



## Alliance Member Bulletin w/c 20th Feb

**Hello,**

We are looking forward to meeting together, in person on 23rd February at Droitwich CVS 3-5pm. We will be continuing our conversations around effective VCSE collaboration - we will be joined by Debbie Roberts to guide us through this conversation.

We have asked Maria from Droitwich CVS to take photographs during the meeting. This will help us to bring our external communications and the work of the Alliance to life. If time allows we will also take headshots of anyone who would like one.

### **New Alliance Members**

This Thursday we will welcome some new members on to the Alliance. They are:

- o Rachel Jones, CEO of Act On Energy
- o Mike Wilkerson, new CEO of St Richards Hospice
- o Chris Roberts, CEO of Citizens Advice Redditch and Bromsgrove

### **VCSE Community Health Peer Support Network**

An initial VCSE Community Health Peer Support meeting is being planned for all staff working in these various community facing roles across the county. The objective of the meeting is to discuss whether an ongoing peer support network would be beneficial and if so what length, frequency would work best. This strand of work is in response to feedback from attendees of the Being Well event in November 2022.

## Engagement

There were 59 registrations for the Trustee Briefing events through January and February. Esther, Roger and Jonathan presented the purpose, context and direction of the Alliance and the ICS. The conversations and questions following the presentations were insightful and the feedback on the direction of the Alliance positive. Thank you for sharing with your networks, your own trustees and to those who were able to join the session(s)! You can watch back one of the briefings here. [VCSE Worcestershire Alliance Trustee Briefing 7th February 2023 - YouTube](#)

We are planning further engagement and briefing events for the year ahead – these include drop-in sessions with Alliance officers, a VCSE Assembly and peer support events.

## Embedding the VCSE in the ICS

We are working on a paper that's outline how we are imbedding the VCSE in the ICS and strengthening our position with Public Sector Partners. This paper and topic will be on the agenda for the March meeting.

## Alliance Member SharePoint

We are building a SharePoint folder for Alliance members to easily access key information. This will contain governance documents, meeting schedules, group member lists, communication assets and more. Details on how to access to follow.

## WEC Rapid Summary

View the 16th February 2023 [Worcestershire Executive Committee Rapid Summary here.](#)

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# Sector News and Opportunities

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## Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICS Update

In the February ICS Update you will learn more about -

- Dr Tim Ferris, NHS National Director of Transformation, fact-finding mission to Herefordshire & Worcestershire

- HANDi Paediatric app is now available to parents and carers across Herefordshire and Worcestershire
- Now We're Talking campaign brings together partners to better co-ordinate mental health communications and engagement activity

[Read more](#)

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## ICS Jobs and Recruitment Fair

**The Worcestershire VCSE Alliance will be taking part in the upcoming ICS Recruitment and Careers Fair on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March in Hereford.**  
**[Click here to view a short promo video.](#)**

We would like to offer you this opportunity to promote paid health/wellbeing/social care job opportunities and career information.

**If you would like to be part of this, there are a few ways to get involved –**

**Email us your job vacancies.** The vacancy will still need to be live on the date of the fair 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please send your job description and person specifications to [kay@worcsalliance.org](mailto:kay@worcsalliance.org) by **9am Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Send us general information about careers with your organisation.** You may not have any open vacancies right now, but this opportunity could still help paint a picture of what a career in your organisation would be like. If you have a relevant leaflet email it to [kay@worcsalliance.org](mailto:kay@worcsalliance.org) or if you have hard copy materials to share contact Kay for the postal address.

**Join us on the day.** If you are available and interested in joining us on the stand to represent your organisation and/or the VCSE/Worcestershire VCSE Alliance, let us know. The fair runs from 12-6pm at Three Counties Hotel, Hereford.

On the stand we will share your career info and broker contact between prospective applicants and those organisations who have responded to this email.

Please do share this email with other VCSE organisations who may be interested – the event is in 2 weeks' time, so speedy sharing would be much appreciated!

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## **Tackling Health Inequalities through Population Health Management**

An invitation to attend this NHS Leadership Academy population health management masterclass. These 90 minutes classes are designed to help you to tackle some of the health and workforce inequalities from a regional, local and

nation level to support you build and adopt a population health management approach in your day-to-day work.

Book your place

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## FREE NHS England online courses for those involved in health and social care



NHS England - Improvement Fundamentals is a programme of online, self-directed mini-courses in quality improvement (QI) for those involved in health or social care services.

This brand new programme of short, bite-sized mini-courses, takes you through the preparation and delivery of an improvement within your workplace step-by-step.

It is focussed on equipping you with practical knowledge, skills and support, helping you undertake your own improvement project as you progress through the mini-courses.

[Learn more](#)

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## Martyn's Law for Charities - Protect Duty following the Manchester terrorist attack

Any events with over a 100 participants need to follow new guidance on the Protect Duty following the Manchester terrorist attack. This will potentially be relevant for VCSE stakeholder events such as fetes, community fundraisers etc. There is a free webinar specifically for VCSE organisations. Please share with your networks.

Sign up for webinar

Download Charities Brief

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## Energy Crisis FREE 1.5-hour training for Staff & Volunteers

Are you a **front-line worker in Worcestershire?**

**Want to understand support available for your customers?**

Act On Energy are running free Energy Crisis training for staff and volunteers. Read more and register below.

Register for training

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## Now We're Talking

### Professionals Portal

The **Now We're Talking** Partnership, led by Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust alongside other local organisations, has also launched a new '[Professionals Portal](#)' which hosts resources to help people who may come into contact with staff or clients struggling with mental health or suicide. It includes **free training resources** and tips and tools to help start a conversation. It also includes advice and signposting to more practical support with concerns such as the cost of living crisis, domestic abuse, housing issues and relationships.

Anyone needing urgent support, for example if they have an urgent concern about their mental health or that of a loved one, can contact the Herefordshire and Worcestershire 24/7 urgent mental health helpline on 0808 196 9127. **The service is open to residents of all ages**, across both counties. Alternatively, you can visit the [Urgent Help webpage](#) for further information and support.

## Signposting to Mental Health and Wellbeing Services for the public

As part of the 'Now We're Talking' campaign, local health and care organisations are working together to help people navigate to the right mental health and wellbeing support more quickly and easily. Further information is attached on this but essentially:

**For adults** - a recently developed website – [www.nowweretalking.nhs.uk](http://www.nowweretalking.nhs.uk) which provides links to lots of local services and resources for adults including community support, online programmes, Healthy Minds, and help for people experiencing a mental health crisis.

**For children and young people** - A recently launched children's mental health website – [www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk](http://www.camhs.hacw.nhs.uk) – which also includes resources to support children or young people who are experiencing mental health or wellbeing challenges.

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## Early Help in your Community

The Early Help service provided by Worcestershire Children First are holding events for professionals across Worcestershire during February and March 2023 taking place in venues in the following districts – Malvern, Redditch, Wyre Forest.

These events are an exciting opportunity to bring together a wide range of organisations and groups who work in your community and county wide who offer support, advice or services to children, young people and their families locally.

Please see below for the date and time of each event. These events are FREE but you must book a place on the event you would like to attend – this can be done by emailing [earlyhelppartnership@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk](mailto:earlyhelppartnership@worcschildrenfirst.org.uk) and we will then send you the booking link with details of the venue each event will be held at.

**Wyre Forest** – Tuesday 28th February 2023, 4:00 – 5:00pm (please note earlier finishing time than the other events)

**Malvern** – Thursday 2nd March 2023, 4:00 – 5:30pm

**Redditch** – Wednesday 8th March 2023, 4:00 – 5:30pm

Book your place

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## FREE Webinar - developing compassionate, inclusive and collective culture in ICSs

Social Care Institute for Excellence are hosting a webinar on Tuesday 28th February at 11:30am on approaches to developing compassionate, inclusive and collective culture in Integrated Care Systems.

The webinar will explore the ways in which ICSs are approaching the development of system wide, compassionate, inclusive cultures, leading to improvements in quality of care and staff experience.

Register for webinar

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