

# Greater Manchester VCFSE Accord Delivery Highlights

October to December 2025

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# Accord Priorities

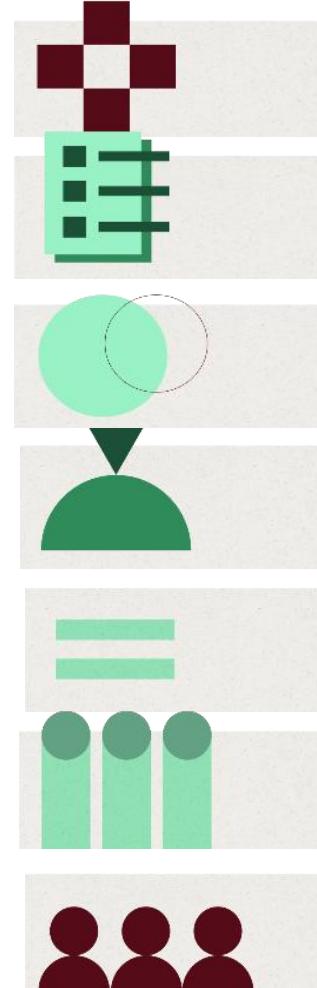
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# Population Health & Live Well (including Data & Intelligence)



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- **Second stage submission for £16m 'Spaces of Hope & Connection' programme to National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) completed.** The submission was reviewed by the North West Panel on 4th December and has been endorsed and approved to proceed to the NLCF England Committee on the 22nd January.
- **Delivered strategic joint workshop between LIO Strategic Network and GM Public Health Network** to strengthen locality relationships and ways of working with Director of Public Health. Focus on areas of strategic alignment, NHS Reform & Live Well locally / pan Greater Manchester.
- **Prevention demonstrator briefing** for wider sector published

# Commissioning & Investment



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# Commissioning & Investment- Q3

## Social Value

- **Oldham:** VCFSE/Public Sector Leadership Forum reviewed use of social value portal.
- **Stockport:** VCFSE Alliance discussed council's social value strategy going forward, and Sector 3 have been asked to develop Stockport's social value strategy.
- **Tameside:** Action Together building relationship with the Council's Social Value Officer to support Employer Supported Volunteering as part of corporate social responsibility.
- **Salford:** delivered intro to social value training, 1-2-1 support to use the social value portal, influenced Swinton and Eccles development plans
- Initial scoping of potential campaign to end the use of the Social Value Portal by Accord Officers.

## NHS GM Commissioning

- **NHS GM commissioning intentions for 26/7** and the next 5 years presented to LIO Strategic network and engagement discussion at GM health VCFSE influencing meeting, though not attended by NHS GM lead commissioners.
- VCFSE reps ongoing participation in **NHS GM commissioning oversight group and steering groups**.
- Several **escalations to lead commissioners in NHS GM** regarding concerns around delays in providing timely contracts to VCFSE organisations and the plans for contract review - in particular for contracts already in delivery for 25/6.
- **Mapping of Acute Trust NEDS and Governors** undertaken and commenced design of influencing strategy.

# Alternative Provider Collaborative (APC)



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# Alternative Provider Collaborative (APC) – Q3

- **Service brochure under development.**
- Successful **Inclusive workplaces webinar** delivered in November on the conversations around 'economic inactivity'.
- **Raising profile of provider voice and national profile of APC** – Supported Launch of [SEUK/Kings Fund Ahead of the Curve report.](#)
- **Membership demand continues to outstrip capacity** - recently onboarded Signpost For Carer and Bolton Together.
- **Successful Convention held in November** titled, *Social Value: What Is The Point?*. National and local speakers and attendees.
- **Delivery solutions:**
  - Children & Young People, Neurodevelopmental, and Disabilities (CYP ND) Provider Collaborative – working towards 5th event in Feb.
  - Working with Director of Adult Social Services to create new offering for social care providers.
  - Supporting commissioning of services in Town Hall extension.

# Equalities (led by GM=EqAl)



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- **Live Well Community Fund (Pilot)**

- **Micro-grant launched** - “How can we *Live Well Together?*” - 22 awards approved from 145 applications.
- Unified Project **co-developed** in Sept - **8 GM=EqAl Partners** collaborating across themes. Focus on **breakdown of community cohesion impact on mental health & wellbeing** for racially marginalised & intersectional communities.

- **Pan-equalities Engagement Workshops Facilitated**

- **GMS Delivery Plan:** Identified high-level inequalities gaps in the current plan.
- **NHS ICB Operating Model:** Highlighted opportunities for early engagement, where relationships and communications between the NHS, communities and the VCFSE sector need strengthening.
- **Work & Skills Trailblazer:** Brought forward considerations from under-represented VCFSE organisations and the communities they serve.

- **Voice of Lived Experience**

- Workshop at **VSNW Conference**, reinforcing the need for continuous socialisation of principles and highlighting how Lived Experience representation is often misunderstood, muted, or misused.
- Interest generated for **expanding the socialisation of the Key Principles** to the **Children in Need Project Team (BBC)**.

# Inclusive Economy & Integrated Settlement



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- **Marked Social Enterprise Day 2025** with information on how people can support the important work of social enterprises in Greater Manchester
- **GM's vision for a community-led housing approach developed**, and endorsed by Leadership Group
- **GM VCFSE environment scoping completed**, led by Groundwork GM – to plan future focus for opportunities for the sector, sitting alongside next Accord
- **Pride in Place strategy** news piece briefing for sector published
- **Work & Skills, economic inactivity trailblazer:**
  - in-depth case studies of trailblazer delivery providers created to help give insight for the capacity and capability the VCFSE sector needs to develop.
  - providing insight to public sector partners on the strengths of VCFSE providers and barriers to VCFSE engagement.
  - engagement in governance, review and discovery processes for the economic inactivity programme

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## VCFSE Infrastructure Collaborative Spaces including:

- **Monthly LIO Strategic Network** space focused on: NHS GM's new Operating Model, VCFSE Accord refresh activities, Live Well Implementation Fund, Mayor's Charity, Live Well Communities Fund, Pride in Place.
- **LIO Comms Group** have focused on State of the Sector.
- **GM Volunteering Network** included a focus on the RVS Volunteering Portal, Live Well Spaces of Hope and Connection, response to Government changes to asylum legislation with implications for volunteering.

## Collaborative work including:

- **State of Sector** - Working group meeting regularly, signed off key products w/ LIO CEs, survey design, ethics committee approval, comms planning and campaign commenced, information sharing agreements in place.
- **Data and insight** – Initial scoping undertaken with LIOs to understand priorities and direction of travel for Data and Intelligence Hub.
- **National Lottery Bid submitted around Spaces of Hope**, led by 10GM in partnership with LIO Strategic Network, GM Equal and Innovation Unit. Successful at first panel, so now proceeding to National Panel.
- Manchester Community Central, Bury VCFA and Salford CVS participated in **GM response to Synagogue Attack**, with SCVS and 10GM supporting all LIOs in terms of comms.

# VCFSE Involvement & 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

- Published **10 areas for action to tackle rising community tensions**, by the Leadership Group.
- **The GM VCFSE Accord refresh consultation which ran from August-October saw over 750 engagements** including online survey submissions, attendance at consultation meetings and events, and online mural platform.
- An **open call for new Leadership Group for transport and local interfaith membership**.
- **Greater Manchester Strategy participation oversight group** recruited for
- **Live Well board recruitment** – new process tested, one provider, one LIO, one equalities
- **GM Networks Connect** – Dec meeting, and updated membership list of action networks

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# Communications

- **Comms response to Heaton Park Hebrew Congregation Synagogue in Manchester** in October
- **GM VCFSE sector and Leadership Group member news published and shared:** [GM Prevention Demonstrator explainer](#), [GM's vision for a community-led housing approach](#), [Gaddum's vision for support carers in Greater Manchester](#), national [Pride in Place Strategy explainer](#)
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- **Accord Comms Group** – planning for the launch of new Accord
- **Continued growth of social media channels, ebulletin subscriber list, and public sector mailing list.**
- **22 news items** published this quarter.