

York VCSE Assembly – Health and Care

7 May 2025, 10am - 11:30am, online



Meeting notes

Integrated Neighbourhood Teams

Sian Balsom, Manager at Healthwatch York delivered a presentation exploring what Integrated Neighbourhood Teams are and what an Integrated Neighbourhood Model consists of.

[Please see the meeting slides for more information about Integrated Neighbourhood Teams](#)

Attendees then discussed and gave feedback on the following questions.

- **What are your thoughts and feedback about the development of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams?**
- **How can the sector connect, and work with the Integrated Neighbourhood Teams?**
- **What are the challenges and opportunities?**

Feedback:

How do we simplify the language and make Integrated Neighbourhood Teams more relatable and accessible to people - Can this be done through the use of case studies, video or infographics? Demonstrate the benefits to people. Language is key - everyone knows what the 'Frailty Hub' is for example.

This is a 'new' concept so it needs to be really clear at which stage the VCSE is involved and how does this approach positively impact their members and service users. The sector ideally needs to be involved from the start to influence the shape and scope on INTs. Also, understanding that there are different views and approaches within the VCSE sector.

Questions around capacity to be involved in multiple localities - do we need core services e.g. Local Area Coordinators (LACs), Social Prescribers etc. who can work at neighbourhood level and link in local organisations when needed?

Access to records and data sharing is of crucial importance for this model to work. There are barriers with IT, access, information sharing and agreements.

Need to make sure that this model isn't health dominated.

Importance of developing a longer-term relationship and links to the wider 'system' e.g. In Selby model of Social Prescribers and Local Area Coordinators has been invaluable.

Lots of organisations in York are already trying to work in this way - it would be good to learn from their experiences.

Transport challenges - if a physical location, access and transport will be a challenge.

Update from Humber and North Yorkshire NHS Integrated Care Board

Angie Walker, Senior Programme Manager – Mental Health Prevention and Partnership York Health and Care Partnership, provided an update on the Humber and North Yorkshire NHS Integrated care Board (ICB).

An initial 'Model Integrated Care Board Blueprint' has been shared internally with colleagues across the ICB. This document sets out where possible cost savings could be made, as each ICB has been asked to make a 50% reduction in corporate costs. A refreshed role of ICBS has been developed through a set of assumptions about a refreshed system landscape, this is demonstrated in the pyramid diagram in the slides (linked below).

A new acting Chair of the ICB has been recruited - Jason Stamp is the first Chair from a VCSE background, which is positive news. Alison Semmence will be acting Chair of the VCSE Collaborative for this interim 6-month period.

Going forward, Angie will provide an update at each meeting and encourages the sector to ask questions and let us know what updates you would like from the ICB.

[Please see slides for more information](#)

VCSE Representation - Update from York Health and Care Collaborative meetings

Peter Otter, Deputy Chief Executive at York CVS provided an update on the two York Health and Care Collaborative meetings that have taken place since the last VCSE Assembly. [Please see slides for more information](#) about the funding pillars. If you have any questions, please email comms@yorkcvs.org.uk.

York 50+ Festival

Dianne Willcocks, Vice Chair, York Older People's Assembly (YOPA) provided an update regarding the York 50+ Festival which will take place during 20 September - 1 October. There will be a Day of Celebration and a central parade in York on Saturday 27 September from 1pm. Dianne is keen to include as many VCSE organisations as possible, so please contact her directly via the details below.

- Get involved either as a volunteer, sponsor or putting on activities

- Be part of parade, prepare materials for shop windows to show off what older people contribute, displays, posters, installations, storyboards
- Find out more www.yorkassembly.org.uk/50-festival-2025/ (live next week)
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