

Introduction to the Integrated Care System

A brief introduction to the Integrated
Care System for the VCSE sector



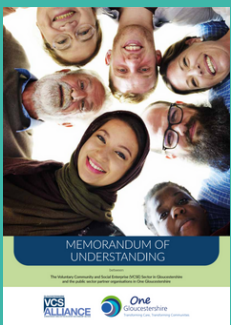
One
Gloucestershire
Transforming Care, Transforming Communities

On the 1st July 2022, One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System became a legal entity - an existing partnership that brings together NHS, social care, public health and other public, voluntary and community sector organisations.

How does this affect me?

The way that the ICS interacts with the VCSE sector is changing. The ICS has agreed, through a "Memorandum of Understanding" to:

- Welcome input from the VCSE sector to ensure senior ICS system leaders are informed about what is important to the sector and communities.
- Value infrastructure for the VCSE sector and support this, including funding it where relevant and appropriate, with agreements that are meaningful to both sectors.
- Commit to appropriate and proportionate commissioning processes for the VCSE sector. This includes frameworks and grant funding and consideration for length of contracts/ grants.
- Understand the need for timely payment of invoices.
- Recognise the importance of full cost recovery and commit to commission on this basis.



What is the ICS?

Integrated Care System (often referred to as “the ICS” or “One Gloucestershire ICS”)

The four fundamental purposes of the Integrated Care System as set out by the Department of Health and Social Care:

- improve outcomes in population health and healthcare
- tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience, and access
- enhance productivity and value for money
- help the NHS support broader social and economic development



NHS Gloucestershire (often referred to as the “Integrated Care Board” or “the ICB”)

Responsible for planning and buying health services and has ultimate decision-making responsibility for the system.



One Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Partnership

Brings together NHS, public health, social care, the VCSE sector and other partner organisations to develop a strategy for improving health and joining up care.



Gloucestershire Health & Wellbeing Board

A formal statutory committee of Gloucestershire County Council where political, professional and community leaders come together to reduce health inequalities.

Integrated Locality Partnerships (ILPs)

Bring together NHS organisations, district councils, GP's and VCSE representatives at a district level to plan health and care services that meet local needs. We call this a 'population based approach' to improving health and care because it is tailored to the areas that people live in.

Why does the ICS need us?

The VCSE sector brings specialist expertise and fresh perspectives to public service delivery and is particularly well placed to support people with complex and multiple needs. It has a long track record in promoting engagement and finding creative ways to improve outcomes for groups with the poorest health.

With its focus on early action, preventative services and wider social value, the sector provides good value for money. It brings insights, voice and assets into partnerships to support health and wellbeing, including expertise in service redesign and delivery, insight into inequalities, and access to volunteers and premises.

How can I get involved?

The VCSE sector is establishing the leadership, engagement and governance structures that support improved and increased collaboration the ICS. This includes:

The Gloucestershire VCSE Strategic Partnership is a group of elected members of the VCSE sector. The group oversees VCSE sector engagement within the ICS and ensures that the sector is well represented. If you'd like to raise an issue with the partnership, please contact info@glosvcsalliance.org.uk

The group meets monthly and their minutes are available on request.

Representatives on ICS boards and groups that reflect a range of topics and geographical areas.

Reference groups for representatives, enabling them to reflect multiple perspectives and articulate shared messages from the VCSE sector.

Reps are now in place for each of the ILPs. If you'd like to be part of the reference group for your district, contact your Rep:

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