

# VOCAL Wellbeing, Health and Social Care Forum



A VCSE forum facilitated by Salford CVS

The VOCAL Wellbeing, Health and Social Care Forum brings Salford Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSEs) organisations together in order to develop strategic priorities and collaborative working. The sector realises that it is challenging for partners to seek to engage with all 1,364 separately governed Salford community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations. Therefore Salford CVS has worked with the sector to develop the VOCAL Forums which provide elected representatives to contribute to key city partnership meetings. These representatives work to an agreed Reps Protocol (available from Salford CVS) which ensures they have a mandate to speak on behalf of VCSEs in the health, wellbeing and social care sector and are accountable back to the VOCAL Wellbeing Forum.

## Objectives

To act as a point of contact with VCSEs for partners working in Health and Wellbeing in Salford

To champion VCSE strategic engagement and influence in Salford providing elected representatives to key city partnerships

To influence and deliver Salford's Locality Plan

To share information and opportunities, operate transparently and think beyond individual organisations

To promote positive change within the VCSE sector

To engage with Salford citizens for improved health and wellbeing that empowers the communities of Salford

## Key Messages

We are many with diverse staff, volunteers and supporters who are a catalyst for change and connectors of people across the life course

Our role is critical for the success of Salford in meeting its health and wellbeing priorities

We devise, develop and deliver solutions to some of the most challenging health and wellbeing problems faced by Salford

We play a core role in preventing people from becoming ill and supporting them to maintain their health and wellbeing

We understand and have the confidence of Salford's diverse communities including the seldom heard

We value people's strengths and social connections putting people at the centre of people-powered change

We bridge the gap between public services and the communities they serve by harnessing social action

## Evidence

There are an estimated 1,364 community, voluntary and social enterprise organisations (VCSEs) in Salford ([State of the Sector Survey 2013](#)) of varying sizes:

**934 (68%)** are micro (annual income under £10,000)

**218 (16%)** are small (annual income between £10,000 and £100,000)

**170 (12%)** are medium sized (annual income between £100,000 and £1 million)

**42 (3%)** are large (annual income greater than £1 million)

The Salford State of the Voluntary Sector 2013 report\*, produced on behalf of Salford CVS by Sheffield Hallam University, uncovered some interesting numbers about the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector in Salford:

**2.7 million** interventions with Salford residents the sector makes p.a.

**£145 million** - Income of the sector (£10 million from Salford City Council)

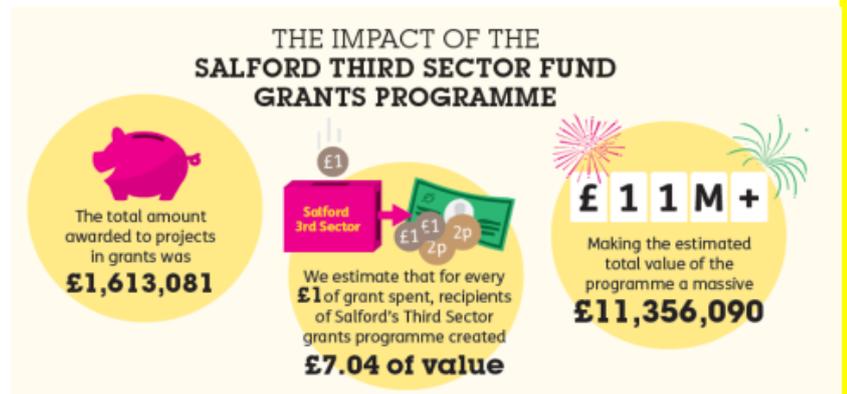
**37,000** Volunteers in the sector

**137,000** Hours per week volunteered

**£122.7 million p.a.** economic value of this volunteering contribution

47% of Salford's VCSE organisations are engaged in delivering health and well-being activities to Salford citizens. These activities are diverse including for example psychological services, care and support, mental health, wellbeing, care brokerage, social integration, citizenship, social inclusion and a range of prevention initiatives. The impact of this diverse delivery programme is evidenced through the use of a range of monitoring tools, interim and final reports, independent reports and research, statistical data, case studies and social accounts produced by the VCSE sector.

During 2014-16 NHS Salford CCG worked with Salford CVS to create the **Salford Third Sector Fund Grants** Programme. This has been independently evaluated by the Centre for Local Economic Strategies (CLES) and Voluntary Sector North West and identified that for each £1 spent, £7.04 of added value was created turning £1,613,081 of investment into a total value of £11,356,090. This evidence of added



value highlights the typical wider value of the sector to Salford and the important role the sector has to play in enabling Salford to realise the ambitions of its **Locality Plan** including that “voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations will become important providers of care and support in addition to - or sometimes instead of – NHS services”.

**Join Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)** – The JSNA provides a strategic assessment on the health and specific needs of the local population in neighbourhoods across Salford. Much of the work of the VCSE sector features in detailed reports looking at topical issues such as; minority groups or specific population groups, mental health, mental wellbeing and disabilities, long-term conditions, deprivation overview, children and young people, adults and older people.

### Realising the Value

Commissioned by NHS England to support delivery of the NHS Five Year Forward View, this recognises that new ways of working with people and communities are needed to address current challenges and highlights the role of VCSEs in delivering this. Two of the five Realising the Value sites were in Salford.

Health Coaching – Big Life Group and 9 VCSE partners

Unlimited Potential in partnership with Inspiring Communities Together

\*The Salford State of the VCSE Sector survey has been repeated in late 2016, the results will be published in Spring 2017.