

### UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR

Huge thanks to everyone in VCFSE for their patience during the period of recruitment to our Coordinator role. Committee members have been attending SO many meetings over the last quarter, including the ICP, ICB, Commissioning Committee, Population Outcomes & Improvement Committee, HCP’s, Primary Care Board, One Workforce into Action workshops, People Board, Equality & Inclusion Workshop, Making Data Count Workshop, Health Creation Strategy Group (HCSG), Well Leg Workshop and countless others – and the voice of the sector has truly been raised.

The Head of Community Resilience is contributing to regional and national work around measuring the impact of the VCFSE on both ICSs and the wellbeing of the population (NHSE/RSM) which should produce a draft of a new framework by the end of March.

Chair and vice-chairs of the Alliance and The Head of Community Resilience are also regular attenders at regional and national webinars on the embedding of the VCFSE in ICSs. It is an expectation that there will be an MOU between the Alliance and the ICS by the end of March 2023. The key elements of this are in place and have been shared with NHSE:

- Alliance Foundation Documents
- The Health Creation Strategy agreed between ICP and the Alliance
- A contract for monies so far allocated between the ICB and CAB Stevenage (hosting the new worker)

The intention is to finalise the documentation when multi-year funding has been agreed (following clarification by Commissioning Committee).

A busy quarter and I wholeheartedly welcome Laura to the team. Exciting times ahead 😊  
Joanna Marovitch

West Essex		South and West Hertfordshire		East and North Hertfordshire	
Nominated	Elected	Nominated	Elected	Nominated	Elected
<b>Sam Glover</b> Healthwatch Essex	<b>Kate Robson</b> Citizens Advice Uttlesford	<b>Sarah Wren</b> Herts Independent Living Service	<b>Joanna Marovitch</b> Herts Mind Network	<b>Hannah Morgan-Gray</b> North Herts and Stevenage CVS	<b>Charlotte Blizzard-Welch</b> Citizens Advice Stevenage
<b>Clive Emmet</b> Uttlesford CVS	<b>Alison Wilson</b> Mind in West Essex	<b>Simon Aulton</b> Community Action Dacorum	<b>Rushna Miah</b> Herts Asian Women's Association	<b>Geoff Brown</b> Healthwatch Herts	<b>Mark Hanna</b> Age UK Hertfordshire
<b>Steering Group Vice Chair</b> Kate Robson		<b>Steering group Chair</b> Joanna Marovitch		<b>Steering Group Vice Chair</b> Charlotte Blizzard-Welch	
					



## HEALTH CREATION STRATEGY

We are pleased to see the Health Creation Strategy coming to life, with a truly integrated approach at the HCSG.

The 27 February meeting focused on 2 strands of the strategy: No Wrong Door and Integrating the Wellbeing Offer (both themes relate to ensuring all residents have access to the support they need and health inequalities are actively addressed).

Packs of data about how relevant services work, and work together, are being pulled together in this way for the first time for the ICS and this will be a crucial step in analysing how to develop our approaches going forwards. The March meeting of the group will focus on Commissioning and Data.

This work will feed into a report to Commissioning Committee in September on creating a more integrated and strategic approach to commissioning of the sector, focused on evidence of need and impact of the work of the VCFSE, as well as addressing issues around predictability and transparency of funding.

### HEALTH CREATION STRATEGY

## UPCOMING HEATH CREATION STRATEGY MEETINGS

If you would like to contribute or attend any session please contact Laura

Day:	Date:	Month:	Time:	2023 Meeting topics
Tuesday	25th	April	11.30am - 1pm	a) Asset Based Community Development and b) Health Inequalities
Thursday	18th	May	11am - 12.30pm	a) Unpaid/family carers and b) Volunteering
Thursday	8th	June	11am - 12.30pm	a) Co-production and Culture and b) Annual Reporting on the Strategy/Alliance/Sector
Thursday	20th	July	3.30pm - 5pm	a) Commissioning of the Sector and b) Data about need and impact



**MEET LAURA**

**LAURA CORMICAN**  
Alliance Coordinator

*" My name is Laura Cormican and for the last 5 years I have been working within the voluntary sector focusing on outcomes, data and contracts. I have a passion for helping others and am also a qualified personal trainer. I have excellent organisational skills, a positive attitude and a drive to make a difference for people. I love to travel with my family and taking on new challenges, with running Paris marathon in April being the next."*



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## MEMBER NEWS

In partnership with the NHS, Healthwatch Hertfordshire want to understand whether people with learning disabilities are receiving the support they need from their GP practice, and whether they are being supported to live a healthy lifestyle.

To understand their experiences, and how services could be improved, we are running one-to-one interviews with adults with learning disabilities who would like to share their views. The interview will take place on a video platform of their choice or in person.

If anyone would like to take part, they can get in touch by contacting Asha on:  
asha.mcdonagh@healthwatchhertfordshire.co.uk or calling: 07775 936104

Healthwatch Hertfordshire is supporting the South and West Hertfordshire Health and Care Partnership in recruiting Patient Volunteers to join its Co-production Board.

### MORE INFORMATION

#### WEBSITE

We are currently in the process of wanting to go out to tender for a VCFSE Alliance website. If you have any companies that you have recently used and recommend we would be grateful if you could share these. Please send any recommendations to  
laura.cormican@vcfsealliance.org



#### MHLDA

We wanted to share short messages with you from David Evans, Executive Director, Strategy and Partnerships for Hertfordshire Partnership Foundation Trust and Joanna Marovitch, Chief Executive, Herts Mind Network. Please share with your staff and service users.

Links below:

**JANUARY 2023**

**MARCH 2023**

If anyone has any questions regarding the alliance or any information you want to share please contact  
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