All Public Partners Volunteer Implementation Proposals – Short-Term Actions

Objective	Specific Action	
Raise awareness of volunteering, through our public service organisations, across Brighton & Hove		
Including referencing the 'Power of Volunteering' straplines across member organisations to create a sense of awareness and cohesion	 University of Brighton Have a page on the Active Student area of the website with information about 'The Power of Volunteering' and the 5 pledges we have signed up to Integrate the pledges into communications throughout the year NHS CCG Review whether we are able to add footer to emails across the organisation, and other opportunities for referencing the Power of Volunteering Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Plan in development to use the Trust's mainstream communications with patients to promote volunteering opportunities. This is coalescing around a tag line – in a healthcare setting it may be more appropriate to emphasise eg. care, compassion, community vs 'power'. But we fully support the idea of raising awareness (and using existing networks 	

Maintaining the volunteering agenda at governance level Ensure regular agenda item on the Participation and Communication Assurance committee (PARC) – a Governing Body committee Reference the Power of Volunteering at locality meeting (pan city GP meeting) Ensure all Governing Body members are aware of and have a copy of the Power of Volunteering. Review possibility of having a short session on Power of Volunteering at a Governing Body informal seminar Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust We have a Trust-wide project underway to enhance volunteer contributions to patient care (ie. number of volunteers, hours volunteered, length of service, scope of role, engagement/satisfaction). This therefore has visibility through Trust governance structures, as part of a wider Workforce & Leadership Programme, up to Board of Directors level.	Objective	Specific Action
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Improved presence of opportunities on intranets and public facing websites	 University of Brighton Have publicised opportunities to mentor with Girls Network and be a school governor. Both opportunities generated over 50 responses from staff. Post more staff volunteering opportunities on intranet, Twitter and Facebook. Include case studies with numbers engaged Publicise pop up stands to staff and students when organisations are recruiting volunteers on campus. There have been 4 Highlight link to Power of Volunteering page on Active Student webpages NHS CCG Review how we offer opportunities for volunteers on our web pages in the context of being involved in our work (e.g. PPGs) Promote city wide volunteering opportunities in the CCG staff bulletin Ensure that PPG work is reported on in our Primary Care Newsletter & Locality meeting (all GP practices)
	 Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Volunteering opportunities are publicised through the Trust's internal and external-facing websites. Further communications activities are in development to publicise the website among prospective volunteers
	 (and those who know potential volunteers). A targeted mailshot (email) to the Trust's database of local community groups recently proved of limited success. Other strategies (eg. personal contact, drawing on existing networks) are in development.

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	Benchmark how many current volunteers we each have	 Keep stats throughout the year on numbers of student volunteers, staff volunteers and report back annually. NHS CCG Instruct Community Works to audit PPGs in March 2017 as part of their PPG support contract, to ascertain numbers of volunteers Audit the CCG to establish other volunteer roles and numbers involved (e.g. lay people on clinical committees) Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust Currently c. 440 volunteers (incl. recent intake of student volunteers) across all Trust sites.
200	Make the best use of the networks that already exist	University of Brighton Volunteer Manager attends Volunteering Implementation Group, chairs the Volunteering Champions Group and attends the Volunteer Co-ordinators Forum (VCF). At the last VCF delivered workshop on Impact measuring volunteering programmes. NHS CCG Ensure CCG volunteer opportunities are publicised through existing contacts and CVS networks Ensure external volunteering opportunities are shared internally and through external networks Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust The recruitment/communications campaign will target people (patients/service users, staff, current volunteers) with an existing link to the Trust.

Objective Specific Action University of Brighton Share information on the benefits for volunteers Distributed Volunteer Impact Analysis to members of the VIG Continue to give bookmarks to students detailing the benefits of volunteering Information detailing benefits of volunteering already exists on webpages – this needs to be linked to the Pledges Give workshops on 'Make Your Experience Count'. This involves identifying skills, showing them off and evidencing them. Grow this across the campuses **NHS CCG** Ensure that benefits of volunteering are shared with the CCG staff and membership via the Power of Volunteering Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust • Share the literature search undertaken for us by Tom Roper (Clinical Librarian, Brighton and Sussex NHS Library & Knowledge Service). https://www.bsuh.nhs.uk/work-and-learn/library-services/ Evidence search report - Volunteers in Enhance recognition of the value that volunteers bring to the city

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Ensure that the voice of volunteers is heard within organisations and that their skills and experience are recognised	 University of Brighton Promote and celebrate Student Volunteering Week which takes place in February A Volunteer Impact Analysis was conducted earlier this year. Volunteers' voice was central to this. Volunteers and volunteer involving organisations are contacted for feedback via forms. Informal feedback is captured and is signed off by managers. For volunteer programmes led by Careers, there is a mid-point review where volunteers are asked what they would like to keep, stop and start doing. External volunteers are invited to a celebration event hosted by Deputy Vice Chancellor.
	NHS CCG
	 Continue to raise the profile of PPGS within the CCG Work to ensure that the role of PPG representative on our PARC committee is meaningful, and supports the PPG voice to reach the Governing Body Hold an annual PPG event to celebrate the PPG work and thank volunteers for their contribution Do a skills audit of the current PPG Network membership
	Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust
	 Currently working with Trust Communications Team to promote volunteers/volunteering through corporate communications. The Trust also runs a number of 'celebration' events for its volunteers each year to recognise contribution

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Match volunteers to roles that they can add the most value to and get the most out of personally	 University of Brighton Review recruitment process annually Conduct Volunteer Impact Analysis every 2 years NHS CCG Build our Community Ambassador programme, which will include supporting and training volunteers to be involved in specialist areas of the CCG e.g. finance, planning) Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust The Trust's existing volunteer recruitment and selection process does this.
Improve accessibility of volunteering	opportunities
	 University of Brighton Re-assess webpages and all promotion and publicity for inclusion and diversity. Ensure language is accessible and photos reflect key groups of students
Promote good practice in working wi	th volunteers, including adequately resourcing volunteer management and support.
Sharing of policy documents and good practice to improve standards	 University of Brighton Shared Volunteer recruitment pack with City College, distributed Volunteer Impact Analysis. Discussed Staff volunteering policy. Once revised staff volunteering policy is agreed, will share with group Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust
	Done through the VIG

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