

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership

Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Leadership Programme Steering Group

Update Report – July 2021

General Update

This edition of the VCSE Leadership Programme update provides an overview of work that has taken place over the last couple of months that is a mix between the 'here and now' and the sector being connected to various work areas and looking ahead to where the programme and our work needs to be focussing on to ensure the sector is integrated into the work of the health and care system.

Firstly it has been a pleasure to welcome Jane Colthup who has taken up the [Chief Executive role at Community First Yorkshire](#) who represent the North Yorkshire area on the VCSE Leadership Programme. Jane is a champion of the power of community and has a wealth of experience in the private, public and voluntary sectors which we are already seeing as beneficial in the various discussions we have had. We wish Jane all the best in her new role and look forwards to working further with her and Community First Yorkshire.

Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership – Integrated Care System (ICS)

What is an Integrated Care System? When talking about health and care, the term ICS will be more frequently used as we move forward, this is because an ICS's are the new NHS structures that are being planned to be in place by April 2022 and legislation is currently going through Parliament. For Humber, Coast and Vale the ICS is the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership.

ICS's are new partnerships between organisations to meet the health and care needs of the people across the Humber, Coast and Vale patch. There is a clear emphasis through the new arrangements for coordination of services and collaborations between different sectors including the VCSE sector, local government and NHS and positive impact is being seen across the country where this is successfully taking place.

To understand exactly what an ICS is, the NHS animation is a quick 2 minute video that gives a fantastic overview: [Integrated Care](#)

The partnership has set its objectives for 2021/22 and Professor Stephen Eames sets out the direction of travel for the partnership in this article: [click here](#)

VCSE Leadership Programme

What do the new arrangements mean for the VCSE Leadership Programme? The VCSE Leadership Programme was initially set up through NHSE funding, however the success and impact the programme has seen and its work within the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership has meant that for 2021/22 the programme has been



resourced and is a programme of the partnership and looking forwards the plans are clearly looking to embed the programme within the system.

For the VCSE sector this is good news and there is a desire and clear commitment from the partnership to integrate the VCSE sector into the thinking and planning around health and care and the programme is being an advocate for the value of the sector and ensuring that it is plugged into the relevant conversations.

Further updates will be provided in future updates as to the VCSE Leadership Programme and the further establishment of the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership.

Future Planning

Alongside the developments of the ICS, the VCSE Leadership Group have been reviewing and updating the Vision, Mission and Objectives for 2021/22. The sector has a great role to play in many aspects of Health and Social Care and our planning aims to focus our efforts on where we can have the greatest impact. The vision and objectives that we are setting will be ambitious and focus our work ensuring the VCSE sector is recognised as an equal partner and very much integrated into the plans of the health and care sector.

Recruitment – Programme Manager

To enable the programme to deliver against the vision and objectives set and to ensure there is engagement at a system, place and neighbourhood level, we are looking to recruit a Programme Manager to support our work. This position is being advertised now as a secondment opportunity through to the end of March 2022 initially.

To find out more details please [click here](#)

Updates from Steering Group

VCSE Economic Value and Impact

The programme is currently working alongside our colleague across West Yorkshire to lead a research project to understand more about the size of the sector and its make-up, the economic value of the sector and its operations and to try to understand and [evidence the impact of the sector](#).

The research is being led by Professor Tony Chapman of St. Chad's College, Durham University who is an expert in the voluntary and community sector and who has undertaken similar research locally, nationally and internationally.

A final report is due and will be circulated in September and I would like to thank those colleagues who have played their part in testing some of the theory and taking part in conversations to shape it.

Green Social Prescribing

The Green Social Prescribing programme has formally launched, with a very well attended launch webinar taking place in June. This was a fantastic opportunity for the team to showcase the plan to deliver the programme over the coming years and for stakeholders to find out more about how to engage and work with the programme.

For more information about the programme please sign up to receive the regular e-newsletter. To view the latest edition please [click here](#)

Connecting Health Communities

Working with Community First Yorkshire an expression of interest has been submitted to access a facilitated support package being led by the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR), to address health inequalities through cross sector partnerships.

Our proposal focusses particularly on transport and travel across a rural area that contributes to particular health inequalities. A range of partners have been engaged in the process of submitting the expression of interest and we are hopeful, in the coming months, we will be able progress this piece of work.

Inclusive Engagement

Through all of our work and like many others we aim to be inclusive and ensure open and equal access to our work, however there are many challenges that face organisations that may hinder this. Therefore as a VCSE Leadership Programme we want to understand more about the organisations across Humber, Coast and Vale that are supporting communities, who they are and what they offer and learn about the challenges they face.

We are currently working with Sonia from SRB Charity Consulting to deliver a piece of work that should be concluded by September which will broaden our network and contacts and enable us to ensure that our work is more connected and inclusive.

Thank you for all of those across the patch that have engaged with this work through surveys, interviews and conversations and in the September edition we hope to be able to share the outputs of this work.

Partnership Connectivity

The VCSE programme aims to connect the sector and the great work it does with the Health and Care system, establishing and embedding partnerships to provide a collaborative approach. Over the last couple of months energy has been going into this area of work and we have been representing the sector at a number of meetings and steering groups which is being valued and a greater depth of engagement is taking place.

Some specific work streams that we are working with and would like to engage the sector further with in the future are:

Workforce: a review is taking place across the whole system as to the workforce in place and how do we develop, support and value what we have whilst looking ahead to ensure the future workforce is also considered and planned. The VCSE sector is included in this review as the sector employs many highly skilled and professional people, has many more people involved in volunteering and there will be many future leaders among us. It is expected that the contributions at this stage will form part of the plans and strategies moving forwards.

Cancer: the Humber, Coast and Vale Cancer Alliance are putting plans in place and scoping future work areas. The VCSE Programme Director has been involved in these conversations and advocating the work of both cancer support groups and organisations and also the opportunity of working widely with the sector around early cancer detection and creating a network of cancer champions. There is more work to be done but the value and opportunities are being discussed as part of future ways of working.

Mental Health: following on from previous work and engagement with VCSE providers work continues to progress with further engagement through the programme on a variety

of work areas, which will see the voluntary and statutory sectors work closely together. In addition we are continuing to scope out areas of work where greater collaboration between sectors could prove valuable and plans to take these discussions across sectors and organisations are being put into place.

There are many more areas of work the VCSE Programme Director and group members are involved in and future editions will continue to provide updates. Other work includes linking in to the new Waiting Well Programme, work to support and embed social prescribing across Humber, Coast and Vale and with the work around Population Health and Health Inequalities.

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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