

## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST VCSE AND GM HEALTH AND CARE COMMISSIONING**

The GM Health and Care Commissioning (Commissioning Hub) are seeking expressions of interest for a senior level post to join us to embed the VCSE sector into the role of commissioning. This will be for an initial period until 31<sup>st</sup> March to undertake a designated piece of work in order to start to embed the VCSE sector into the commissioning process across GM.

The Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership outlined its vision for closer collaboration with the VCSE Sector in both the GM Strategy, 'Taking Charge' and as set out in 'Commissioning for Reform', the GM Commissioning Strategy. This was cemented with the MoU with the VCSE in January 2017. The MoU focused on the elements of devolution relating to NHSE, the CCGs and AGMA, and their relationship with the GM provider community. It constituted a roadmap, with initial undertakings agreed with each constituent party. This saw the inclusion of the VCSE sector as an integral part of the partnership, its commissioning function and to recognise the critical contribution of the voluntary sector as part of the provider landscape.

Commissioning is one of the five priority action areas identified by the GM VCSE Reference Group. In order to fulfil the ambitions of the sector, there are a number of challenges which need to be addressed, mainly:

1. The shape of the sector operating in Greater Manchester is highly varied including almost 16,000 different voluntary organisations. There is the need for a stratified place-based approach rather than a singular, commissioning approach.
2. Consideration needs to be given to those beneficiaries of the sector, such as communities of identity, who often transcend locality boundaries and determine the best approach to commissioning of services.
3. How do we ensure that procurement does not drive negative unintended consequences and can we drive added value through procurement e.g. social value, building a 'community anchor model'?

In order to address these challenges, the following headline areas of action have been identified:

1. Develop and roll out a programme of support for commissioners;
2. Produce guidance on the relationship between GM and locality commissioning and investment;
3. Produce guidance and good practice about developing a VCSE Commissioning Hub function to support LCOs;
4. Support the Commissioning Hub's development and understanding of how to promote and develop VCSE best practice;
5. Embed protocols in emerging GM-level commissioning and procurement;
6. Develop with partners an effective investment framework for the sector.

Key deliverables will include, (not exhaustive):

- a) Undertaking a system wide review of current commissioning arrangements of the VCSE sector;
- b) Conduct a listening exercise with the sector to understand current challenges, constraints but also exemplar models;
- c) Co-design the inclusion of the VCSE sector into the Commissioning Academy programme
- d) Establishing a programme of engagement at a locality and GM wide level for commissioners and the sector to raise awareness and understanding
- e) Identifying and sharing exemplar models from both within and outside GM
- f) To align and work with the 'Communities of Identity' work stream which aims to reduce existing inequalities in commissioning for communities of identity in order to determine the replicability of this work
- g) Develop a commissioning toolkit to support commissioners including options for investment/procurement etc.
- h) Co-design a GM wide event with commissioners to launch the toolkit
- i) Identify ongoing work (linked to the above headline areas) and develop a proposal to take this forward in 2019/20 including any resource requirements.

This role requires a senior / exec level individual from the VCSE sector to drive this agenda as he/she will need to engage with CCGs/LCOs and the GM system at a senior level; he/she should have extensive experience and knowledge of the VCSE sector and have the leadership skills to embed the VCSE in the commissioning landscape. The role will also act as a senior advisor to the GM system and a conduit to the sector. As this is a time limited programme, the post holder will need to have experience of delivering complex programmes involving multiple stakeholders.

Remuneration to deliver the key deliverables is up to a maximum of £30,000 however it is also anticipated that the role will have the full support of the VCSE Reference Group and colleagues within the Commissioning Hub.

Hours are flexible and to be determined/agreed with the post holder and their organisation. In order to embed the VCSE role within the Commissioning Hub, it is envisaged the post holder would be based within the Commissioning Hub at Churchgate House, Manchester when working on this project.

**Expressions of interest are sought by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and should be submitted to [sara.roscoe@nhs.net](mailto:sara.roscoe@nhs.net) and [warren.escadale@vsnw.org.uk](mailto:warren.escadale@vsnw.org.uk)

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