

Developing Equal Partnerships with the VCFSE Sector

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Why am / talking about this?



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County Council



**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

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Healthier Together

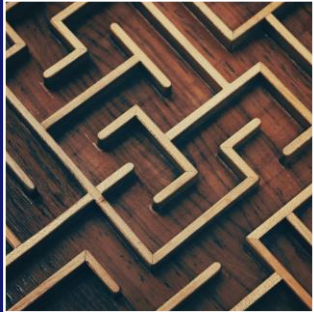
Improving health and care in Bristol,
North Somerset and South Gloucestershire





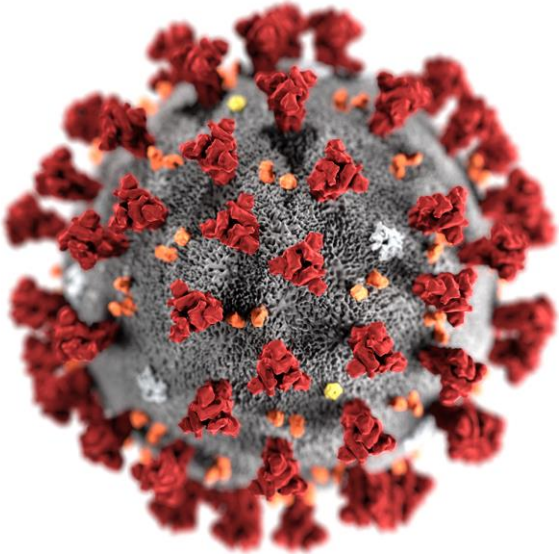
Communities responded fastest to the needs of loved ones and neighbour's

Voluntary Sector organisation's flexed capacity, skills & time to respond to need and organise at a local, community level



Commissioners and Grant Funders flexed contracts to enable Voluntary Sector organisation's to respond

Statutory care & health teams worked responsively & flexibly with local Voluntary Sector organisation's



Integration of Purpose

What did we learn/re-learn?

Every community,
no matter how big
or small is an
ASSET

Each part of the
system brings it's
own individual
STRENGTHS

LANGUAGE
Matters

DIVERSITY of
thought *and*
involvement brings
improved outcomes

TRUSTED
RELATIONSHIPS
take time, effort
and commitment

The VCFSE Sector
is not just
Volunteers!

Enablers

Collaboration

- Created and cultivated space to share, learn and collectively problem solve

Communication

- Maximised the use of community communications channels to get rapid feedback on what's working

Connection

- Proactively joined the dots between communities, Voluntary Sector Organisations and Statutory Services

Shared Purpose

Shared Language

Shared Vision

Shared Assets

Equal Partners

Time for Change (again)

Policy paper

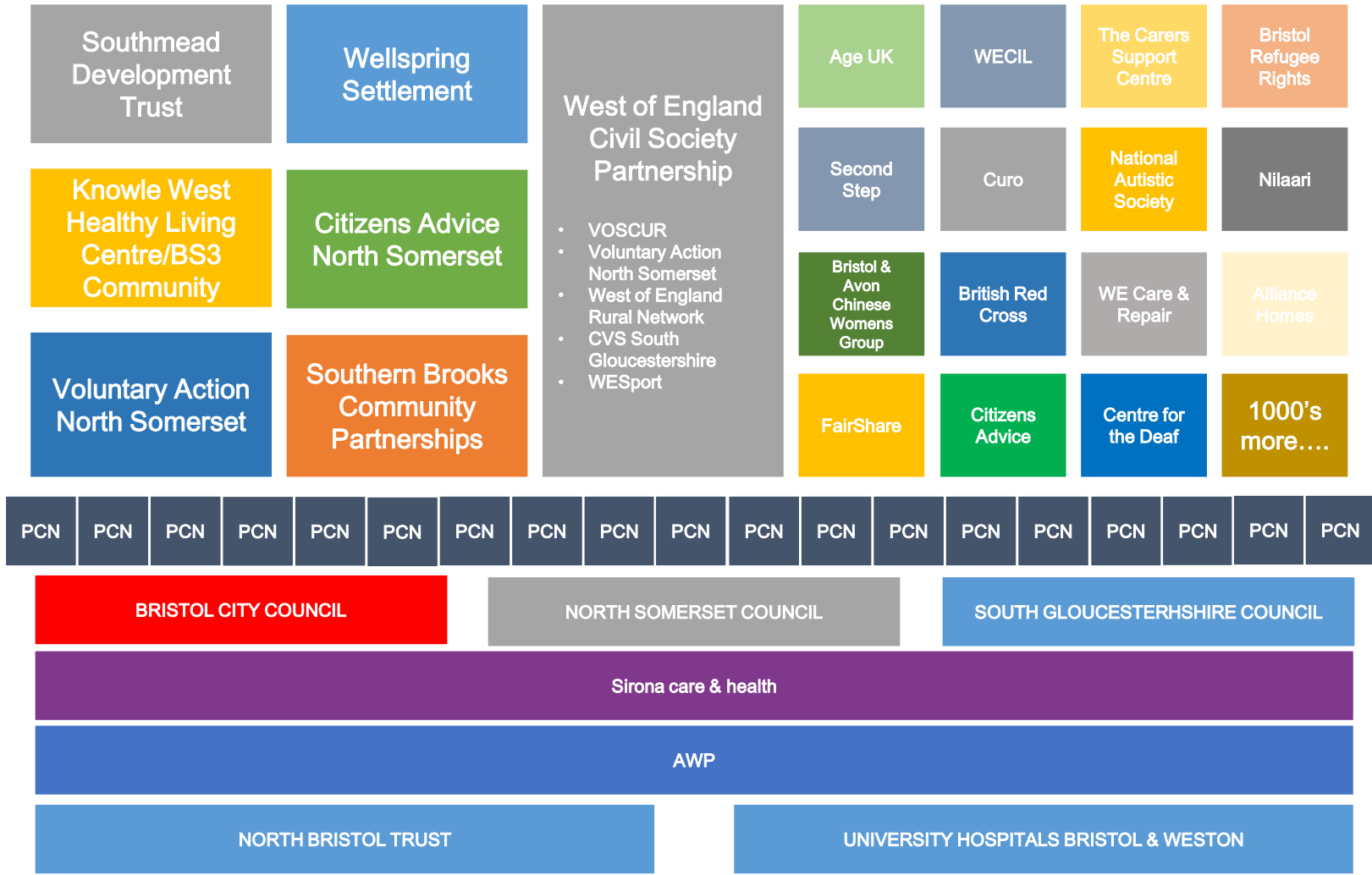
**Integration and
innovation: working
together to improve
health and social
care for all**

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“It’s about **population health**: using the **collective resources** of the local system, NHS, local authorities, the **voluntary sector** and others to improve the health of local areas.” Pg.6

Communities are complex ecosystems

Find the Connectors



Lessons for every system



Culture Shift
Towards Equity

Fund and
Commission
Equitably

Fund and
Commission for
the Long-Term

Create a
Democratic
Forum

Build
Community
Agency

Asset-Based
Mapping

Develop a
Digital Inclusion
Strategy

Create a Shared
Vision

Thankyou