



Welcome to the first Alliance Member Bulletin

As work progresses with the Alliance there is an increasing amount to update you with each month. In order to be kind to your inboxes we intend to condense (where possible) the news we think you need to know into ebulletins!

This email is being sent from our new CRM system which we hope will streamline our communications and manage the ever-growing Alliance contact list. In February we plan to launch regular ebulletins from the Alliance to the wider sector and partners.

We hope this way of being updated works for you. Please let us know what you think.

With thanks,
Kay

Supporting Worcestershire Mental Health

An update from Roger Britton on the Alliance Mental Health Support work...

'It is no secret that mental health services are struggling. Not because of any failure in the excellent clinical therapy on offer, nor because of any lack of commitment from professionals, but because there is a yawning gap between demand and the number of staff able to respond.'

This is where the VCS has been able to step in. Not in the old model as a cheap way of filling a gap but proposing a new way of working.

We are at the beginning of a new era where VCS solutions are concreted in, working alongside and with parallel status to clinical specialisms. There is real money on the table, half a million pounds over the next year as well as a commitment to ongoing funding and the freedom to devise ways forward.'

[Read the full update here](#)

Connect with the Alliance on Social Media

The Alliance is now active on LinkedIn and Twitter. Please follow us, share our posts and help us establish our web networks.

If you find resources or articles relevant to the sector, please let us know and we will share.

Keep up to date and follow us on the links below -



Upcoming Events

An invitation to learn about the VCSE WORCESTERSHIRE ALLIANCE

Trustee Briefing Events 2023

<p>The Alliance was launched on the 1st July 2022. It is a collective of Worcestershire Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations working together to strengthen the sector and develop partnerships, helping to make our county a better place to live and work</p>	<p>The briefing will provide trustees with the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the VCSE Alliance • How the Alliance is being developed and its future plans • How the Alliance is working within the newly established Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System (ICS) <p>The session will welcome trustee interaction, questions & feedback</p> <p>Following the 1-hour briefing, Alliance members will be available to continue the discussion with trustees and answer any queries</p>
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17th January 6.30-8pm Online
 19th January 6.30-8pm Worcester
 24th January 6.30-8pm Droitwich
 31st January 6.30-8pm Redditch
 7th February 12.30-2pm Online

[Click here to
book your
place](#)



Our series of trustee briefings begin next week. There are spaces available at all dates – please consider sharing this invitation with your VCSE networks.

Email Kay directly if you plan on attending so we know to send you the meeting link or to expect you in person.

Book your place

District Collaboratives Showcase

An opportunity to dip into District Collaborative work happening across the county.



District Collaboratives in Worcestershire

Join us for our first District Collaborative Showcase as we share exciting health and wellbeing work happening in communities across the county

Celebrate partnership innovation and developing relationships | Find out how to build on the work and contribute | Help shape our ambitions for the future

9th February 2023 1 - 4pm - online
Register here - <https://tinyurl.com/3y4r5yd6>

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care System

Book your place

Upcoming Alliance Meetings

Invitations have been sent. Here is a reminder of the upcoming Alliance meetings.

18th January 10-12 noon - Online

Including a presentation from Ali Roberts, Associate Director - System Development & Strategy NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire and Alliance updates.

23rd February 3-5pm – Droitwich CVS

Continuing our conversations around collaboration and sector research.



VCSE Worcestershire Alliance, Severn House, 32 Ombersley Street West, Droitwich, Worcestershire

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