

## **Consultancy Opportunity to develop a VCSE Provider Alliance within the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS)**

**Role:** Engagement Consultant

**Duration:** December 2021 - March 2022

**Location:** Home-based with occasional travel to Nottingham/Nottinghamshire as required

**Budget:** £15,000

**Accountable to:** The VCSE Provider Alliance Steering Group\*

### **Background:**

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System (ICS), brings together NHS organisations, local authorities, and voluntary and community organisations in partnership with local people to support them to live healthier, happier lives. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS is a partnership of local authorities, health and care organisations across the city and county, working together to provide better health and care outcomes for our population.

Voluntary and community organisations are key partners to realise this ambition. A partnership of voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS has secured funding from NHS England / NHS Improvement to undertake work to review existing partnership structures and make recommendations as to how these can be built, improved and coordinated across all layers of the system. We want to work with a consultant to explore what effective VCSE representation looks like at neighbourhood, place and system level. At the heart of this commission is our desire for workable solutions for the representation of VCSE interests so that VCSE providers and patient advocates can play a useful and appropriate role within the ICS for the benefit of local people.

It is the expectation of ICSs, by April 2022 Integrated Care Partnerships and the ICS NHS body will develop a formal agreement for engaging and embedding the VCSE sector in system level governance and decision-making arrangements, ideally by working through a VCSE alliance to reflect the diversity of the sector. These arrangements should build on the involvement of VCSE partners in relevant forums at place and neighbourhood level.

### **Purpose of this role:**

The focus of this role is to map how collaboration works locally (whether there is a CVS involved or leading it or not, including alternative partnerships). The consultant will review and offer recommendations on:

- What needs to change to ensure effective representation for the VCSE.
- What is needed in terms of support from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS to ensure - wherever we are - collaborative structures are effective.

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- How collaboration and VCSE representation should work at Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS level, taking account of local differences.

### **Skills, experience and qualities required:**

We seek a consultant who can bring the following to this role:

- Extensive experience of working with the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector, and with NHS partners.
- An understanding of systems leadership.
- An understanding of Integrated Care Systems.
- Awareness of the challenges and context for the VCSE.
- Ability to stand up for the values and needs of VCSE organisations, including small community groups.
- Ability to collate complex information into accessible reports.

### **Deliverables:**

The key deliverable is an accessible report, suitable to be shared with and digested by VCSE organisations with varying degrees of background knowledge.

### **The report should include:**

- A map of VCSE provision within the footprint of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS, based on research of and including how we work as an eco-system across neighbourhood, place and system levels.
- A map of VCSE and cross-sector collaborative mechanisms and structures, including an analysis of how effective these are and how they can be improved to support the partnership ambition of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICS.
- Recommendations on how the VCSE can best partner and influence within the ICS, based on an analysis of its structures, expectations and resources. This should include recommendations tailored to work at all three ICS levels.
- Recommendations on how the VCSE can be supported by the ICS to be effective as strategic partner, patient advocates and service providers.
- Recommendations on how to build the capacity and support for smaller organisations to step into these spaces with us.

### **How to apply:**

Please send your CV and a two page supporting statement, demonstrating why you are the right person/organisation for this role, to [ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk](mailto:ncvs@nottinghamcvs.co.uk) by midnight on Sunday 19 December 2021. Interviews are expected to take place w/c 20 December 2021 and will include a presentation of a brief proposal and budget.

Candidates must have availability to start this role immediately. If you would like to arrange an informal chat about this opportunity please get in touch with Jules Sebelin by email to [jules@nottinghamcvs.co.uk](mailto:jules@nottinghamcvs.co.uk)

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