

Integration or bust?



Why integrate?

- A real opportunity to create a shared plan
- A genuine catalyst to improve services and value for money
- Will give elderly and vulnerable an improved health and social system
- 7-day services
- Reconfiguration: eg, improve community care so local hospitals see fewer emergency admissions
- **Strategic levers*** Localism/ HWBB/JSNA/Joint health and wellbeing strategy



African proverb

An integrated system?

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Better Care Fund

Will require significant restructuring of NHS expenditure (probably from acute and continuing care) if it is going to be anything other than a cost pressure

“making it work across the NHS and Local Government” Dr David Sharp – Director NHS England (Leicestershire & Lincolnshire Area)

The voluntary sector can be a key partner in this.

- The voluntary and community sector is well placed to support service redesign and system transformation.
- Organisations can bring in their knowledge of and links into, communities - so are well placed to facilitate engagement of communities and service users in the redesign conversation.
- VCOs which provide services also have a knowledge of existing systems and challenges and can input an innovative voice into co-design of services.


Stronger together

“it will not be sufficient for Health and Wellbeing Boards to engage only with major providers...because smaller, community based providers might have developed innovative approaches that are effective at reducing health inequalities and improving outcomes and are of particular relevance to achieving the boards goals”

Stronger together: How Health & Wellbeing Boards can work effectively with Local Providers



Distinctive value

- Engaging people – experiences
 - Community connections – local knowledge
 - Cross cutting relationship building
 - Grassroots independence
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BUT!

The VCS often feels it is excluded from these discussions

Statutory partners may not be aware of the benefit of working with the VCS around integration and transformation

Taking action: some suggestions

- Read & understand your local H&WBB strategy; detailed or vague each presents an opportunity
- Identify the key decision makers involved in the Better Care Fund
- Make the case and tailor using language that's relevant to CCG's and Social Care

Your Turn

- **What role can the VCS play in this agenda?**
 - what do you need to enable you to be more involved?
- **What are the opportunities locally, to improve wellbeing outcomes through changes / transformation of local services?**
 - what evidence do you have in support of this?