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Dear Andria

I am writing in response to the statement "Risks to Bassetlaw VCSE Services & local communities", published on the BCVS website on 22 May 2025, which highlights concerns and questions regarding the impact of potential disinvestment from the Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in Bassetlaw.

The review that is currently underway covers the following organisations which currently receive community grants from Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB):

- Bassetlaw Action Centre
- Bassetlaw Community Voluntary Service
- Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice
- Barnsley Premier Leisure
- Citizens Advice North Nottinghamshire
- Royal Voluntary Service
- Children's Bereavement Service
- In Sam's Name
- Muddy Fork
- The Sleep Charity

The way voluntary organisations in Bassetlaw are funded is different to other parts of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire. This is due to commissioning arrangements that were in place before Bassetlaw Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG merged to become the ICB.

The review gives us the opportunity to consider the best way of spending limited NHS funding to make sure we meet the health needs of local people. It will help us to address any inconsistencies in different geographical areas and reduce duplication of some services.

No proposals have been developed regarding future funding at this stage. The purpose of the engagement exercise is to provide an opportunity for citizens and stakeholders to actively participate in shaping how this might look in the future. It is not a public consultation

The engagement exercise commenced on 6th May 2025 and will conclude on 28th May 2025. A range of different methods are being used to ensure that we reach as many people as possible, including those who are vulnerable/disadvantaged. This includes:

- Survey (online/paper).
- Via telephone.
- Virtual briefing sessions for voluntary sector representatives, local councillors and members of the public.
  - Four public sessions have been arranged: three have been held on 16, 19 (daytime sessions) and 21 May 2025 (evening session). The fourth session will take place on the 27 May 2025.
  - A briefing session for District Councillors meeting took place on 22 May 2025.
- ICS Engagement Platform Meetings.
- Community group visits, including:
  - Harworth and Bircote Town Hall
  - Bassetlaw Museum
  - St Johns Church
  - Cleveland Close

Further opportunities have been indicated outside of the engagement period to engage and speak with communities which are currently being planned.

- Specific sessions for individual voluntary sector organisations, including:
  - Bassetlaw Action Centre
  - Citizens Advice North Nottinghamshire
  - Bassetlaw CVS
  - The Children's Bereavement Centre kindly offered to source a potential date for a specific workshop to engage and speak with communities, details are awaited.
  - A session with voluntary sector organisations to obtain information and data took place on Friday 23 May 2025.
- Emails to voluntary sector organisations in Bassetlaw with a link to the survey (sent on 6 May in line with our other activity).
- Emails to stakeholders with the links and registrations to participate in the online briefing sessions.
- Requests for people unable to attend any online briefing sessions to submit questions via email and telephone to be presented to the panel.
- Stakeholder briefings with survey link.
- Media article.
- Social media posts.
- Article on ICB website.

- System partner newsletters.
- Requests to partner organisations to share engagement (including Bassetlaw District Council).
- Offer of specific sessions for individual organisations from the ICB Engagement Team.

Following the first virtual briefing session, we have heard feedback that the format of the meeting wasn't quite right. In response to this, we have offered further sessions (both in person and virtual) to groups on request and will facilitate questions verbally as well as in writing in these sessions. We have also organised briefing sessions in the evenings at the request of stakeholders.

All written notes taken during the public events, meetings and briefings, along with qualitative responses from the survey will be thematically analysed. Quantitative data will be analysed to produce descriptive statistic. The report produced will be based on these analyses, including a summary of the key findings and a set of conclusions, and will be sent to stakeholders who participated and published on the ICB website.

Following this, Equality Impact Assessments (EQIAs) and further analysis will be conducted to inform any decisions regarding future funding. A decision on any changes to funding will be made by the ICB's Strategic Planning and Integration Committee.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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