

KCW VCS Health Strategy

Health & Wellbeing Voluntary Organisations Forum

18 October 2022, 10.20-11.15

Who we are

- Consultants with VCS background
- Practical experience of building partnerships in health and care
- Supporting VCS across England to develop alliances
- In-depth work to develop strategies and partnership structures.



Health and care reform

- Reform of health and care services is underway
- On 1 July 2022 existing local organisations that plan health and care services – clinical commissioning groups or CCGs – were replaced
- Now 42 integrated care systems (ICSs) in England
- Not just “NHS with a new name” - local partnerships of all organisations involved in improving health and wellbeing
- VCS an essential partner

What this means

- Behind the scenes – governance
- No immediate impact on things like GPs, A&E or hospital services
- Going forward partners beyond NHS will be involved in decision making
- Long-term aim - more personalised, coordinated support and services
- A focus on preventing ill-health, as well as treating it, and targeting resources to where they are most needed to improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities

Less than 20% of our health and wellbeing is determined by health and care services

Changes on the ground

- Different ways you may see these changes in practice
- GPs or other healthcare professionals wanting to connect people into your groups / support
- NHS, councils, working with different community groups or specialist charities to develop new services that are more appropriate / targeted
- Community campaigns
- Coordinated crisis response in the community

More info / background

[Helpful article](#)

[King's Fund explainer video](#)

[NHS Long Term Plan](#)

[ICS Design Framework](#)

New partnership approach

- All working together as one system
- Lots of potential benefits to people and communities
- New way of working, requires planning and thought
- **Kensington & Chelsea Social Council (KCSC)** and **One Westminster** considering structures and mechanisms for enabling partnership working across the sector

A VCS Strategy

- Lev Pedro & Associates commissioned by KCSC and One Westminster to support the co-design of a voluntary and community sector (VCS) strategy
- ***Aim:** How to embed the VCS as a key partner within the new Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster Place-Based Partnership in health and care.*
- Deadline end December 2022.

Today's session

- Thank you for having us here today!
- Timescales are tight
- We will try and involve as many people as possible
- Keen to hear your views

Your views

Please think about the following questions:

1. Where do you see the opportunities for working as part of an integrated care system?
2. What is your biggest challenge (or fear about) working as part of an integrated care system?
3. How will we know it is working well?
4. Are you aware of any examples of good cross-sector working?

Thank you!

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