for all](#), especially those who are frequent users of primary care services or are experiencing health inequalities.

Much of this work involves truly engaging with the communities that use primary care, especially those that have long-term or complex health conditions and those experiencing health inequalities who have often been overlooked in co-production in the past.

Find out more about the coalition's work by visiting the [National Voices website](#), where you'll also find their [Working with the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector](#) publication.

VCSE Representation across Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership

Gary Sainty, Head of VCSE shared an update with the Collaborative regarding VCSE representation across the partnership. A map of the various Humber and North Yorkshire ICB boards, networks and groups has been created and to identify and map VCSE representatives on these groups. There are a range of VCSE organisations already involved in HNY work, but this exercise has identified where representation could be required in the future.

The next phase of this piece of work will see the Collaborative discuss support for existing representatives, including a process to communicate feedback with the wider sector, and to discuss how to respond to gaps and working with the VCSE Alliances/Assemblies at place.

Volunteering at the Heart of the System

Drew Richardson, Strategic Volunteering Lead, joined the meeting to share an update on his working regarding volunteering at the heart of the system. Drew has been in post since the beginning of November so early work has revolved around building relationships and exploring the themes from the first report into health volunteering.

Drew has been involved in discussions with the NHS England Volunteering Lead regarding the volunteering direction across Humber and North Yorkshire and the national direction, which will focus on supporting local volunteering programmes. In the New Year, NHS England are looking for ICB's to support and test new programmes. Drew, and the VCSE Collaborative will be involved in this piece of work.

If you have any questions about this area of work, please email Drew at:

drew.richardson@nhs.net

Increasing Diversity in Health Research across Humber and North Yorkshire's Coastal Communities

Following a successful bid for funding from NHS England, the VCSE Collaborative will now lead on phase 2 of the Research Engagement Network (REN) programme, which will invite VCSE organisations to be trained as Community Research Leads to represent our coastal areas in North Yorkshire, East Riding and North East Lincolnshire.

Following research training for VCSE organisations, the programme plans to recruit, train and support Research Ready Community Champions in their localities to help develop an understanding within communities about why health research is so important.

The programme aims to empower more people to get involved in health research by challenging community myths and by creating a bridge between communities and health systems, as evidence shows that research involvement provides improved health and can increase life expectancy.

If you would like to know more about the programme, please email Penny Butcher, VCSE Programme Manager via: penny.butcher2@nhs.net

VCSE Collaborative Contact:

If you have any questions for the VCSE Collaborative, please get in contact with Beckie Deamer-Brooke, VCSE Business Support Officer via: hnyicb.vcseteam@nhs.net

Updates and e-newsletters:

To view past issues of the VCSE Collaborative's meeting updates, bi-monthly e-newsletters, and the latest news and events, please visit the [Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership's VCSE Collaborative webpage](#).

Useful definitions:

Integrated Care Systems (ICSs) - are partnerships that bring together providers and commissioners of NHS services across a geographical area with local authorities and other local partners to collectively plan health and care services to meet the needs of their population.

Integrated Care Board (ICB) - an organisation with responsibility for NHS functions and budgets for the ICS.

Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) - a statutory committee of the ICB bringing together all system partners to produce a health and care strategy.

Place-based / At place - Refers to the geographical locations across Humber and North Yorkshire.