

### **Building Health Partnerships**

NCVS has been working closely with IVAR to promote the BHP work around delayed transfers of care. The initial event has been heavily promoted to the wider voluntary sector and specifically to housing providers and organisations working with a focus on domestic violence. NCVS will be supporting with facilitating the event on Friday 23 November and will continue in a VCS representation and engagement role.

### **City wide volunteering strategy**

A stakeholder engagement conference took place on 19 October. Approx. 70 attendees from a wide range of organisations across the city. The conference explored how to move forward with a city strategy and what the focus of this should be. The clear links to health and wellbeing in terms of outcomes for residents and volunteers was discussed and the wider determinants such as employment and loneliness. Attendees were asked of the commitment they could make in terms of time and skill resources to work streams. It is anticipated the strategy will be launched in June 2019 as part of Volunteers Week. Any organisation or individual interested to find out more or to be involved can contact [volunteercentre@nottinghamcvs.co.uk](mailto:volunteercentre@nottinghamcvs.co.uk) to be added to a mailing list. We're particularly keen to involve as many volunteers as possible.

### **Community Sports**

Following on from the previous update the Disability Sport Insight and Participation Project will be presented at the Physical Activity, Obesity and Diet Strategy Group in November. The Volunteer Buddies and Friends of Leisure Centres project continue to move forward. For more information contact [ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk](mailto:ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk).

### **VCS Networks**

There are many voluntary and community sector networks operating across the city. Most are linked to the Vulnerable Adults Providers Network (VAPN) and Children and Young People's Providers Network (CYPPN). There are approx. 350 organisations across both of these networks.

The VAPN has focused on mental health in November receiving presentations and discussion with NUH Crisis Team and inputting into the Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan from 2019-2021. The VAPN has had a strong focus on social prescribing which has resulted in the VCSE position statement on social prescribing. The January meeting will link to Time to Change and in the future will look at alcohol in line with county wide focus on this for 19-20.

The CYPPN has also focused on mental health in November. This followed a VCS meeting with Roz Howie from the ICS regarding the Integrated All Age Mental Health Strategy. The September meeting focused on alternative provision and exclusions. The health and wellbeing considerations for children and young people experiencing exclusion, particularly SEND children was discussed and further work picked up with the Council. The January meeting will have a focus on knife crime.

Both networks have contributed to JSNA chapters on sexual health and HIV and maternity in the past few months. Both networks continue to link to strategic aims of the HWB by their nature. NCVS has recently provided space free of charge for the BME Community of Practice recognising the importance of this group across the voluntary sector, health and social care. This is an example of a meeting which is connected to the VCS networks.

NCVS continues to represent the sector at a wide range of health and social care related meetings. A review of representation is being undertaken.

There will be a Food Poverty Network meeting before Christmas, date TBC.

### **State of the Sector**

NCVS is exploring options to develop an academically robust measure and report about Nottingham's voluntary sector. This would be a useful reference document for strategic commissioners across health and social care and have wide ranging benefits cross sectors. For example, measuring the social value of volunteering and health impact of being a volunteer. More information will be available as this idea progresses into a project. We are keen to work with partners and to have input from health and social care.

For more information about networks and the state of the sector project please contact [ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk](mailto:ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk).