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Working in partnership: the third sector perspective

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National Perspective

- Systematic involvement of third sector in Local Strategic Partnerships required in all areas
- Third sector role embedded into new local government performance framework including new Comprehensive Area Assessment
- Third sector essential partners in decision making, design and delivery of services
- Smart local areas make use of this source of expertise and intelligence.



Beyond NI7...

- Third sector important delivery partners for NIs 6 (volunteering) & 7 (environment for a thriving third sector), plus empowerment indicators.
- Contribute to many indicators across whole LAA, eg, education, health & social care, children & young people, crime reduction...
- A thriving third sector supports delivery across the whole local area agreement and beyond.



LAAs – 1 year on

- Local Area Agreements refreshed, some targets refined to reflect economic environment.
- New CAA will be looking at OUTCOMES. It will look at the extent to which local partners understand their communities
- Impact for the sector and for LG, significant changes to ways of working



Duty to Involve

- Wide range of local government agencies now have a Duty to Involve the community in setting LAA priorities.
- Applies to third sector organisations as well as individuals.
- Third sector also has key role in achieving this – access to communities
- Can help local areas develop ways of working that involve users in design.



Real Help for Communities

Targeted Support Fund

- Increasing demand for certain third sector services at community level e.g. employment, legal and financial advice
- Targeted at small/medium third sector service providers

Targeted Support Fund will achieve?

- Investment in services that support people and communities affected by the recession
- Targeted grants programme for small/medium providers
- Focus on local areas that are at risk of deprivation.



Somerset

NHS Somerset & Age Concern Somerset

- Strategy for working with the third sector based on Compact & good commissioning principles
- Developed by PCT with third sector and Local Authority
- Includes small grants fund for innovation
- Promotes:
 - strategic involvement
 - identifies gaps in provision
 - has improved communication between the PCT and local third sector providers



Somerset

NHS Somerset & Age Concern Somerset

- Resulted in improvements in the way health works with and commissions from the sector
- Opportunity to strengthen voice of patients, disadvantaged groups and local communities to influence commissioning & provision of health care
- Improving provision of local health care, empowering individuals and improving health outcomes



Tower Hamlets

- Beacon authority for reducing re-offending
- Vision: to ensure every ex-offender returning to borough gets the right services
- Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of ex-prisoner are likely to re-offend within 2 years
- Agencies and third sector work together to prevent re-offending.
- Work with third sector organisations such as St Mungo's and Providence Row Housing Association



Tower Hamlets

- Tower Hamlets and partners on Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership targeted resources to provide a range of initiatives to support newly released prisoners
- Prolific & Priority Ex-Offenders team worked with prison authorities and charity Red Kite on training and work placements for ex-offenders
- St Mungo's projects in prisons linked up with resettlement officers and the authority's Link Worker scheme
- Preventing re-offending and homelessness.



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