



# Norfolk and Waveney VCSE Assembly

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2025

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### VCSE Assembly Webinar Event

We held our second event, which had sessions from Norfolk Adult Social Care, regarding new ways of working, as we also heard from the ICB regarding some Community Engagement work.

The recording and slides can be found on the VCSE Assembly webpage: [VCSE Assembly Website Link](#) or: <https://youtu.be/BDtbREueuU0>

The next webinar will be in March/April of 2026, and we will likely focus on the ICB changes as we move to a new Norfolk and Suffolk ICB structure in April. Details will follow in the new year.

### VCSE Assembly Strategy Group Meeting

The VCSE Assembly Strategy Group meets regularly to help shape the work of the VCSE Assembly. The strategy group is made up of VCSE leaders, which includes chairs of forums and networks linked to the ICB joint forward plan. You can find more details, including membership and linked forums on the VCSE Assembly Webpage.

We want to increase the transparency of the the VCSE Assembly, so as part of this, will share relevant notes on the webpage after each meeting.

You can find this months highlights here: <https://improvinglivesnw.org.uk/updates/>

### VCSE Assembly Strategy Group - New membership

As highlighted in the webinar in October 2025, we are keen to diversify the VCSE Assembly Strategy Group.

Looking at the changes within the ICB, based on strategic commissioning intentions, alongside a new Acute Group Model in Norfolk, we are looking for VCSE leaders who can help shape some work in the future and help provide some much needed knowledge and experience within these areas.

All details are in the Expression of interest documents, but we are keen to bring in two new leads:

- **Acute Hospitals Lead**
- **Co-Production Lead**

You can find the EOI's here: <https://improvinglivesnw.org.uk/updates/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tim, Chair VCSE Assembly to discuss.

### East Coast Community Healthcare Strategy - Neighbourhood First

East Coast Community Healthcare have launched a new Neighbourhood First Strategy. A statement from Adele Madin, ECCH Chief Exec:

"It sets out our plans to use our innovative spirit and deep understanding of the locality in which we are rooted to help improve the health of our local populations over the next five years.

Working at Neighbourhood level with system and VCSFE partners, we believe we can re-orient care from hospitals to community, improve access to services through digital innovation and tackle health inequalities."

Please find the strategy here: <https://improvinglivesnw.org.uk/updates/>

## VCSE Assembly Chairs Updates

Please find this months here: <https://improvinglivesnw.org.uk/updates/>

## Local Government Reorganisation Consultation

Open consultation is open, to share your thoughts on proposals from Norfolk and Suffolk.

For more information, and to share your views on these proposals, please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/local-government-reorganisation-in-norfolk-and-suffolk/proposals-for-local-government-reorganisation-in-norfolk-and-suffolk>

## Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Sector – Estate Data

To better understand the estate infrastructure across Norfolk and Waveney, we are undertaking a data collection initiative. This initiative aims to gather specific information to collaboratively support any estate infrastructure requirements and/or opportunities.

This data will be used to gain a better understanding of the assets within our communities and support opportunities to work better together across the system.

Its a simple form: [Click Here](#)

Any questions, please get in touch with Tim Gardiner via the VCSE Assembly email address.

## East Suffolk Well Minds Event – February 2026

After the success of our Well Minds event earlier this year, we are delighted to welcome you back to our next Well Minds event next year on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Lowestoft Sixth Form College!

This upcoming event features an inspiring lineup of new keynote speakers who will share their journeys and insights. In addition to these, we're excited to announce the return of our workshops – offering learning experiences and group discussions designed to equip you with fresh perspectives.

This is a fantastic opportunity to network and connect with organisations – with refreshments and lunch also provided on the day!

If you would like to attend as a guest, please fill out this form: [Well Minds 2026 GUEST Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

If you would like to attend and set up a stall on the day, please fill out this form: [Well Minds 2026 STALL Booking Form – Fill in form](#)

## Collaborate to Support Norfolk's Armed Forces Community – March 2026

Tuesday, 3 March 2026 | 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM | The Nest, Holt Road, Horsford, Norwich, NR10 3AQ

An event for Operational managers, caseworkers, and frontline staff from voluntary, community, and social enterprise organisations, charities, local authorities, NHS, DWP, other public sector bodies, and military welfare teams.

The aim of the event is to connect those best placed to support Norfolk's armed forces community through interactive sessions and networking, helping organisations identify how they can contribute.

For more information or to register your interest for the event, please contact Merry Halliday or Beverley Herron at [armedforcescovenant@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:armedforcescovenant@norfolk.gov.uk)

## Funding the Future: Diversifying Income for Charities & Social Enterprises

Join the Empowering Communities Partnership for a whole day filled with fundraising expertise, skill-sharing and opportunities for networking, with lunch and refreshments included!

Thursday 29th January 2026  
9:30am - 4pm  
Dereham Memorial Hall

This is an in person event and if you have any questions please contact:  
[communities@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk](mailto:communities@voluntarynorfolk.org.uk)

To sign up: [Click here](#)