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to help make
Worcestershire
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Important update on Alliance Chair

We would like to inform you of an important change in our leadership team. Roger Britton, Chair of Worcestershire VCSE Alliance, has stepped down from his position due to personal reasons.

Since the launch of the Alliance in July 2022 and even prior to that, Roger has played a pivotal role in shaping our vision and leading us into this exciting new phase for the Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise sector in Worcestershire. His dedication, strategic guidance, and tireless efforts have been invaluable in establishing a solid foundation for our collective work. On behalf of the entire Alliance, we express

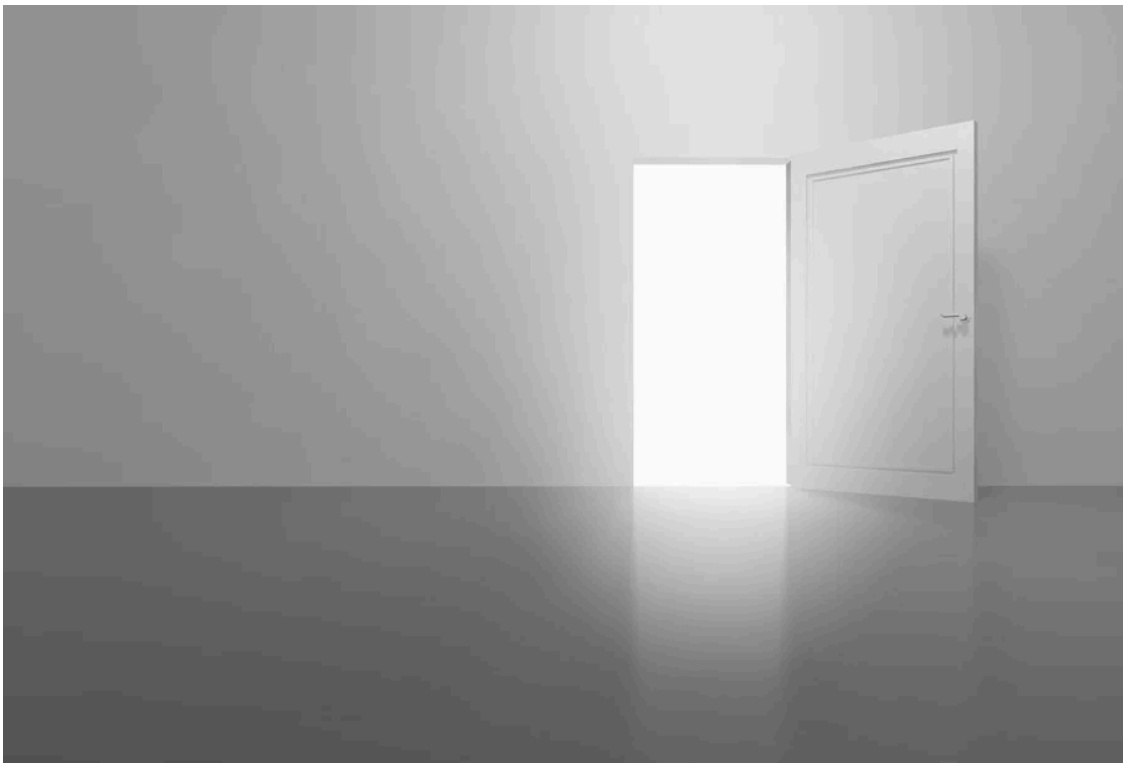
our heartfelt appreciation to Roger for his immeasurable contributions.

In light of this transition, we are pleased to announce that Pete Sugg, CEO of Young Solutions, will be stepping into the role of Chair. Pete has been serving as the Vice-Chair of the Alliance and brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the position. We are confident that under his leadership, we will continue to thrive and make a positive impact on the VCSE sector in Worcestershire.

As we move forward with this change, we remain committed to our shared mission of supporting and empowering the VCSE sector. We will work together with Pete and the rest of the executive team to ensure a smooth transition and maintain the momentum we have gained under Roger's leadership.

Thank you for your ongoing support for the Worcestershire VCSE Alliance. With your continued support, we look forward to a successful future.

Please continue reading for more Alliance updates.



Integrating VCSE and NHS Mental Health and Wellbeing Services

Worcestershire VCSE presented with a significant opportunity to enhance mental health services throughout the county

Through the allocation of 12 months of funding by the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care Trust, the Worcestershire VCSE Alliance will work towards integrating services and effectively addressing the unmet needs within existing mental health services across both [primary and secondary care](#).

Carole Cumino, Alliance Executive Lead is supporting this work until the new Programme Manager is in post. The project is being run by the Alliance Mental Health Steering Group chaired by Steve Brewster, [CEO of Active Worcestershire](#).

There are 5 key strands of work:

1. Delivering specific 'Managing Emotions' groups to people in Redditch (the area with the longest waiting lists for these groups)
2. Expanding group provision in other areas based on those areas with the longest waiting lists – using the model developed for Redditch
3. Building on successful provision already provided by the VCSE, specifically the Community Mental Health Transformation programme
4. Working out a means of providing funding to local organisations to support mental ill-health prevention work

5. Working with the VCSE to be involved in the following longer term tender opportunity:

[Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise Mental Health Services - Find a Tender \(find-tender.service.gov.uk\)](#)

The main purpose of this funding will be to:

'shape community mental health pathways and have the capability and capacity of delivering mental health interventions in collaboration with statutory sector partners through a population health management approach.'

Further updates will be provided soon.

VCSE
information and
learning event



Next steps for integrating primary care

Fuller Stocktake report

What does this new way of working mean for VCSE organisations?

Wednesday 14th June 10-11.30am Teams

The [Fuller Stocktake](#) is a report commissioned by the Government that outlines a new vision for integrating [primary care](#) in England. The report highlights the critical role of the voluntary, community, and social enterprise (VCSE) sector in delivering integrated primary care and improving population health outcomes. It recommends that [integrated care systems](#) (ICSs) should work closely with VCSE partners to co-design and co-deliver services that meet the needs and preferences of local communities.

This session will provide an overview of the findings from the Fuller Stocktake report and look at existing collaborations between [Primary Care Networks](#) (PCN) and the sector.

We will cover -

- What this new way of working mean for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector organisations.
- How can the sector play a part in building integrated teams in every neighbourhood?
- How Primary Care Networks are working with the sector already, with an opportunity to hear from some of our local PCNs.

Join us for insights from -

[Hollie Hastings](#) – Director of Strategy and Partnerships, Worcestershire Primary Care Networks.

[Ruth Lemiech](#) Director of Place Development, Worcestershire.

A number of Primary Care Network Managers from across the county.

Email us to request event Teams link

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VCSE representation opportunities



Four exciting VCSE representation roles on key boards and committees

Could you use your VCSE experience and insight to influence decisions impacting people and their communities?

A key function of the VCSE Alliance is to facilitate representation at range of boards and assemblies. Being part of these meetings is an effective mechanism for influencing decisions about services and support for local people and their communities. Representatives from the VCSE take information and intelligence collected from their geographical or service areas.

VCSE Alliance representatives require skills and experience in the relevant area of the subject meeting they are appointed to, as well as a personal commitment to contribute as part of a collaborative approach to the future needs of Worcestershire.

New opportunities have arisen for representatives to join the following boards and committees:

- Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health Inequality, Prevention and Personalised Care Board
- Worcestershire Executive Committee
- Worcestershire Health and Wellbeing Board
- Herefordshire and Worcestershire Mental Health Collaborative Committee

We are welcoming expressions of interest in these vacancies until Thursday 1st June

Learn more about VCSE representation



Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICS Academy has launched!

**Dedicated VCSE Faculty offering training, learning
and development opportunities**

The Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICS Academy will be facilitating training and development opportunities for the health and social care workforce, including VCSE staff and volunteers.

The Academy launched on 27th April with an event that brought together representatives from across the Integrated Care System and is committed to continued collaborative and partnership working.

Esther Passingham, VCSE Strategic Lead for Worcestershire (pictured above), will be chairing the Academy faculty dedicated to the VCSE, alongside Katie Eastaugh from CEO of [The Cart Shed](#) as Vice-chair

As the VCSE Faculty develops, updates and access to a full repository of information, resources, tools and development offers will be promoted via the [Alliance learning pages](#) and [ICS Academy](#).

Visit the dedicated VCSE faculty of the ICS Academy

See other VCSE training and learning opportunities



New appointment for Alliance Executive Lead

**Carole Cumino appointed Non-Executive Director to
the Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and
Care NHS Trust**

[Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust](#)
has confirmed the appointments of four new Non-Executive

Directors to its Board, including Alliance Executive Lead Carole Cumino.

In the NHS, Non-Executive Directors are not substantive employees, but act as critical friends working alongside executive directors as equal members of the Trust's Board. They share responsibility with the other directors for the decisions made by the Board and for the overall performance of the organisation.

Carole Cumino will work alongside other Non-Executives and the Executive Team to set the organisation's strategic direction, monitor performance, ensure high standards of corporate governance, and help promote links between the Trust and the local community.

Worcestershire VCSE Alliance website

Our new website is live!

Unsure of how the Alliance works? Where you fit in? What the ICS is? All of these questions are answered on our comprehensive new website.

Visit now to find exclusive VCSE [learning opportunities](#), [jobs](#), [sector news](#) and a bank of helpful [resources](#).

Visit the Alliance website



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Worcestershire VCSE Alliance

The Alliance mission is to build a **stronger VCSE sector working together effectively to deliver excellent services aligned to need.**

We work alongside statutory agencies using our influence and insights to bridge the gap that exists between voluntary and public sectors, **helping to improve public services to better meet the needs of our local population.**

In its current phase, the Alliance is made up of 25 voluntary and community sector leaders. This phase is being used to establish governance and priorities, embed principal ways of working and identify initial VCSE workstreams.

The 2nd phase will begin in July 2023. Progress to date will be

**If you have any questions or comments,
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