HACSP Task & Finish Group Terms of Reference

The Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Panel has set up a Task and Finish Group to consider the voluntary community and social enterprise’s (VCSE) ability to engage with and provide for the health and care sector, specifically in relation to prevention and early intervention.

It will consider how the VCSE organisations in Hounslow can better engage with and provide support for the health and care sector in the borough in order to help people stay healthy, happy and independent for as long as possible. This means reducing the chances of health problems from arising in the first place and, when they do, supporting people to manage them as effectively as possible.

The T&F group will consider how local VCSE organisations currently contribute to the health and care sector in the borough and consider how the Council and the CCG can better work with the sector to support greater engagement, collaboration and provision for the health and care sector, specifically in relation to prevention and early intervention.

1. Understand Hounslow’s VCSE sector and current and potential contributions to the health and care sector in relation to prevention and early intervention;
2. Understand the challenges faced by the VCSE sector, the CCG and LBH in engaging and providing prevention or early intervention services;
3. Investigate good practice within the health and care sector outside the borough in relation to prevention and early intervention activities and how the VCSE sector in Hounslow can learn from this; and
4. Consider the opportunities for the Council and CCG to encourage and work with the VCSE to make contributions to the health and care sector in relation to prevention and early intervention, and the challenges they may face in doing so.

It will then make recommendations to Cabinet on how the Council and CCG can better work with the VCSE sector to provide prevention and early intervention activities. This links to the corporate priority of Active, healthy residents taking responsibility for their health and wellbeing.