MSE Integrated Care Partnership, 16 November 2022

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Community Assembly

Summary Report

1. **Purpose of Report**

   To provide the Integrated Care Partnership with an update on the ICS Community Assembly, and it's next steps.

2. **Executive Lead**

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4. **Responsible Committees**

   N/A

5. **Financial Implications**

   No financial implications determined at this stage.

6. **Details of patient or public engagement or consultation**

   N/A

7. **Conflicts of Interest**

   N/A

8. **Recommendation/s**

   The Integrated Care Partnership is asked to note the update on the community assembly, and the proposed membership.

Community Assembly Update: Formation of Co-Production Steering Group

1. PURPOSE

We recognise that embedding the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector VCSE into Integrated Care Systems is a Core Requirement for NHS England. For us this is essential to this end we have been working on a whole system co production approach to discovering, defining and forming a VCSE Assembly model. A model that works together on system solutions around health and care, gets people simply helping people, whilst working with and investing in traditional business based third sector organisations. Key to its success is creating equitable space for mutual aid and grass roots groups, digital community leaders, interested business and citizens, creating better social value and understanding of the assets we all have. The purpose of this document is to set out a brief update and thinking on next steps for information on the further discovery phase of the Mid and South Essex Community Assembly which will feed into the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) and other fora.

2. Update and Next Steps

In September a small pioneering group of 4 VCSE members was established to consider the principles and approach of our co-production phase, to ensure we considered how we approached seeking insight on the principles of the further development of the Community Assembly model, including the nature of the membership of an initial steering group from the Voluntary and Community Sector.

This group will shape the model including its representational and functional elements. An open offer was made to partners, for us to undertake further engagement sessions hosted by their organisations, one further session is planned with Trust Links in Southend. The offer stands for colleagues should they wish to request an engagement session to further develop our approach.

Since the 30th of September we have conducted the following:

- Community Assembly Cost of Living Discovery Launch Event – with 70 attendees from the VCS and Partner organisations both in person and online
- X10 Informal Digital Discovery Sessions with VCS Partners, Mutual Aid Groups and Digital Community Leaders with 700 participants across sessions

- X 2 Sessions with Essex Fire and Rescue Service and EEAST, to ensure a blended model of blue light volunteerism is considered within the model
- X2 Confirm and Challenge Sessions with NHS England VCSE Team
- X1 Session with one infrastructure organisation attended by 40 people
- X 2 sessions with PPG colleagues.

Emergent Themes from the Sessions included:

- Importance of reducing duplication and amplifying what works
- Importance of the VCSE role in developing community and community assets
- The balance between System, Alliance, place and hyper local communities
- Use of digital and bridging the digital inclusion gap
- The need for a cultural leadership and development programme, creating a learning community for all
- A recognition of creating equity between statutory and VCSE partners
- The importance of developing a purposeful investment strategy that avoids a short-
- term approach to supporting the VCSE
- The need to create an assembly that ensures a transparent two-way engagement and development approach to systems working
- Growing the diverse approach to partnerships that operated during Covid-19, and the impact of uniting behind a common purpose or shared endeavours i.e., Cost of Living
- Importance of thriving infrastructure organisations in supporting grass roots groups
- A recognition of the need to wear many hats and maintain neutrality when acting for others as part of a potential assembly
- A recognition that an assembly model will be an iterative model based on community need

Next Steps:

We are seeking to approach a group of no more than 16 individuals from the VCSE, that reflect the thematic that emerged from initial discovery sessions. To this end we are seeking an initial membership of the Community Assembly Co-Production Steering group, illustrated in the table below, covering the diversity of our communities, formal and informal entities and communities of place purpose and interest. We are very aware of the need to ensure we have equity of split in terms of geography, particularly given the diverse needs of our communities of place.

The below groups reflect a core membership. However, this will evolve as we move through discovery phase for a more co-opted membership, to ensure we include organisations with a strong culture of volunteerism, faith groups etc. The intent is to convene in advance of the Christmas break and to co-design our terms of reference. As part of this approach, we will seek to establish an independent Chair role to support the Assembly across the system.

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Proposed Membership Table:

Organisation/Individual	Organisational Level	Theme
CVS	CEO Level Sector to nominate	Infrastructure
ECCVYS	CEO/Chair Level	Infrastructure
Patient Participation Group	Sector to nominate	Patient Community Support
Healthwatch	CEO	Health OS
Digital Community Leader	Influencer with 100K plus following	Community Development Influencer
Funding Organisation	CEO/Chair Sector to nominate	Community Development Funding Influencer
Mutual Aid Group	Leader of group established for 2 years	Community Influencer
X3 Citizen Activators	Community Influencers across three LA areas with a focus on health inequalities/grass roots Recruitment through networking	Community Influencer
X3 VCS Subject Matter Leads	CEO Level aligned to LD, Older People, Mental Health Sector to nominate	VCSE Provider
X1 Social Enterprise Lead	CEO Level	Provider
X 1 Hospice Lead	CEO Level	Provider
X1 Essex Association of Local Councils Lead	Char/CEO Level	Infrastructure