

## Third Sector Health and Social Care Support Team

The **Third Sector Health and Social Care Support Team** provides health and social care specific support to the third sector across Scotland (including Third Sector Interfaces and regional and national third sector organisations with an interest in health and social care, housing associations, disabled people's organisations and carers' organisations).

### Background

In 2012 the Scottish Government awarded the ALLIANCE three years of funding to deliver to the *Change Fund: Enhancing the Role of the Third Sector* Programme. During 2012 and 2013 this programme provided coordination and support to the third sector at a strategic level to enable the sector's contribution to the Reshaping Care for Older People (RCOP) agenda and the emerging health and social care integration landscape. In 2014 the Scottish Government awarded the ALLIANCE additional funding to increase the Programme's capacity to meet the needs of the sector through the implementation phase of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, and this funding has now been extended to the end of September 2018.

The evaluation of phase 1 of the Programme (2012—2015) is available on the ALLIANCE website: [http://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/download/library/lib\\_5677f0ec16151/](http://www.alliance-scotland.org.uk/download/library/lib_5677f0ec16151/)

### About the Programme

The Programme has been designed to enhance the current supports available to the sector, targeting its more intensive support at the individuals who hold third sector seats on the different health and social care integration structures in the different Health and Social Care Partnership areas across Scotland.

The support the Team offers to all third sector organisations:-

- ⇒ 1:1 support to explore and consider issues
- ⇒ An information and signposting service
- ⇒ A monthly newsletter, **ENGAGE & INSPIRE**, to keep the sector up-to-date with policy and practice developments and opportunities
- ⇒ Resource pages on the ALLIANCE website that help organisations to find useful information, tools and resources
- ⇒ Key facts and information sheets on 'hot topics'
- ⇒ Policy briefings, report summaries and event reports
- ⇒ Training and networking events focused on themes and topics identified as priorities by the third sector.

## More Information About the Programme

Further information about the programme; the resources developed by the programme; and links to other useful information and resources can be accessed via the Programme page on the ALLIANCE's website: <http://3rdsectorteam.alliance-scotland.org.uk/>

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The programme is being delivered by the ALLIANCE but its delivery is governed by a partnership that draws expertise from the width of the this sector. The partners are: The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE); the Coalition of Care and Support Providers in Scotland (CCPS); the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); the Coalition of Carers in Scotland; Social Enterprise Network Scotland (SENScot); Voluntary Health Scotland (VHS); Voluntary Action Scotland (VAS); Community Health Exchange (CHEX); Evaluation Support Scotland (ESS); the Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (SFHA) and Inclusion Scotland.



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