

The Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise sector (VCSE), and its role in supporting cancer patients

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A joint venture to
support the local
VCSE sector in
Greater Manchester





Who and what is 10GM?

- 10GM is a partnership of 4 local infrastructure organisations operating strategically and collaboratively with each other and across a vast range of relationships.
- The 4 partners cover 6 of Greater Manchester's local authority areas - Bolton CVS, Macc (Manchester), Action Together (Oldham, Rochdale, Tameside), Salford CVS.
- Together we champion the local VCSE sector, with a shared purpose to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of people and communities in all 10 areas of GM.



What we do together as 10GM is:

- Strengthen local VCSE infrastructure and increase the voice and influence of the VCSE sector
- Deliver community-led and VCSE-focused projects which connect localities and GM
- Secure and distribute income to the VCSE sector





The scope of the VCSE Sector



- 17,494 voluntary orgs, community groups and social enterprises
- Top 4 areas of work – wellbeing, health and social care, community development/sport and economic wellbeing
 - 28% of VCSE organisations list Wellbeing, Health and Social Care (e.g. Medical, sickness, disability, mental health, substance use etc) as a main area of work.
 - 50% VCSE organisations in community development (including work with communities to tackle inequalities and disadvantage)
 - 39% VCSE organisations in Physical Activity, Sport and Leisure
 - 21% VCSE organisations in economic well-being (including employment, economic development, debt advice, poverty relief).

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- The vast majority of VCSE organisations are neighbourhood based, rooted in local communities and are addressing significant inequalities in the day -to-day of what they do.
- Examples include:
 - Answer Cancer
 - GM Live Well Service
 - Fairer Health for All (Previously Build back fairer)
 - Mental Health VCSE leadership group





VCSE Sector and Cancer support



- There are many VCSE organisations, whilst not cancer specialists, are providing services to improve and support the physical, mental and social health of their communities.
- The VCSE organisations have crucial insight and understanding of the barriers faced by their communities in relation to health and wellbeing
- This support is usually always tailored and targeted to the needs of their communities. They are true co-designs with the people in their communities and lived experiences at the heart of the design

Continuing the work

10GM is working in collaboration with GM Cancer, partners from across the health system and the VCSE sector to achieve a permanent reduction in inequalities and inequity in access and experience of cancer care.

The Cancer & Inequalities project will:

- Provide leadership in the VCSE sector for Cancer and Inequalities work and initiatives.
- Champion the VCSE as a partner within the Cancer system.
- Provide insight and intelligence from our VCSE organisations.
- Support the Cancer system to reach into communities.





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