



WORCESTERSHIRE

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CONNECTING & STRENGTHENING
THE VCSE SECTOR

≡ 25TH OCTOBER ≡



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Worcestershire's
VCSE Sector





VCSE ALLIANCE

WORCESTERSHIRE VOLUNTARY
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ALLIANCE

**A stronger VCSE Sector working together effectively to
deliver excellent services aligned to need**

Introducing the Team



Esther Passingham: VCSE Strategic Lead

Kay Bruton: Alliance Communications Lead

Sophie Wheeley: VCSE Mental Health Programme Manager

Branwen Bingle: Community Led Research Training Lead

Thank you to Alliance Founder Members



Helen Gray	Evesham Volunteer Centre	Steve Brewster	Active Worcestershire
Gary Roskell	Bromsgrove and Redditch Network (BARN)	Lucy Wells	Worcs Community Foundation
Kate Walton	Malvern Community Action	Dawn Hardman	Worcs Chamber of Commerce
Sally Ellison	Worcester Community Action	Caroline Beech	Kemp Hospice
Karon Swinburn	Pershore Volunteer Centre	Annie Robson	Citizens Advice South Worcs
Tonia Enderbury	Droitwich Council for Voluntary Services	Lee McKenzie	Sandycroft
Paul Raper	Simply Limitless	Jabba Riaz	Worcester Mella + Perryfields Assoc
Julia Neal	Age UK H&W	Rachel Jones	Act On Energy
Jan Dugdale	SWW Mind	Mike Wilkerson	St Richards Hospice
Kate Harvey	Onside	Jon Newey	Worcester Community Trust
Jonathan Sutton	St Pauls Hostel	Karen Edwards	Worcestershire Association of Career
Pete Sugg	Young Solutions	Jane Bamber	Community First
		Chris Roberts	Citizens Advice Bromsgrove and Redditch

Chair: Pete Sugg Vice Chair: Julia Neal

Also, big thanks to previous members:
Roger Britton, Carole Cumino & Catherine Kevis



“Health is a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity”

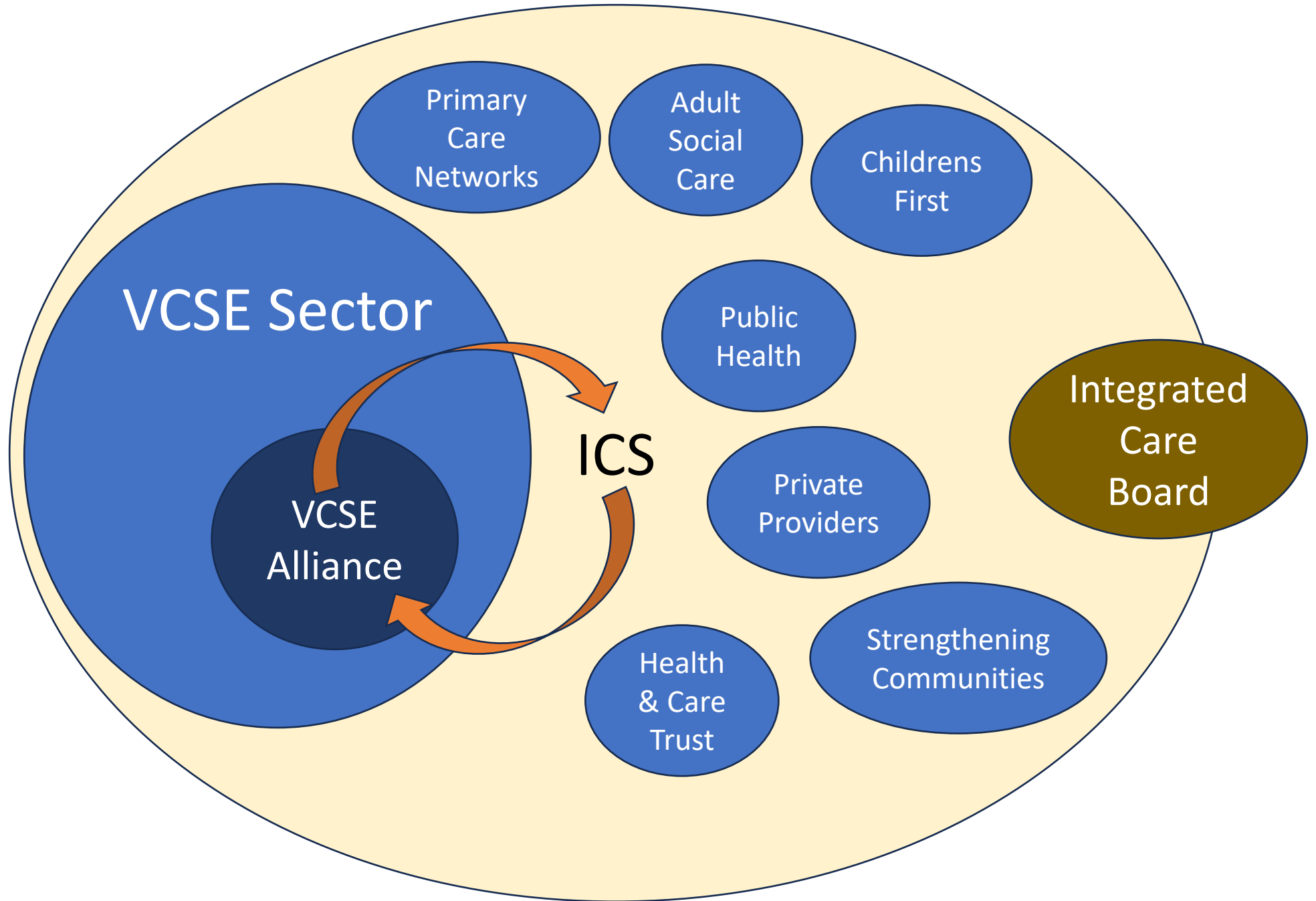
The Alliance Journey So Far

First year:

- ✓ Establish VCSE Alliance as a collaboration to strengthen and connect the VCSE Sector as part of the Integrated Care System (ICS)
- ✓ Developed key relationships with a wide range of partners
- ✓ Developed workstreams to meet the agreed strategic objectives

Second Year:

- Develop the Alliance including introducing a wider membership
- Secure funding to sustain and develop the Alliance's work with the VCSE
- Continue the work we started in the first year



Supporting the implementation of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Integrated Care Strategy

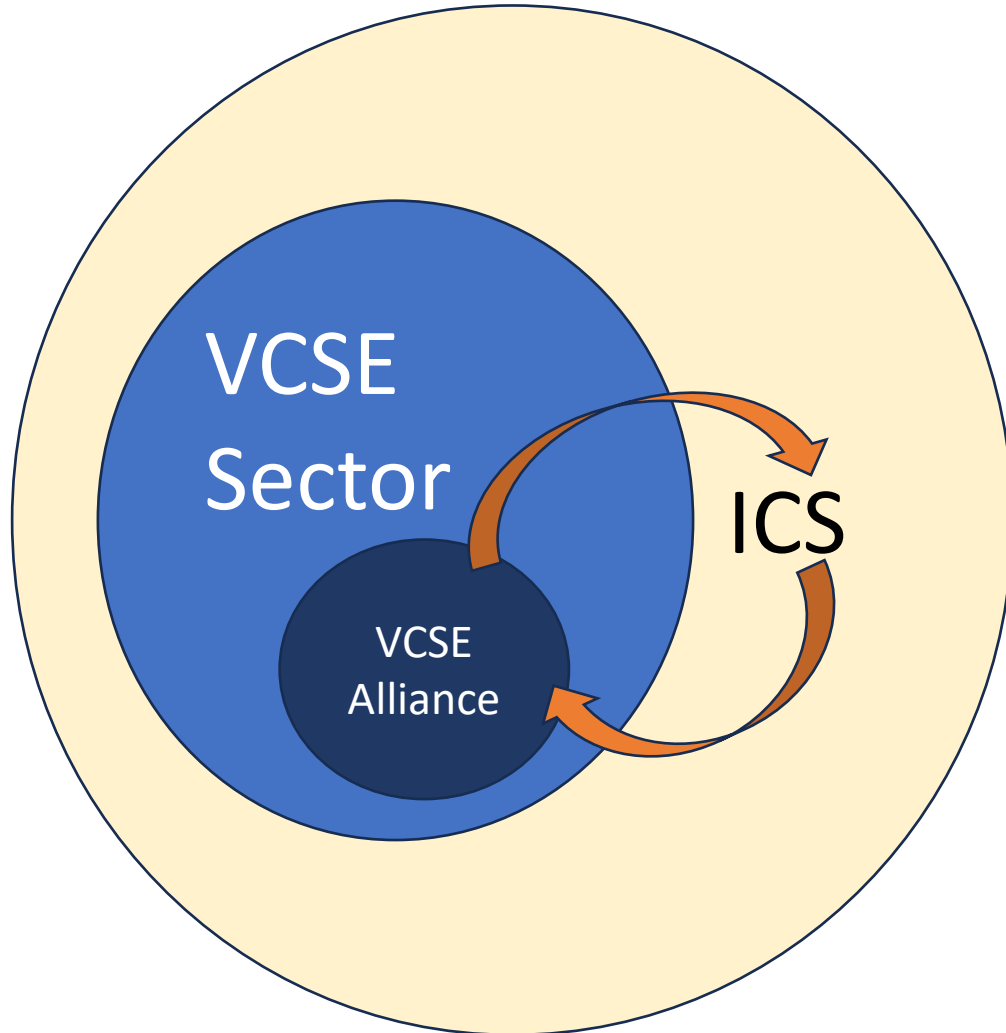


Good health and wellbeing for everyone

Draft integrated care strategy 03.02.23 V1.0



The First Year



Vision

Working together to help make
Worcestershire a better and
healthier place to live and work



Aim

A stronger VCSE Sector working together
effectively to deliver excellent services
aligned to need

Objectives

1. Bridge the communication and engagement gap between the VCSE and statutory agencies
2. Encourage VCSE collaboration and sharing of resources across the county to strengthen services and sustainability
3. Facilitate conversations and co-production, recognising the importance of generous leadership
4. Mobilise the VCSE to co-ordinate delivery
5. Develop systems to collect knowledge of VCSE activity to champion and promote its impact.

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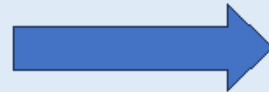


Workstreams



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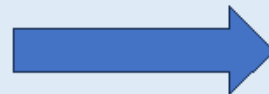
Bridge the communication and engagement gap between the VCSE and statutory agencies



- Provision of a range of engagement events and communication channels

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Encourage VCSE collaboration and shared knowledge and resources across county to strengthen services and sustainability



- Memorandum of Understanding with Strategic Partners
- VCSE Representation Model
- VCSE Faculty (part of ICS Academy)

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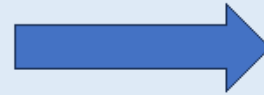


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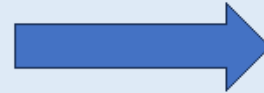
Facilitate conversations and co-production



- Community Wellbeing Roles Network
- Community Led Research and Engagement Project

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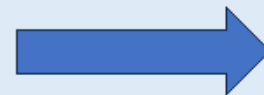
Mobilise the VCSE to co-ordinate delivery



- VCSE Mental Health Providers working together to develop and deliver a countywide project

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Develop systems of collecting knowledge of VCSE activity to champion and promote its impact



- Understanding and Strengthening the VCSE Research and Evaluation project

Strategic Objective 2: VCSE Representation across the ICS

Herefordshire & Worcestershire (System)

- Integrated Care Partnership
Pete Sugg + Vacancy
- Mental Health Collaborative
Steve Brewster
- Health Inequalities, Prevention & Personalisation Board
Mick Gillick
- People Board
Vacant

Worcestershire (Place)

- Health and Wellbeing Board
Chris Roberts
- Worcestershire Executive Committee
Julia Neal
- Community Safety Partnership
Vacant
- Worcestershire Safeguarding Board – Adults and Children
Michael Hunter

District/Neighbourhoods

- District Collaboratives
- Local Networks/Forums
- Task and Finish Group to develop VCSE working with District Collaboratives

Strategic Objective 3: Facilitating Conversations and Co-production



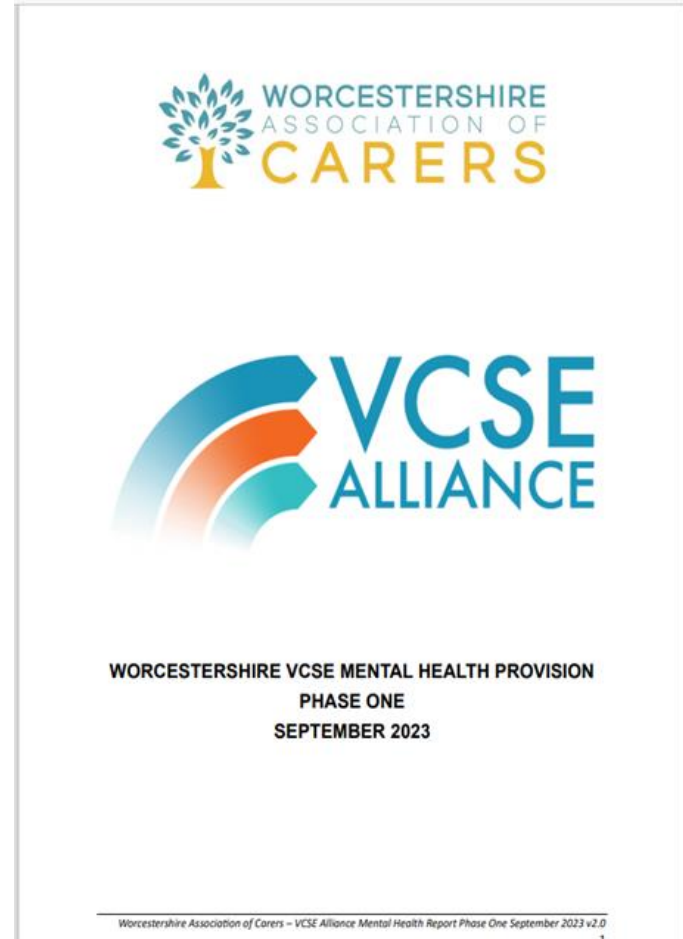
Strategic Objective 4: Mobilise the VCSE to Coordinate Delivery



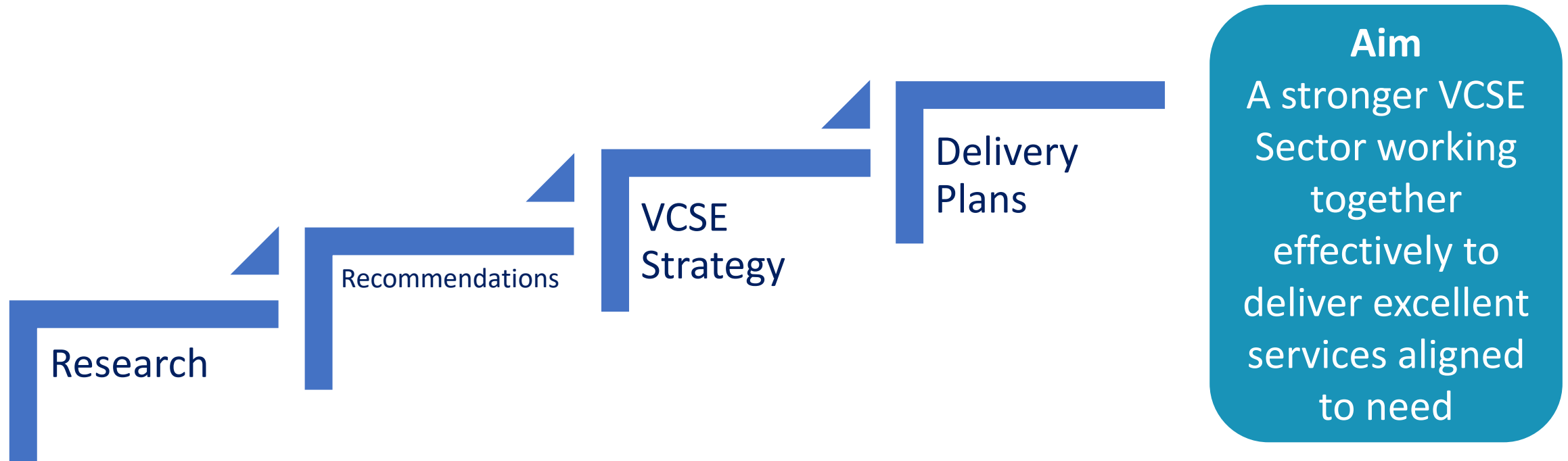
Working with NHS services to support people with mental health and wellbeing challenges to reduce demand on primary mental health care.



Strategic Objective 5: Collect knowledge to champion & promote



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The Alliance is working with a multi-agency steering group to undertake research to inform a VCSE strategy for the future

VCSE Learning Event

22nd November 1-2.30pm online

What is Social Value?



A INTRODUCTION TO USING SOCIAL VALUE AS A TOOL
TO UNDERSTAND AND DEMONSTRATE YOUR
ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT



Monthly Drop-Ins



COME AND FIND OUT THE LATEST ALLIANCE
NEWS AND DEVELOPMENTS FIRST MONDAY OF
EVERY MONTH 12-1PM, ONLINE

Alliance Membership



- ❖ Collaboration and networking opportunities
- ❖ Collective strength to influence decision making
- ❖ Unified voice to advocate the value of services
- ❖ Access to resources – helping to build capacity and sustainability
- ❖ Working together to demonstrate impact and social value
- ❖ Learning together

What Next?



We want to understand your ideas:

- To help develop the Alliance by increasing our reach and broadening the membership
- What are the most important things the Alliance can do to help you to improve the quality of life of people in Worcestershire?

Express an interest in becoming a Alliance Member and stay up to date

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To join and receive
monthly updates from
the Alliance and the
wider VCSE Sector

