

## Health Alliance- Terms of Reference

### Ambition

To provide a strategic network for Voluntary, Community, Social Enterprise (VCSE) groups working within Cambridgeshire and Peterborough.

To engage and embed the sector within the Integrated Care System governance and decision-making structures.

To maximise the value the sector can bring to the health and wellbeing of their communities through greater collaboration across ICS partners.

To provide a voice and improve the wellbeing for all communities by:

- **Encouraging** coproduction in the creation of person centred, community based health and care which promotes equality for all
- **Enabling** the voice of the people with lived experience and those experiencing health inequalities to inform local and national policy, making and shaping delivery of services
- **Building** evidence of sustainable and scalable solutions to mitigate and prevent inequalities impacting on the health and wellbeing of communities

### Membership

- Nominated VCSE leads from organizations from Cambridgeshire and Peterborough communities to represent the diversity of the local community.
- VCSE Alliance members can attend meetings or just be on mailing lists. The meeting attendances may be restricted number wise so if you are unable to attend after accepting a place at said meeting send a representative or alert Hunts Forum contact in good time.
- One representative from each organization only unless they cover a different geographical patch.
- Attendance from other parties, subject matter experts and agencies as identified by the group on an ad hoc basis.

VCSE Alliance members all have a responsibility to gather views from and feedback to, the wider VCSE networks that they represent to ensure the VCSE Alliance is representative of the views of the wider sector and able to affect transformation by fully engaging the wider sector on opportunities. There are a range of different roles individuals can play as members of the alliance. Some alliance members will be asked to represent the sector on ICS Boards, workstreams or ad hoc task and finish groups. Irrespective of the role alliance members undertake they should:

- **Engage** with the wider VCSE sector and on behalf of the VCSE sector on their particular group/board etc – they aren't lone wolfs or single organisations
- **Be Accountable** – capture and represent the views/experiences of the wider sector to the ICS and keep the wider sector informed of key decisions etc that will affect them
- **Influence** - ensure that they have skills/knowledge and experience to influence policy and decision making

- **Communicate** – keep in regular touch with wider VCSE partners. There needs to be a two-way flow of information, insight and intelligence. This could be through a virtual network or working group.

## **Purpose of group**

1. Raise the profile, increase understanding, and promote the value of working collaboratively with the VCSE sector on the health and wellbeing of communities, on NHS services, health inequalities, prevention, population health management, social prescribing etc.
2. Agree representation from the VCSE Alliance at decision making bodies, governance groups, programme workstream meetings and other strategic forums, across the ICS or place, as necessary.
3. Improve and consolidate existing links with local community networks and wider VCSE sector.
4. Use shared data to identify emerging trends from across the wider VCSE sector that the VCSE Alliance represents and influence key decision makers across the ICS or place for the benefit of the sector.
5. Develop shared training and capacity building to ensure the VCSE workforce is able to meet future demands and ongoing quality delivery.
6. Identify new opportunities and to align opportunities through grant funding and social investment with statutory partners.
7. Develop a shared vision for the VCSE sector and proactively search for opportunities to progress the vision and the sector as a whole.
8. Explore opportunities to demonstrate impact, value, benefits that the VCSE sector can bring, collaboratively across the wider VCSE sector using the available evidence, data and intelligence to best use to support the overall sector development and to achieve the vision.
9. Join up intelligence – giving VCSE organizations better access to data and ‘market intelligence’ and vice versa.
10. Identify, promote and share peer learning, training and capacity building to; ensure all members workforce are in a strong position to meet future demands, improve the quality and sustainability of services for people living in specified location.
11. Demonstrate the added social value and the impact of provision using evidence from member organizations, develop a shared business case for the VCSE sector to identify new opportunities.
12. Positively impact stakeholder perception and understanding of what the VCSE sector is and what the sector offers especially in terms of volunteers/community provision.

## **Schedule of meetings:**

Initially meetings will be Monthly and alternate to being in person and online and for 2 hours. The aim is for in person meetings to be held across the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough patch.

**Administrative support.** Initially admin and correspondence support will be provided by Hunts Forum.