

VCSE Alliance (BSW Integrated Care Board) Update

Over the past 18 months voluntary sector colleagues across the county have been working with their Integrated Care System colleagues to develop new ways of working and transformation.

At this time of change it is vital that the voices of the sector and the people they support are heard and reflect services planned. This work is taking place across the Bath/Swindon/Wiltshire (BSW) area.

The three Councils for Voluntary Services (CVS) - 3SG, Voluntary Action Swindon (VAS), Wessex Community Action (WCA) and Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire and Swindon, are working together to ensure that the right VCSE input is sought for decisions made on a locality level through their respective place based VCSE alliances.

Pam Webb CEO of Voluntary Action Swindon is Partner Member for Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) on the BSW Integrated Care Board. You can find out more about Pam here <https://bsw.icb.nhs.uk/team-members/pam-webb>

In Wiltshire a VCSE Leadership Alliance made up of CEO's operating in Wiltshire who lead organisations who are providing significant health and social care support around older age, youth, carers, mental health, dementia, physical activity, culture and general prevention can act as a central point of contact and a front door into the sector for colleagues in health and the Local Authority.

This Wiltshire VCSE Leadership Alliance is just one strand of the mechanism to strengthen, involve and inform the sector. Both Community First and Wessex Community Action offer infrastructure support to the sector and have far reaching networks and forums. These include the voluntary sector forum, which brings together predominantly smaller VCSE partners, the Children's and Families Voluntary Sector Forum, Wiltshire Village Halls Association, Community transport groups, the Wiltshire Inclusion Network (WIN), youth clubs and the Volunteer Manager Forum. All offering clear pathways in and out and a strong reach into the wider sector.

So far the VCSE Leadership Alliance has been establishing its role in the BSW ICB, developing its governance and terms of reference and has offered views and feedback on important pieces of developing work including the BSW Health and Care model, which you can find more about here: [BSW Health and Care model](#). The group has also supported by offering views on BSW population health programme, BSW Together's constitution and has also been involved in the development of BSW's place based alliances in BaNES, Swindon and Wiltshire.

Find out more. You can find out more about our VCSE partners and their work here: [VCSE Sector and BSW ICS](#)

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