

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

**Update Report – end January 2021**

### Work Plan Update

The Steering Group is in the process of developing a Work Plan as part of their role and to help drive forwards the work of the Leadership Programme. The new VCSE Programme Director, who joins the Partnership in February, will support the group to develop the work plan, building on the actions identified through steering group meetings and a system-wide workshop, which took place in October 2020, supported by IVAR.

The workstreams and their named leads have been updated and are provided below for reference:

Workstream Priority	Named Lead
System Transformation	Jason Stamp (Chair)
Digital	Susan Oliver
Commissioning	Pippa Robson
Workforce	Leah Swain
Volunteering	Alison Semmence
Health Inequalities and Population Health	Andy Barber
Mutual Understanding	Alison Semmence / Jason Stamp
Sustainability and Investment	Jan Garrill
Social Prescribing (including Green)	Andy Barber
Black, Asian and Minority Ethnicities	Jason Stamp / Jan Garrill / Leah Swain
Commitment to Carers	TBC

Workstream Leads submit their workstream highlight reports in advance of Steering Group meetings to feedback on their recent activity.

### Update on Steering Group meeting, held 11<sup>th</sup> January

The monthly meeting of the VCSE Leadership Programme Steering Group took place Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January with the agenda covering the following items:

- Notes of the last meeting and Action Tracker;
- Programme Finance update – 2021 Headline Budget;
- Chair's update;
- Volunteering – with a particular focus on the NHS Volunteer Responders scheme and deployment of volunteers to support Covid vaccination;
- Green Social Prescribing;
- Workstream updates (by exception as highlight reports are circulated in advance of meetings).



## 2021 Budget

The group discussed a high-level budget for the remaining programme funding. The total funding for the programme over the two years is £80,000 of which £35,000 has been spent to date. The remaining programme funding was allocated against the following areas.

- participation (to support VCSE colleagues to engage with the programme and with the health and care sector more broadly)
- research and evaluation
- place-based/thematic activity
- investment and sustainability of the sector

## Volunteering

The Partnership was successful in its bid for £30,000 from NHS England and Improvement to undertake work to evaluate and embed the NHS Volunteer Responders. York CVS will be undertaking this work on behalf of the VCSE Leads Group and the initial focus of the work will be in York. An evaluation exercise will be undertaken between January and March, alongside further work to explore opportunities for embedding the NHS volunteer responders into local systems.

## Green Social Prescribing

The Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership is one of just seven health and care partnerships in the country to secure £500,000 as part of the two-year national scheme to ‘test and learn’ how to embed green social prescribing into local areas. Green social prescribing is about connecting people with nature and their local environments.

Andy Barber will lead this project as the nominated VCSE Lead for social prescribing and the VCSE Leadership Group will have overall responsibility for delivery of this programme across Humber, Coast and Vale. The VCSE Leadership Group agreed a set of priority actions in their January meeting to move the programme forward, which included an immediate action to recruit a programme manager and clinical lead to provide the capacity needed to take the programme forward. A steering group with representation from key sectors (social prescribing teams, nature partners, mental health providers etc.) will also be established to oversee the project.

## Update on Steering Group meeting, held 7<sup>th</sup> December

The monthly meeting of the VCSE Leadership Programme Steering Group took place Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with the agenda covering the following items:

- Notes of the last meeting and Action Tracker;
- Programme Finance update;
- Chair’s update;
- HCV Partnership update, which focused on the Partnership’s response to the NHS England publication – [Next Steps for Integrated Care](#);
- Investment and Sustainability workstream;
- Programme Director and resourcing;
- NHS Charities funding – an update from Andy Barber;
- Workstream updates (by exception as highlight reports are circulated in advance of meetings).

## Investment and Sustainability – Business Case

Jan Garrill, of Two Ridings Community Foundation, presented an outline business case relating to the Investment and Sustainability workstream, which aims to support VCSE sector colleagues to develop a strategic framework for better understanding current and future investment into the sector with a focus on long-term sustainability. The group were supportive of the business case and agreed to the £10,000 funding required for this work to take place.

## Programme Director

Following an open recruitment process, an appointment to the role of programme director has been made. The new post-holder will join the Partnership team to support the VCSE programme in February 2021. Long term resourcing and sustainability of the post would be one of the first tasks alongside the development of the Work Plan

## Commitment to Carers

A meeting with Carers Leads and Organisations from across HCV took place on 4<sup>th</sup> December. This brought together representatives from the different organisations and partnerships in place across HCV who work with and support carers across our region. An overview of the NHS England and Improvement commitment to carers was provided at the meeting. The group agreed to begin developing a network and to identify from within the group a Carers Lead for the Partnership. A lead individual/organisation has not yet been confirmed.

## VCSE Representation across the Partnership

On 30<sup>th</sup> November a scoping meeting took place with all the identified voluntary and community sector colleagues currently working on one or more workstreams or programmes within the Humber, Coast and Vale Health and Care Partnership. This included, for example, VCSE colleagues from the hospice sector who are leading the HCV End of Life group, colleagues from mental health charities working within the mental health collaborative programme and colleagues from national charities working on specific clinical priorities. The issue of representation and influence was discussed at the meeting and colleagues had differing levels of knowledge and connectivity with the wider VCSE sector. This was an introductory conversation and further meetings will take place over the coming months, supported by the new VCSE programme director. In addition, the various Partnership programmes are working with the VCSE Leadership Group to consider how they can more effectively embed the appropriate VCSE sector partners into their workstreams.

**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.**

**If you have any queries relating to this report please do not hesitate to contact Jason Stamp (Chair) [jason@nbforum.org.uk](mailto:jason@nbforum.org.uk) or your local Place-Based VCSE Representative.**