

Job Description

Voluntary, Community, Social and Faith Enterprise (VCSFE) Representative on the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

Purpose of the Role

The VCSFE Representative provides a sector voice to the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, ensuring that the perspectives, experiences, and priorities of the voluntary, community, social enterprise and faith sector are reflected in health scrutiny at a Greater Manchester level. The role supports effective scrutiny by contributing insight from communities, supporting agenda-setting, and constructively challenging where appropriate.

Status of the Role

This is a non-voting advisory role, attending meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee as an invited representative. One representative will have a continued presence at meetings, with additional VCSFE experts invited to attend for specific agenda items where appropriate.

Key Responsibilities

The VCSFE Representative will:

- Attend meetings of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis and contribute to discussions, questions, and scrutiny of agenda items.
- Provide the VCSFE sector perspective on issues under scrutiny, including impacts on communities, service users, and inequalities across Greater Manchester.
- Support agenda-setting by suggesting relevant topics for consideration, drawing on intelligence from the VCSFE sector.
- Answer questions from Members and officers, sharing insight into work taking place across the VCSFE sector.
- Provide appropriate challenge, where necessary, to support robust and effective scrutiny.
- Contribute to invited reports or updates, including VCSFE sector updates incorporated into relevant committee reports where agreed.
- Work with the Chair, Members, and officers to ensure the VCSFE voice is integrated meaningfully into the Committee's work programme.

Additional Contributions

- Attend the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee work programming session when organised, to support forward planning of scrutiny activity.
- Participate in an introductory item to the Committee, providing an overview of the VCSFE sector, including key projects, challenges, partnership working and structures, as programmed by the Committee.
- Take part in Member induction training relevant to the role.

- Contribute to a reflection's session approximately six months after the arrangements commence, to review how the role and arrangements are working.

Skills, Experience and Attributes

The VCSFE Representative should:

- Have strong knowledge and experience of the VCSFE sector at a Greater Manchester or sub-regional level.
- Be able to represent a broad range of VCSFE perspectives, rather than a single organisation or interest.
- Demonstrate an understanding of health, care and related public services and the role of scrutiny.
- Be confident in speaking in a formal committee setting and able to communicate clearly and constructively.
- Be able to provide challenge in a balanced, evidence-informed, and collaborative manner.
- Commit to regular attendance and preparation for meetings.

Working Relationships

The role works closely with:

- The Chair and Members of the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- GMCA officers supporting the Committee.
- Other VCSFE representatives and networks, to gather intelligence and feedback.

Review of the Role

The effectiveness of the VCSFE Representative role will be reviewed through a reflection's session approximately six months after commencement, with any agreed changes to be reported to the Committee.