

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership
Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Leadership Programme
Steering Group

Update Report – May 2021

General Update

The edition of the summary report for the VCSE Leadership Group is lengthy which signifies the amount of work taking place over the last couple of months. The VCSE Leadership Group are continually working to build relationships and are part of a variety of meetings to ensure the VCSE is represented with key work streams. In addition, this report covers key pieces of work to share with you including engagement work through hosting workshops, raising awareness of the sector and its work with the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership (HCV Partnership) through various presentations to regional and national groups and progressing work in our priority areas.

It has been fantastic to see the engagement of the sector in the various pieces of work that have been taking place and it feels like there is a genuine desire across the sector and amongst colleague across the HCV Partnership to ensure we maximise the connectivity and enter into more collaborative ways of working in order to deliver a person centre health system.

Workshops

Recently the VCSE Leadership Group has led on delivering two engagement events, the attendance and contributions at both events has been really valuable and has helped develop understanding of the voluntary sector and how it can effectively work as part of the health system. Don't worry if you were not part of the workshops that took place, unfortunately we cannot accommodate everyone within a workshop however we do want to ensure the sector can still receive information about the discussions and hope to ensure more organisations are connected through the place based networks across Humber, Coast and Vale and can provide their thoughts through these networks. It is clearly apparent that opportunities to bring colleagues together is valued and we aim to conduct more opportunities in the future. We are aware that these events are largely on top of peoples day jobs and there is a variance on capacity to attend. Although attendance is appreciated we aim to ensure you can be aware of the discussions taking place by providing summaries found below.

VCSE Engagement Workshop – 6th April 2021

This workshop heard from Prof Stephen Eames, Chair and Lead of the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership and this set out the development of the partnership into the Integrated Care System and the ambition to ensure the VCSE sector are part of the system.



Following the input from speakers, discussions took us through what colleagues from across the sector would like to see to enable effective collaboration and several areas for action were highlighted. For a summary of the workshop please use the link below:

[VCSE Engagement Workshop Summary](#)

Mental Health Workshop – 19th April 2021

The aim of this workshop was to connect VCSE Mental Health providers with statutory services and create a network that can enable greater collaboration across a wider variety of providers. The workshop was a start to conversations and helped to build understanding of the various services that operate across the Humber, Coast and Vale and this work will continue to engage and understand more of the services including and beyond those that were in attendance at the workshop. For a summary of this workshop and to access the slides from the presentation, please use the links below:

[Mental Health Workshop Summary](#)

[Mental Health Workshop Slides](#)

Both of the above workshops provided great insight to work with and this is to be shared with colleagues across the HCV Partnership and the areas for action will be taken forward to ensure the sector is embedded within the system and its operations.

Showcasing the Humber, Coast and Vale

The work of the VCSE Leadership Group has taken place over the last 12 months bringing together the networks that happen at a place level (across a Local Authority area) coming together as a collective creating the VCSE Leadership Group that forms part of the health system, that is the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership (system level). This means that the VCSE sector has a voice and is embedded with the wider health system.

This connectivity and being able to identify and articulate successes in all of the work taking place has led to requests from various organisations such as NHS England, NCVO and the Kings Fund to present our work and learning.

The credit for this should be passed on to the VCSE sector across Humber, Coast and Vale for its contributions and to the HCV Partnership for its commitments to ensure the sector is part of the wider system.

Updates from Steering Group

Mental Health and Suicide Prevention

As a priority area of work for the VCSE programme, the VCSE Director has been working with Jo Kent, Suicide Prevention Lead for the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership to connect to VCSE providers and particularly within the world of sport to raise awareness and connect support. One key element to this work that you are encouraged to access and share with colleagues in #talksuicide:

Suicide Prevention Training: TAKE THE TRAINING, SAVE A LIFE at www.talksuicide.co.uk

This free 20 minute training is very useful for anyone to complete and is useful for colleague across the sector to complete. It teaches individuals how to identify the signs of when someone might be suffering from suicidal thoughts and behaviours, tools to help you feel more comfortable to talk about suicide and provide information to signpost individuals in need of support.

Green Social Prescribing

The Green Social Prescribing programme officially commenced on 1st April with the recruitment of Anthony Hurd as programme manager and Hannah Armitt as the clinical lead. The team have been spending their first few weeks planning the initial roll out of the programme and meeting key stakeholders to begin to build relationships.

The first steering group for the project will take place in May and details of a programme launch will be circulated in the near future.

Communications

To enable greater collaboration and improve connectivity, communications are key and improving them has been highlighted in a number of work recently. The VCSE Leadership Group are taking steps to do this and have created time to identify what need to do. Over the coming months we will aim to:

- Have a greater online presence of our work as part of the HCV Partnership
- Increase the number of communications that are circulated, distributed via our place based networks
- Commit to circulating a summary report every other month, detailing the work that has taken place and identifying future actions
- Through the place based networks raise examples and share the work and learning that is taking place across the sector. This enables it to be shared within the system and beyond

Learning and Understanding

To develop our own understanding of places and communities across Humber, Coast and Vale and to understand the operations of the sector we are carrying out specific pieces of work to research particular areas. These include research into understanding the organisations and services that support ethnically diverse communities, economic investment into the sector, sustainability and resilience of VCSE organisations and also what the current picture of social prescribing is across the patch. These pieces of work are all to be concluded in the next few months and following this we will be able to share our findings.

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership

The Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership are pleased to announce that the 2020/21 annual report has been published.

The annual report captures the Partnership's work and documents some of the key achievements of our different programmes throughout the year in line with the requirements of the Humber, Coast and Vale Partnership Long Term Plan, which is aligned with the NHS Long Term Plan.

Read the 20/21 HCV Partnership annual report [here](#).

We hope that you have found this to be a useful update and can share with your networks and colleagues across the Voluntary Sector in Humber, Coast and Vale.

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