

Commissioning and Investment Update, February 24

The following briefing gives a quick update on key activity within the VCSE Commissioning and Investment Workstream, and opportunities for future involvement. Please get in touch with Susie.wright@10gm.org.uk for further details, or to join in any of our planned work.

NHS Contracts Review

- A list of all NHS contracts held by VCSE in GM (including localities) has been created.
- Local Infrastructure Organisations have checked this list for completeness – as far as practicable.
- The majority of MH contracts have now been reviewed.
- Community and non healthcare lists are to be reviewed at a locality level – 10GM have chased up this activity, are asking that LIOs are included in these discussions and that 10GM are kept abreast of progress.
- Message shared with VCSE Hospital Discharge Alliance that additional hospital discharge funding (from NHS GM, to localities, for VCSE activity) has still not been confirmed post March 24.
- A [briefing](#) has been shared with sector to support smaller groups with negotiations.

Social Value

- NHS GM and GMCA are exploring the concept of a social value brokerage portal which links up businesses with a social value offer, with VCSE organisations seeking funding or support.
- A joint session to develop the ask / model has been postponed to 14.3.24. Contact Susie.wright@10gm.org.uk if you would like to be involved.
- NHSE Anchors Event around Social Value held on 5.2.24. Lots of VCSE representation in the room. Discussions included brokerage and connection; and measuring impact.

Commissioning Survey

- A survey has been shared widely which asks for view on our progress against the recommendations of the Commissioning Framework – please complete it yourselves, and help us to share as far and wide as possible.
- Comms message here:

[Commissioning and Investment Survey](#)

*We would love you to tell us about your experiences with commissioning so that we can see where the GM VCSE Commissioning Framework has had an impact, where we need push for further change. We've compiled a [quick survey](#) for you to share your views – it should take around 10 minutes. The closing date is **Friday 8th March**.*

Influencing Labour Party plans

- Two one-off Task and Finish groups are meeting shortly to develop 2 x one page proposals on VCSE leadership of [Childrens Hubs and additional MH workers](#). Contact Keisha.Tomlinson@10gm.org.uk if you wish to contribute.

Influencing Mayoral Manifesto(s)

- Full VCSE Leadership Group session to develop VCSE Manifesto taking place 27.2.24, 10-12.30. See information from Anna Cooper to participate.

Updating our Commissioning Training

- **Desperately seeking a voiceover star!!!**
- We are in the process of creating an updated slide deck of training for commissioners on the VCSE Sector – who we are, what we do, the commissioning framework recommendations, and current commissioning challenges. The aim is to record this as an online webinar.... If you feel you could be the voice of this, please let Keisha.tomlinson@10gm.org.uk know.

- We can then create additional training materials (if relevant) as our next State of the Sector takes shape.

GMCA Fair Funding Protocol Implementation

- An initial draft of an implementation plan has been developed.
- Anne Lythgoe and Sam Pickles (GMCA) continue to work with GMCA commissioning and procurement colleagues to share the Fair Funding Protocol and discuss how this can be implemented.
- Work and skills team are re-writing policy / procedures to reflect FFP.
- A one-off task and finish group has met to collate examples challenges that the VCSE experience in contracting/ procurement - these will be shared at the next FFP Implementation Group.

NHS Fair Funding Protocol

- Commitment to developing this is being included in Population Health business planning for 24/5.
- This work is planned as a next step for the NHS Contracts Review Group.

Locality Fair Funding Protocols

- Plan to take paper to Overview and Scrutiny Committee in April, following which, locality discussions with commissioners and Local Infrastructure Leads will be arranged to this progress further.

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