

STP/ICS Integrated Volunteering Approaches Programme 2019

About this Programme

We know as STP/ICSs you are focusing on developing your high level system transformation plans to address both national Long Term Plan priorities and, more importantly, your own local population priorities and outcomes.

This three year national programme is intended to add value and complement planning that is already underway. It provides practical support and funding to help you understand and benefit from the value, impact and opportunities that volunteering approaches and working with the Voluntary Sector (VCSE) can bring to help you in your ambitions.

Integrating volunteering approaches can make a significant impact and contribute towards your high level outcomes:

- supporting public health ambitions
- tackling health inequalities
- helping to alleviate workforce and service pressures
- accessing and developing community assets
- extending and adding value to services
- supporting integrated care

We are aware some STP/ICSs are including volunteering approaches in their plans and this additional funding and support (c£35k this year) can complement that planning and enable us to work with you to share your learning and approaches with others. For other STP/ICSs, we want this funding to give you the 'thinking space' to understand the potential and to develop your overview of volunteering and local opportunities. Moreover, we want to ensure you can share in existing and emergent learning that will help you to develop system transformation plans that include and benefit from integrated volunteering approaches. There are

organisations within STP/ICS areas that are skilled at volunteering who can support this work.

Next year (year two), we will work with a selected smaller number of (7-10) STP/ICSs supporting approaches that show greatest promise and potential for impact. This will involve additional (c£150k) funding for selected STP/ICS and access to specialist expertise to implement their plans for volunteering approaches, learn from and develop measures of impact, with an ongoing commitment to continue sharing this learning across all STP/ICSs. This support will continue into year three, with c£150k funding to ensure spread of volunteering approaches through adoption/adaption and ongoing sustainability.

Year Ending 31 March 2020 Participants will commit to:

Project

- Scope and gain an overview of volunteering in your area.
- Identify and develop an appropriate volunteering approach that can be integrated into your system transformation plans towards your priorities and outcomes.
- Actively participate in the learning network, including from partner organisations' as appropriate.
- Reference your integrated volunteering approach, as appropriate, in your system transformation plans.
- Share relevant resources, guidance, learning and intelligence with NHS England, NHS England's delivery support partner and with other STP/ICSs as appropriate.
- Commit to identify and co-produce meaningful outcome measures that can help evidence the benefit and impact of your plans around this project.

Operational

- Provide a named Project lead.
- Provide a named Senior Responsible Officer/Accountable Officer for this work.
- Produce an end of year report on your plan development and details about how integrated volunteering approaches will be taken forward into 2020-2021 – the format for this report will be templated and informed by working with you. This will also contain your 'proposal' to be considered for additional

involvement and funding into 2020-21 and beyond into year three if appropriate.

- NHS England and NHS Improvement can offer:
- £35k funding (to use or pass on to system partners with proven track record).
- National delivery support.
- Inform and benefit from a dedicated learning and sharing network.
- Safe space to discuss challenges and identify solutions.
- Inform and share in good practice guidance and tools with mutual support.
- Opportunity to showcase your good practice, initiatives and approaches.
- Shape national resources, tools and guidance.
- Potential to be considered for additional funding in 2020-21 and beyond subject to satisfactory progress in year two 2021-22 – receiving up to c£150,000 each year based on up to 10 systems being selected.
- Help you to identify impactful integrated volunteering approaches and how to measure these.
- Support collectively to develop your understanding and overview of volunteering approaches in your system.
- Benefit from shared learning from related national programmes.

Funding

This is a three year programme, with year one funding available to all systems starting in September 2019 and ending March 2020, with the opportunity to be considered for additional funding in years two and three, which will be allocated against set criteria that identify those projects that show the most potential for development, adoption and adaption.

In year one all STP/ICS can apply to receive the allocation of c£35,000 from NHS England and Improvement.

We expect the ICS/STP to continue to support and resource year one project activity beyond the end of year one, regardless of whether they are successful in securing any additional funding in year two. This will include for example ongoing participation in the learning and sharing network to both inform and learn from your own system plans as these are developed and implemented.

Making an application

To make an application, please complete the [Expression of Interest form](#) and submit it by 10am on Friday 13 September 2019 to the Voluntary Partnerships Team at england.voluntarypartnerships@nhs.net.

In this form you must:

Demonstrate senior commitment to this programme with named leads.

Outline how you think the programme could support your STP/ICS to address your health outcomes and priorities.

Commit to participation in a learning network and to working with NHS England, our National Delivery Support Partner and Evaluation Partners (to be appointed) and agree to us sharing your project related information and project data across and between national organisations and your own partners as appropriate.

We are offering a series of opportunities on the following dates to try to answer any queries you may have:

- 30/08/2019 @10am – Webex
- 4/9/2019 @ EXPO20 at a Spotlight Session 11 – 11.30am
- 10/09/2019 @ 2.30pm – Webex
- 12/09/19 @ 12.30pm – Webex

Please email england.voluntarypartnerships@nhs.net to register your place on a webinar and indicate your preferred date(s). We have developed some frequently asked questions that are available on our [web pages](#). Please contact us if you have any questions and do try to join a webinar.

