

**Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board
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	Report for Information
Title:	Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service – ‘State of the Sector 2021’ Interim Report
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Brief summary:	The voluntary and community sector (VCS) has been widely recognised as playing a vital role in supporting communities and vulnerable people directly affected by the pandemic. There is no doubt that without volunteers, grass roots organisations and front line VCS staff, many more people would have suffered. A ‘State of the Sector’ report is our opportunity to get the information we need to ensure the sector is firmly embedded in wider systems as equal partners with the public sector. Nottingham’s VCS is as diverse as its population and we have ensured that all communities had the opportunity to feed in to this report.

Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- (1) recognise the importance of the voluntary and community sector in supporting public services; and
- (2) work with the sector to develop a strategic investment model to ensure continuity of services.

Contribution to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims and outcomes	Summary of contribution to the Strategy
Aim: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham and make us one of the healthiest big cities.	The VCS is actively engaged in tackling health inequalities within Nottingham’s marginalised communities, with the aim of increasing healthy life expectancy. For example, by leading the Nottingham City
Aim: To reduce inequalities in health by	

targeting the neighbourhoods with the lowest levels of healthy life expectancy.	<p>Integrated Care Partnership's, Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Health Inequalities work stream.</p> <p>The VCS delivers services that support children and adults, in many cases by helping them to navigate services that they may find difficult on their own. They are especially effective with newly arrived populations and those with language or cultural barriers.</p> <p>VCS organisations can adapt and develop services in a responsive way that meets the needs of citizens' ever-changing circumstances. They often address the wider determinants of health (such as poverty, food insecurity and housing) that can help people to live healthy lives.</p>
Outcome 1: Children and adults in Nottingham adopt and maintain healthy lifestyles.	
Outcome 2: Children and adults in Nottingham will have positive mental wellbeing and those with long-term mental health problems will have good physical health.	
Outcome 3: There will be a healthy culture in Nottingham in which citizens are supported and empowered to live healthy lives and manage ill health well.	
Outcome 4: Nottingham's environment will be sustainable – supporting and enabling its citizens to have good health and wellbeing.	

How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health

The VCS has long advocated for parity of esteem between mental and physical health and will continue to do so.

Background papers:

- State of the Sector interim findings
- Full case study, Bulwell Forest Garden