

Transforming the way we work with the VCSE

Working together to build a more strategic, sustainable and joined up approach across West Yorkshire and Harrogate



West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

- 2.7 million population
- Diverse geography and demographics: Bradford and District and Craven, Wakefield, Harrogate, Leeds, Kirklees, Calderdale.
- Brings together partners from all sectors working across Health and care
- Distributed leadership model
- System based work where it makes sense to work on a wider footprint, adds value and compliments place based provision



Harnessing the Power of Communities (HPoC)

- The Harnessing the Power of Communities Programme is a catalyst for change and strengthening VCSE engagement at all levels across the Partnership
- Work driven by HPoC leadership Group
- Over £2.5 million invested through the ICS and HPoC into VCSE delivery to date
- VCSE representation at decision making Boards and forums
- Ensuring VCSE are embedded in planning
- Workforce training, development, health and well-being



Our ambition for West Yorkshire and Harrogate

A sustainable, strategic approach to working with the VCSE across the partnership including engagement in decision making and shaping services, long term joined-up investment in the sector, and valuing and respecting the sector and their expertise and flexibility.



Harnessing the Power of Communities

Our Vision

Our vision is vibrant, sustainable and resilient communities across West Yorkshire and Harrogate. Communities where citizens, the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector and other partners, come together to plan, develop and deliver innovative solutions to improve population health and well-being and reduce inequalities.

Our Priorities for 2020 to March 2022

1. Work with health and care partners to instigate more joined up, sustainable funding for the VCSE sector at place and system levels

2. Ensure the VCSE are included in decision making and shaping services

3. Increase awareness and recognition of the VCSE sector

4. Influence a shift to prevention and community based health and well-being pathways led by VCSE sector at place and neighbourhood levels

5. Work with VCSE, LA's, and health and care colleagues to better connect volunteering across WY&H, at place and system level

6. Strengthen VCSE sector engagement at PCN level

7. Ensure the health and well-being needs of VCSE staff and volunteers are supported across the WY&H Health and Care Partnership

Our ambition

HPoC's long term ambition is to establish the VCSE as an equal partner within health and care, contributing to shaping and delivering services from the outset and to the improved health and well-being of the population. We want to see long term joined up investment in the sector which enables VCSE organisations to deliver consistent, sustainable solutions to reducing health inequalities.



Questions and comments?

