

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

between

The Greater Manchester Health and  
Social Care Partnership

and

The Voluntary, Community and Social  
Enterprise Sector in Greater Manchester

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# The opportunity

- Greater Manchester will be the first place to implement the recommendations of the *Joint Review\**
- We are building on existing strengths –
  - A culture of collaboration;
  - A very large and diverse VCSE sector which is already delivering health and social care support and services at scale;
  - Good work done over the last year by the Assembly, Reference Group and GMCVO enabling VCSE organisations to work with health and social care leaders
- This is an opportunity for us to start to strengthen our relationships and establish new ways to work together to plan, design and deliver all aspects of *Taking Charge*
- It is an acknowledgement that process and involvement (how and who), will be as important as policy and practice (what and why) in securing “a new deal with the public”
- It is recommended that localities consider how to embed the MOU principles in locality as well as GM contexts

\**Joint review of partnerships and investment in voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations in the health and care sector (Dept. of Health, NHS England & Public Health England, May 2016)*

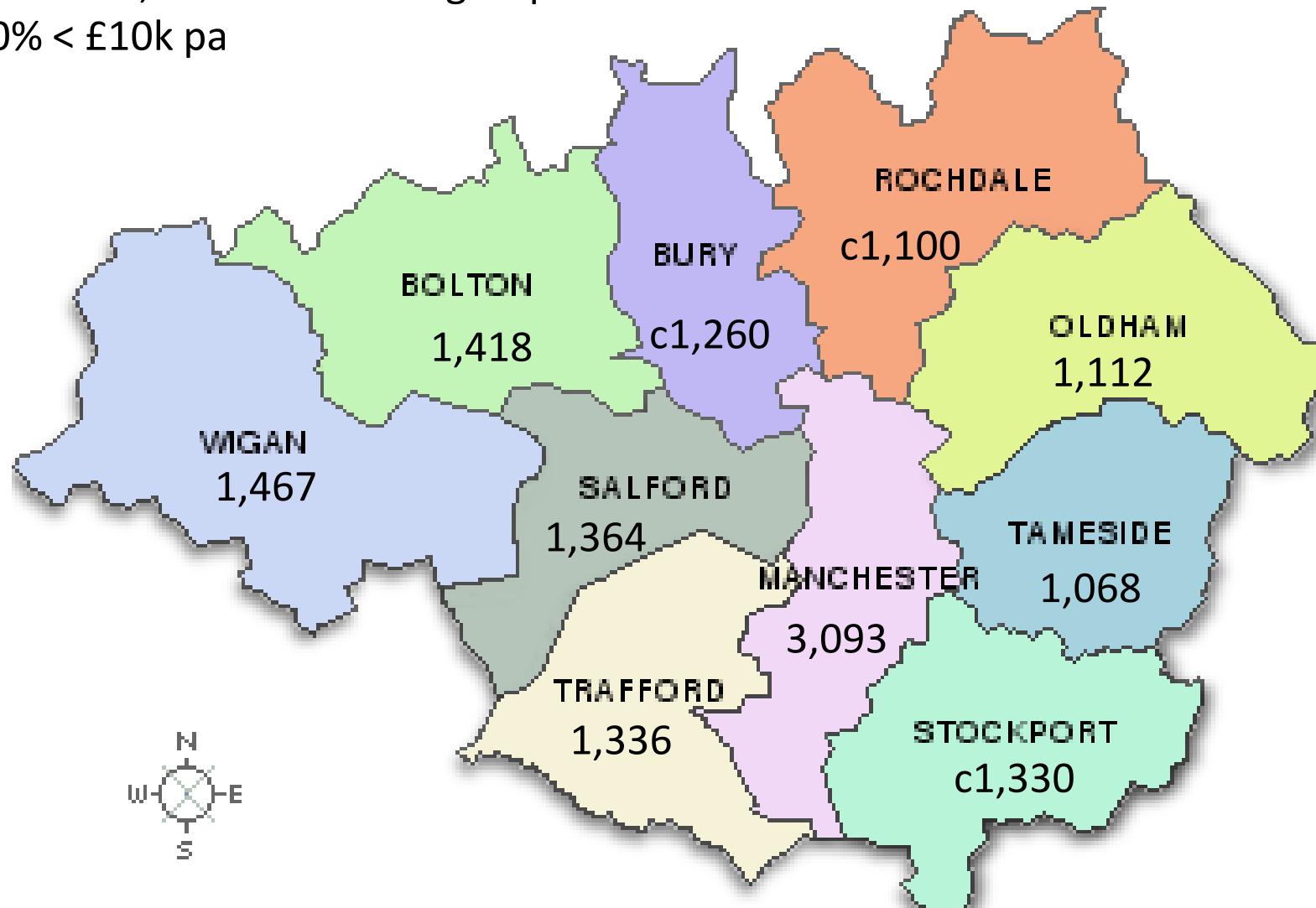
# Shared Ambitions

- A step change in the understanding and involvement of people and communities in the transformation of health and social care.
- Better services and greater support for the public.
- The development of Local Care Organisations with highly bespoke local place-based characteristics
- Increased mutual learning and continuous professional development
- Increased leverage of the talent, capacity and social value of VCSE organisations above and beyond whatever is commissioned from it
- Effective development of VCSE activity.

(2013)

Total: c14,500 constituted groups

80% < £10k pa



**GM/c VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

# VCSE Health and Social Care networks

## Assembly

- Voluntary organisations , community groups and social enterprises, based in Greater Manchester and accountable to Greater Manchester residents

## Reference Group

- GMCVO, VSNW and other Greater Manchester infrastructure and networks
- 10GM and other locality infrastructure
- Healthwatch network
- Equalities groups and networks
- Health and social care providers

## Linked to

- GM Poverty Action Group
- GM Social Value Network
- Volunteering GM
- Ambition for Ageing
- Jam and Justice

# Principles

- Recognise that this is an evolving situation
- To seek to embed the recommendations of the Joint Review
- To respect the principles of the Compact
- To achieve the outcomes outlined by enabling the systematic and comprehensive inclusion and involvement of the VCSE sector exploring a variety of mechanisms
- To encourage statutory sector representatives to attend VCSE sector events, boards, visits and temporary placements
- Where specifications are developed for consultancies to be undertaken, due consideration will be given to using VCSE
- Assumptions will not be made about the value of the assets, spaces and workforce of the respective sectors and investments will be made based on relevance and merit.
- That there will be a need for some investment to support this Memorandum.
- That the above principles of collaborative working should be applied equally to the relationship between the statutory and VCSE sectors within localities.

# Deliverables

- GM VCSE Reference Group
- A health and social care focus in the GM VCSE Assembly.
- Enabling dialogue between statutory and VCSE sector
- Facilitating and providing good, consistent, up to date information and communication with the VCSE sector
- Supporting VCSE leaders chosen by their peers to represent them at a wide range of strategic boards and working parties.
- Enabling VCSE subject experts when necessary to spend time on contributing and responding to the detail of strategy and policy
- Reviewing and sharing good practice within statutory and VCSE sectors in GM and in each locality
- Enabling the participation of VCSE Equalities representatives
- Supporting localities by bringing people together across boundaries to share experiences and knowledge
- Connecting locality-based VCSE organisations with the cross-cutting themes and other GM-level activities.

# Indicators of successful implementation of the Joint Review

1. Health and care services are co-produced, focussed on wellbeing, and value individuals' and communities' capacities
2. Commitment to the Compact
3. VCSE organisations are involved in strategic processes
4. Social value becomes a fundamental part of health and care commissioning, service provision and regulation
5. Social prescribing is given greater support
6. The skills of those involved in health and care commissioning are improved
7. Long term funding as standard
8. Health and care bodies fund on simplest-by-default basis
9. Greater transparency
10. Volunteering is valued, improved and promoted
11. Dormant funds are used for good
12. Evidence underpins health and care
13. A sustainable and responsive infrastructure
14. A greater focus on equality and health inequalities
15. Market diversity
16. A streamlined Voluntary Sector Investment Programme