

# Building Health Partnerships

Briefing Note  
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## Promoting self-care through partnerships

VONNE has supported a successful application to take part in a new one year Building Health Partnerships (BHP) programme.

The programme provides an opportunity to develop some meaningful engagement between health commissioners and professionals and the Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in the design, commissioning and delivery of health and wellbeing services.

The BHP programme provides support to enable Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP) 'footprints' to engage with the VCSE sector and citizens on wellbeing and self-care priorities.

The successful application was led by the STP Prevention Work Stream Group which covers the Northumberland, Tyne Wear and North Durham and Durham, Darlington Tees, Hambleton, Richmond and Whitby STP areas. VONNE represents the VCSE on this workstream.

VONNE is part of the BHP core group with STP leads and is working to identify key VCSE leads with a health and wellbeing focus to be involved in BHP wider partnership over the coming year. The focus of the work is likely to be around community asset based approaches to health and wellbeing, self-care and prevention including social prescribing.

We are one of eight STP areas that have been selected to take part in the programme including Humber, Coast and Vale; Greater Manchester; Mid and South Essex; Herefordshire and Worcestershire; North Central London; Bristol, Somerset and South Gloucestershire; Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The programme is jointly funded by NHS England and the Big Lottery Fund and delivered in partnership by Social Enterprise UK (SEUK) and the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR). The programme will combine relationship building with agreeing and implementing joint action.

STP areas in the programme have access to a mixture of facilitated support, expert input, links to other networks and initiatives, and communications expertise provided through IVAR and SEUK.

### 1. Sustainability and Transformation Plan

Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STP) are local, place based plans that aim to improve health and care in partnership with the local councils and communities.

Plans are arranged across 44 geographical areas (or 'footprints') which cover the whole of England.

The BHP programme 2017-18 is designed to support local partners in health and care to deliver STPs by focusing on:

**Strong engagement** with the VCSE sector and citizens

**Activities and actions** that promote wellbeing and self-care in the local community.

## 2. Aims of the BHP self-care programme

The principal aim of BHP is to strengthen the foundations for transforming healthcare commissioning and delivery by:

- Building trust and mutual understanding across patients, clinical commissioning groups (CCGs), health and wellbeing boards (HWBs), local authorities and local VCSE organisations in the eight selected STP footprints.
- Supporting senior, cross-sector staff and local patients and residents to develop and exercise shared local leadership to wellbeing and self-care.
- Assisting meaningful engagement between health agencies and professionals and residents, patients, carers and their communities.
- Developing opportunities for more effective engagement of the VCSE sector and local patients and residents in the design, commissioning and delivery of health and social care services.
- The BHP programme provides an opportunity to develop a model of **shared leadership** and produce **tangible outcomes**.

## 3. BHP programme activities

The BHP programme will consist of:

- **Core group facilitated sessions:** 6 - 10 key players in the STP footprint representing the cross-sector group who will drive and support the work of the BHP programme outside the facilitated sessions.
- **Full partnership sessions:** 30 - 60 interested parties within the STP footprint with cross-sector representation to shape and take forward the work of the programme.
- **Dissemination and shared learning:** key points in the programme when the progress and learning from the eight areas will be shared more widely with regional STP leads and other STP footprints.

## 4. Previous programme achievements

Previous BHP programmes have achieved:

- Setting up a fund to enable clinical commissioning groups (CCG) to commission small community organisations to deliver community-based activities to meet some of the non-clinical needs of patients.
- A dataset of LGBTQ health needs as a tool for commissioners and other VCSE organisations designing services, as well as a LGBTQ implementation framework and best practice model for organisations working with under-represented groups.
- A robust evaluation of a social prescribing model leading to the scheme being funded for the next two years by the CCG.
- Improved cross-sector support for young people and mental health, supporting a cross-sector group and young people to co-produce the local CAMHS transformation plan.
- Social value framework for procurement policy to achieve health outcomes through broader system spend.

## 5. Further information

- [www.ivar.org.uk/research-projects/building-health-partnerships/](http://www.ivar.org.uk/research-projects/building-health-partnerships/)
- [www.socialenterprise.org.uk/Pages/Category/building-health-partnerships](http://www.socialenterprise.org.uk/Pages/Category/building-health-partnerships)

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