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sector support organisation

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Policy and Voice

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Policy and Voice Team

- Building a culture in which the needs of individuals and communities shape the development of the support and services they need.

- Promoting and developing inclusive ways of working that address inequalities.

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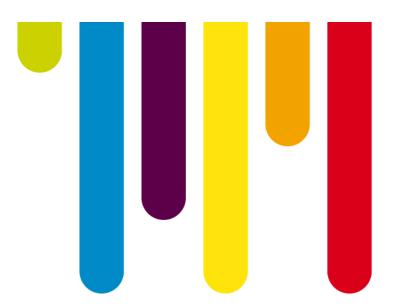Voluntary and
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Areas of Work across Policy and Voice

- Commissioning
  - Developing best practice
  - Providing support to groups
- Involving, Informing and Challenging Policy
- Representation and Voluntary Sector Voice
- Safeguarding
- Information Sharing
- Community Engagement and Partnership Working
- Support
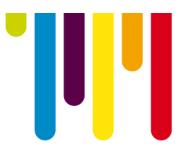 - Supporting groups in development and linking to policy, strategy and best practice

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Mental Health

Transformation - Evidence Policy, and Practice

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Evidence and Policy Context

- Time to Change
- Economic Inequalities
- Isolation
- Everybody's Business
- Recovery
- Experts by Experience
- Neighbourhood Resilience
- 5 Ways or more
- Drugs
- Welfare Reform & Cuts

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Moving from a deficit approach to an asset approach

Where we are now - the deficit approach	Where an asset way of thinking takes us
Start with deficiencies and needs in the community	Start with the assets in the community
Respond to problems	Identify opportunities and strengths
Provide services to users	Invest in people as citizens
Emphasise the role of agencies	Emphasise the role of civil society
Focus on individuals	Focus on communities/neighbourhoods and the common good
See people as clients and consumers receiving services	See people as citizens and co-producers with something to offer
Treat people as passive and done-to	Help people to take control of their lives
'Fix people'	Support people to develop their potential
Implement programmes as the answer	See people as the answer

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Implications for practice

- Whole system working
- Common ownership
- Making Connections
- Capacity Release
- Neighbourhood Working

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The roles of the VCS

- Independence
- Activating citizens
- Voice
- Innovation
- Services and activities
- partner

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Challenges

- Funding and competition
- Isolationism
- Vested interests
- Shifting investment upstream

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