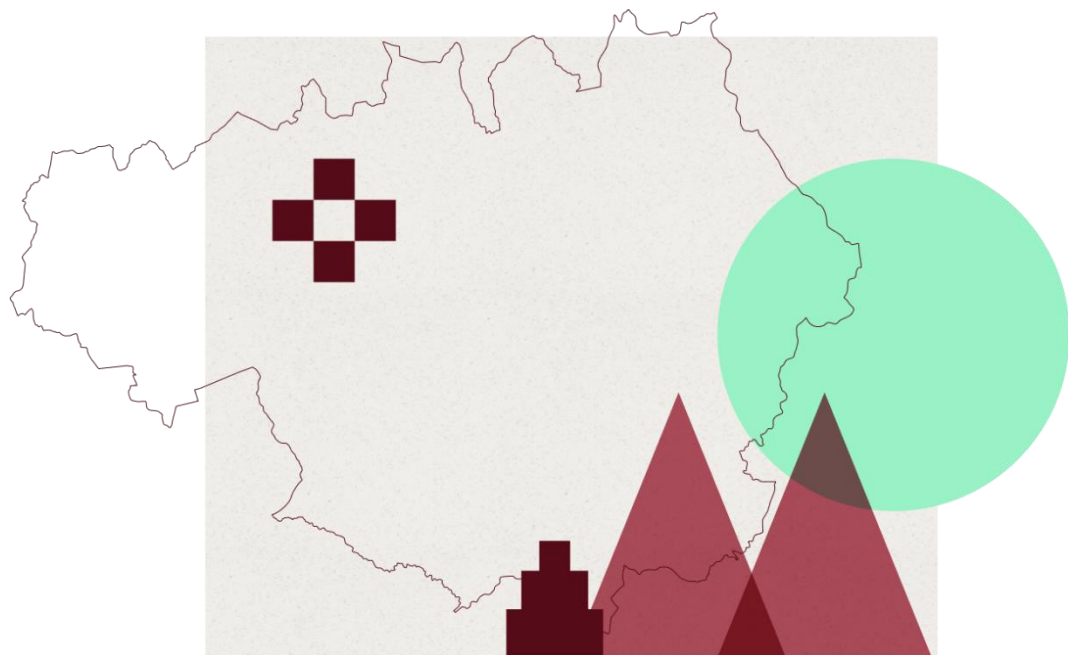




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Q2 (July - September) 2025-26

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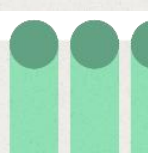
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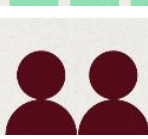
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Population Health & Live Well – Q2

- **Live Well National Lottery Community Fund bid** has been submitted to the National Lottery Community Fund. It is supported by all 10 GM localities to develop partner contributions across core programme areas (Shift Systems, Growing Community Power, and Strengthening the Sector).
- **Community Investments Model** – supported NHS GM to agree match funding in principle with [The National Academy for Social Prescribing \(NASP\)](#) across Live Well Implementation Fund for 26/27, subject to NHS GM/ GMCA continued investment.
- Ongoing **work with GM Public Health network and GM Population Health Network to strengthen strategic alliance with Local Infrastructure Organisations (LIOs) Strategic Network** to map funding into VCSE sector including social prescribing – will be organising a workshop for Autumn.
- Attended **GM Live Well Programme planning meetings** to continue strategic influencing to ensure VCFSE is central to local model and engaging in key Live Well influencing spaces regarding 50% protected VCSE investment via Local Authorities.
- **Live Well Communities Fund** - influencing across key meetings with GMCA/NHS GM and collating learnings from prototype year through conversations with LIOs.

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Commissioning & Investment– Q2

- **Social Value** – Lots of local activity to develop and improve social value mechanisms, processes, measures, and outcomes, including
 - **Oldham** VCFSE/Public Sector Leadership Forum reviewing the use of the Social Value Portal.
 - **Stockport** VCFSE Alliance discussed council's social value strategy going forward - Sector 3 has been asked to develop Stockport's social value strategy.
 - **Tameside** Action Together are building relationship with Tameside Council's Social Value Officer to support Employee Supported Volunteering as part of corporate social responsibility.
 - **Salford** delivered 'intro to social value training' to the local sector; provided 1-2-1 support to VCFSE orgs to use the social value portal; influenced both Swinton & Eccles development plans to enhance social value opportunities and outcomes; and continued to grow their social value alliance.
- **NHS GM Commissioning Principles** – a [paper went to the Integrated Care Board \(ICB\) outlining risk regarding the instability of the VCFSE sector](#). A series of specific follow up questions have been posed to NHS GM colleagues regarding **contract and grant funding reviews, decision-making and delays, and the risks posed by this to the sector and public**. VCFSE representatives' names have been put forward for a working group to develop NHS GM VCFSE market development strategy.

Data & Intelligence

This work is being led by 10GM for peer data network, and by all Accord officers this year as it cuts across all working groups and Accord delivery.



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A joint venture to
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Data & Intelligence – Q2

- **Delivered Peer Learning Network session** focusing on '*how to approach data in smaller and/or less resourced VCFSE organisations*' in August 2025, in partnership with Data Orchard CIC. *No funding has been secured for ongoing sessions beyond Q2.*
- **Initial scoping discussion on how the Accord might focus on data & intelligence** - with a wider scoping discussion to be planned.
- **State of the Sector Research** – continued to develop this work with an aim for the survey and focus groups to go live in Q4. *Not funded by the Accord*

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Alternative Provider Collaborative (APC) – Q2

- **Alternative Provider Collaborative registered as CIC** – initial board in place, strategy development underway, recruiting to fill gaps in expertise.
- Successful **AI info session** delivered.
- **Raising profile of provider voice and national profile of APC** – Supported Health Creation Alliance Summit, hosted GMCA Chief Exec with APC Providers
- Recently onboarded Back On Track, Stockport Women's Centre, Upward Frog and Kashmir Youth project.
- Engagement with [Social Enterprise UK APPG](#) for social enterprise
- **Delivery solutions:**
 - 'Children in Care Social Enterprise Taskforce' (CICSET) Steering Group
 - Children and Young People (CYP) ND Provider Collaborative generating interest and held 4th event
 - Opening up to Social Care to develop full pathway solutions

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Communications – Q2

- **Accord refresh consultation launch and promotion** including multiple platforms, online survey, workshops, online mural, and support resources, comms and engagement packs.
- **Launch of Accord Impact report for 2024 – 2025.**
- Mini campaign to celebrate [10-year anniversary of GM VCFSE Leadership Group](#). Video content produced to support.
- Communications around: NHS [10-Year Health Plan](#), [the Greater Manchester Strategy](#) and the [Civil Society Covenant](#).
- Article on [GM's Integrated Settlement](#) for wider VCFSE sector
- Regular **Live Well comms catch ups** w/ GM Live Well Communications Manager to support sector messaging
- Communications around **GM Place-based Economic Inactivity Trailblazer**.
- **14 news items** published, continued growth of social channels, ebuletin subscriber list, and public sector mailing list.
- Gathered insight on **social value and community cohesion** to support future comms

Equalities (led by GM=EqaI)



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Equalities – GM=EqAl – Q2

- Finalised Grants and Contracts with:
 - GMCA/GM Police for **Justice Engagement, Whole System Approach to Diversion**
 - GMCA/NHS for **Live Well Community Fund for Geographically Dispersed Communities**
- Initiated deeper conversations with 10GM for the inclusion of GM=EqAl as a Thematic Equalities Infrastructure partner within **The National Lottery Bid for Live Well Spaces of Hope**
- Voice of Lived Experience Work: **Delivered custom workshop to GMCA Housing Team** and Webinar in September. *The key learning was persistent blockage and resistance to allocating sufficient time and resources for meaningful senior leader involvement, echoing insights from previous workshops.*
- Continued Engagement with Stakeholders across the Accord Ecosystem: **Young people via 42nd street, Equality Impact Assessment for GMCA's Environmental Plan via Groundwork as well as Patient and Carer Race Equality Framework (PCREF) via Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH).**

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Inclusive Economy and Integrated Settlement – Q2

- **GM Environment** scoping project underway for 25/26 by Groundwork GM
- **Community Led Housing vision** for Greater Manchester endorsed by Leadership Group
- **Work & Skills GM ‘Economic Inactivity Trailblazer’** scoping of the model across 10 boroughs undertaken, masterclasses being planned.
- Feedback on **Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS)** delivery plan sought, GM VCFSE Leadership Group fed back
- **Continued comms on** the portfolios of Good Practice for an Inclusive Economy – “[Trading for Social Good](#)”; [Community Ownership](#); [Net zero: A Just Transition](#); [Good Employment](#)

VCFSE Involvement and Influencing

This work is being led by the GM VCFSE Leadership Group and all officers as it cuts across all working groups and accord delivery. Chair and officer responsibility sits with VSNW.



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VCFSE Involvement and Influencing – Q2

- **Accord refresh** broad engagement and consultation Aug-Oct
- **September Leadership Group meeting with Caroline Simpson** discussing community cohesion and the rise of discrimination. [10 areas for action paper created](#) through sector sessions/feedback.
- Three reps recruited for **Greater Manchester Strategy Participation Oversight Group**
- **Open call for two new VCFSE Leadership Group membership** connected to local interfaith networks and community transport
- Rob Bellingham commissioned work on “influencing health” plan for GM VCFSE sector - second **Primary Care Roundtable and planning for Acute Trust Roundtable** underway

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Ecosystem & Localities– Q2

- Examples of locality progression on and implementation of Accord principles:
 - Bury has signed MOU between VCFSE and public sector after 12 months of co-design.
 - Manchester is beginning to create its Compact working group – they are currently seeking EOIs from sector.
- Monthly **local VCFSE infrastructure organisations (LIOs) collaboration spaces** at a strategic and operational level.
- **Established quarterly meetings between LIO leads and GMCA with first one held July 2025.**
- **LIO-led State of Sector research progressing** – partnership with Nottingham Trent University in place, LIO working group established, methodology and design and comms plan nearing completion. *Not funded by Accord.*
- **Collaboration on design of a National Lottery bid**, led by 10GM and local infrastructure well underway.
- **Locality-level conversations led by LIOs on future Accord priorities**, as one-off events or through existing VCFSE forums.
- **Joint session held in September between LIOs and GM EqAI members** to design Live Well Community Fund equalities element, with workshops facilitated by 10GM officers.
- **VCFSE Forum held in July in Stockport** - focus on Local Inclusive Economies in Stockport.