

Gloucestershire VCSE Strategic Partnership (Wellbeing)

Member Role Description

Overall purpose of the role

Members of the Gloucestershire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Strategic Partnership (Wellbeing) are jointly responsible for the overall strategic direction and governance of VCSE engagement with One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System (ICS).

Key relationships

VCSE organisations
VCSE representatives
VCSE/ICS Engagement and Partnership Lead
ICS members

Responsibilities

- Promoting a culture of collaboration both within the VCSE and between the VCS and the ICS. This includes demonstrating collaborative behaviours at an individual level and leading or participating in initiatives to build relationships and develop new approaches to developing cross sector thinking.
- In collaboration with other Strategic Partnership members, and with input from the ICS, setting strategic priorities for VCSE sector engagement with the ICS.
- Representing the VCSE in ICS governance and decision-making bodies at system level; accurately representing the views of the VCSE Strategic Partnership, and the wider VCSE.
- Making decisions and agreeing actions on behalf of the VCSE to deliver on the commitments laid out in the Memorandum of Understanding between the VCSE and the ICS.
- Being a credible representative of the VCSE sector; building understanding and awareness of the sector and its unique contribution to Gloucestershire.
- Facilitating communication at a senior level between the public sector and the VCSE sector and ensuring a flow of information between them.
- Determining priorities for representation in clinical programme groups, partnership boards and similar groups in collaboration with the ICS; appointing representatives, where there is no reference group in place, or the reference group is unable to appoint.
- Managing and evaluating the relationships between VCSE representatives and the boards/groups they sit on.
- Influencing how the VCSE sector is commissioned, so that commissioning practices lead to the delivery of services that are better tailored to the needs of the people of Gloucestershire.
- Promoting inclusive, accessible practice in engaging the VCSE, including small community-based organisations, peer support groups and neighbourhood initiatives.
- Maintaining impartiality when representing the VCSE sector; this means not advantaging your own organisation, group or interest at the expense of other VCSE organisations.

Time commitment and payment

The estimated time commitment for this role is 3-4 hours per month; a fee will be paid based on £25 per hour.

If, in addition, a member of the Strategic Partnership represents the VCSE sector on an ICS board, partnership or working group a further payment will be made for their participation.

There is no payment for other activities associated with undertaking this role.

Knowledge, skills and experience

A willingness to set aside organisational and personal interests to represent the interests of the VCSE sector as a whole.	Essential
An understanding of, and experience working in, the VCSE sector in the context of improving health and/or wellbeing outcomes.	Essential
Ability to establish credibility and maintain relationships with colleagues from front line staff to senior stakeholders. Excellent relationship building skills.	Essential
Persuasion, influencing and negotiation skills. Able to communicate with tact and sensitivity. The role will include managing potentially complex and politically sensitive relationships.	Essential
Willingness to work collaboratively both across the VCSE sector and with representatives of public sector organisations. A commitment to shared learning that supports the development of joint working.	Essential
Awareness of the local and national strategic context of health and social care from a VCSE perspective.	Desirable
A clear understanding of the role and potential role of the VCSE within the health and social care “system”.	Desirable
Ability to interpret highly complex information and communicate effectively across multiple stakeholders, with a range of priorities, commitments and challenges to develop shared understanding and values.	Desirable
Strategic problem-solving skills, entrepreneurial and open to ideas and opportunities.	Desirable

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