



Sefton CVS Impact Report and Accounts



2025

Supporting Sefton's voluntary,
community and faith sector





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Foreword

The cost of living crisis, and its impact on both residents and responding organisations, was the key concern in working with our partners and communities during 2022/23.

In partnership with Sefton Council and local VCF sector organisations, Sefton CVS co-ordinated the Warm Spaces initiative, with grants helping to provide extra support to residents facing rising costs in heating and food through the creation of safe spaces for them to access hot food, warmth and friendship.

During the first six months of the project, 8,881 people attended one of the 903 Warm Space sessions that were held.

Once again our local VCF sector responded magnificently to support our most vulnerable residents with this initiative, which is being developed in 2023/24 to link 40 Warm Spaces with improved referral into the health and social care system.

Support from Sefton Council also enabled CVS to mobilise a consortium of 15 VCF sector organisations who helped residents to access warm winter clothing, while the future of digital inclusion programmes through Include-IT Mersey was secured via successor funding being obtained.

We also continued to be an active strategic partner during the year, helping to shape Sefton Council's Child Poverty Strategy and playing a key role in the Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty Partnership.

Ensuring VCF sector voice in the development of the integrated care place-based partnership, Sefton Partnership Board, was another important feature of the year, alongside the shaping of the new Place Plan in which we have advocated that sector indicators under Community First will be part of the new reporting structure.

Our ongoing co-ordination of networks and forums resulted in events during the year including a Sefton Faith Forum Faith in Action Conference, our annual conference on the theme of the cost of living crisis and the Sefton in Mind Experts by Learning, Practice and Experience event. The Every Child Matters Forum also co-ordinated a First Five Festival programme, another of many events designed to develop policy, promote service response and generate sector input locally.

This report details our work in the wider system including the continued delivery of the Living Well Sefton programme and social prescribing offer, the opening of our second Crisis Café in Crosby and the ongoing work of the High Intensity User Service, the Hospital Discharge Service, the Health Trainers and the Community Cancer Navigators.

Interventions to reduce reoffending through the work of the Merseyside Offender Mentoring Programme in HMP Liverpool continued and expanded during the year, which also saw increased demand for our services supporting people from diverse and ethnic backgrounds due to the war in Ukraine.

CVS also continued its grant-making administration function during the year, co-ordinating schemes for Living Well Sefton, Sefton 4 Good and Sefton In Mind, as well as the Platinum Jubilee Fund and Coronation Fund.

Meanwhile, building capacity and sustained resilience within the sector remains our priority focus through our group support, funding advice, skills development and community accountancy services, and the work of Volunteer Centre Sefton, all of which continue to be in high demand.

Beyond Sefton, CVS continues to be an active partner through VS6 in promoting the VCF sector's engagement with the Liverpool City Region structures, the Combined Authority, the Metro Mayor and Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). This ensures engagement in the successors to ESF programmes, particularly Shared Prosperity programmes and the changing health economy, which have been important priorities.

In conclusion, sincere thanks go to our President and Patrons, the CVS Board and particularly our staff and volunteers for their commitment and dedication during the year.

We are also very grateful to our key funders and partners who have shown their continued confidence in us.

Having a strong and sustained sector that can mobilise effectively to respond to unprecedented events is critical in providing help to those who are most vulnerable.

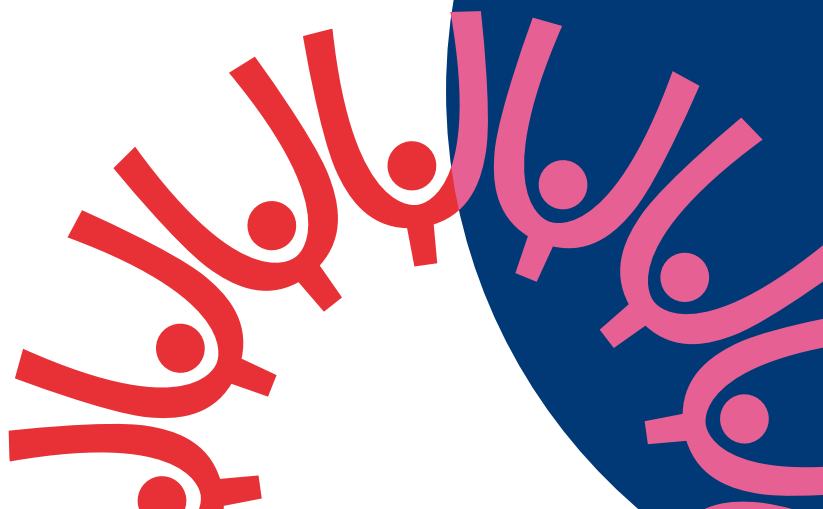
Our continued thanks go to our incredible Sefton VCF sector, and we pay tribute to its innovation and endeavour in support of our borough and its residents.

Liz Barnett

Chair

Angela White OBE FRSA

Chief Executive



Introduction

Mission

Our mission is to promote and assist voluntary, community and faith (VCF) sector activity.

Values

Our guiding principles are to:

- Put Sefton people, places and organisations at the heart of what we do.
- Be open and fair in our transactions.
- Take responsibility and be accountable for our actions.
- Promote equality, diversity and cohesion through our activities.
- Support the most vulnerable people in our communities.
- Seek solutions, not problems.
- Be prepared to listen and learn.
- Operate ethically, honestly and with the highest standards of integrity.

Activities

Our key activities are to:

- Provide support services to the VCF sector.
- Promote partnerships within the sector, and between the VCF sector and other sectors.
- Provide a channel through which the VCF sector is represented.
- Develop new ideas, strategies and organisations.
- Support and develop volunteering opportunities.
- Promote equality of opportunity and access, and the value of diversity.

Vision

Our vision is to develop a vibrant voluntary, community and faith sector that encourages and supports independent, resilient and sustainable communities.

Approach

The key elements of our approach are to:

Start where people are at

We encourage grassroots social action and community-led service delivery by helping local people to set up and develop robust projects, groups and social enterprises.

Pull in others and link it up

We operate as a sector champion, bringing together often diverse groups and organisations to network and collaborate more effectively.

Do more and do it better

We support and train local community organisations to improve their effectiveness, quality, reach, sustainability and social impact.

Innovate and pass it on

We help to spot gaps in provision and fill them by brokering creative solutions, leveraging in resources and developing new initiatives.

Promote

We promote the positive and progressive values of the VCF sector, and highlight the added value of community-led and delivered services.

Sefton CVS holds the following quality assurance marks and training accreditations:

- Volunteer Centre Quality Assurance
- Navajo (LGBTIQ-friendly) Charter Mark
- Workplace Wellbeing Charter
- Disability Confident Employer
- Open Awards Approved Centre
- Recognised Centre Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH)
- Social Value Quality Mark Level 1
- Living Wage Employer
- LCR Fair Employer Charter

Strategic leadership and partnership

Sefton CVS is a key agency in strategic partnerships and interventions in the borough, addressing local priorities through the work of the Partnership Boards, Health and Wellbeing Board and Children's Board.

CVS is also recognised as a key non-statutory partner within Sefton Local Safeguarding Children's Board and Sefton Safeguarding Adults Board.

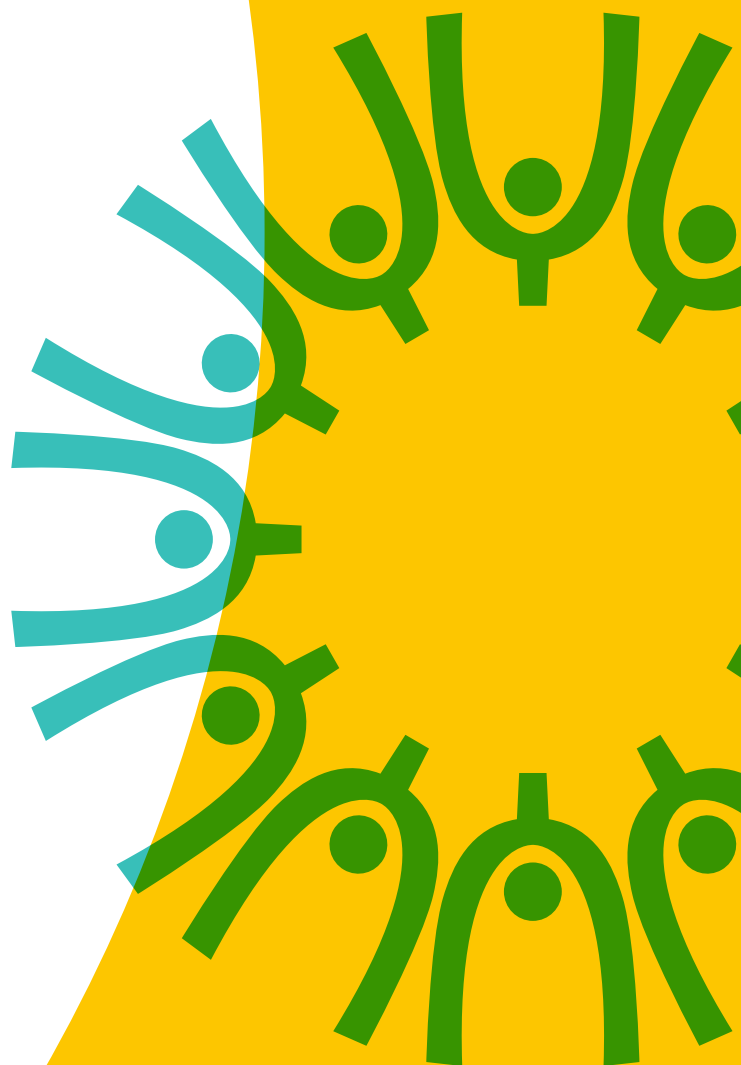
In addition, CVS works closely with Sefton Council, the developing Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) now Sefton Partnership Board, the Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and the borough's thematic planning groups to support local commissioning priorities.

Sefton CVS is also a partner in sector engagement and developing initiatives across the City Region with VS6, and across the wider North West with Voluntary Sector North West.

Key features of this and other strategic work during the year included:

- Continued participation in ongoing work streams relating to Community First and NHS transformation and integration, and advocating the vital role that both the funded and unfunded sector play in addressing the priorities of statutory partners and providing services and support to Sefton residents.
- Facilitating sector networks and forums, involving both groups and individuals, as a consultation and engagement conduit, helping to develop public policy and shape local services.
- Participation in a range of Sefton Council work programmes, including the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Sefton Partnership Board.
- Also engaging in the work of the Consultation and Engagement Panel, Community Safety Partnership, Sefton Leadership Collaborative Multi-Agency Group, Sefton Adult Forum and Sefton Domestic Abuse Partnership.
- Active involvement in other work programmes relating to children, young people and families including the Corporate Parenting Board, SEND Improvement Board, Children's and Young People's Partnership Board, Youth Offending Service Management Board, Early Help Partnership Board, Emotional Health and Wellbeing Board and Sexual Health Partnership.
- Continued involvement as Chair of the multi-agency Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty Partnership (WRAP) and making a significant contribution to a new Child Poverty Strategy for Sefton.
- Ongoing participation in the process to create a new ICP place-based partnership for Sefton - the Sefton Partnership - and providing VCF sector input into the draft Sefton Place Plan and associated priorities.
- Facilitating participation and engagement mechanisms with the equalities groups, the Young Advisors, SYMBOL and the Youth Cabinet as conduits to our public sector partners.
- Facilitating the New Realities Steering Group and supporting key areas of work that demonstrate innovative working across public and voluntary sector agencies.
- Providing VCF sector representation and advice to the NHS Shaping Care Together programme.
- Supporting multi-agency work linked to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine including the creation of a welcome centre and using the CVS online fundraising platform to accept donations from the public.
- Securing funding from Merseyside Community Foundation to promote digital inclusion and volunteering opportunities for Ukrainian refugees.
- Participation by the Chief Executive in the Sefton Lieutenancy Panel, providing advice and updates on the VCF sector to the Deputy Lieutenants of Merseyside covering Sefton.
- Supporting the development of the Merseyside Charity Mentoring Service placement pilot scheme, working with the Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside, the Local Enterprise Partnership and the other Liverpool City Region CVS organisations.

- Co-ordinating a wide range of services delivered by Living Well Sefton, an integrated wellness service commissioned by Public Health.
- In partnership with VOLA, continuing to deliver the Include-IT Mersey digital inclusion programme through a City Region collaborative of RSLs and VCF sector organisations.
- Hosting the 'Responding to the Cost of Living Crisis' conference at the Lake House in Crosby in November attended by 80 delegates. Speakers included representatives of Sefton Council, Public Health, the Trussell Trust and NAVCA.
- Working as an active member of the Greater Merseyside VS6 which is a focal point for VCF and social enterprise infrastructure/support providers to debate, influence and shape policy at the Liverpool City Region level. The Sefton CVS CEO is the third sector representative on the Liverpool City Region Local Enterprise Board.
- Participation in VS6 work plans including digital inclusion mapping work to support the delivery of digital connectivity programmes, and preparatory work on initiatives to support Liverpool City Region priorities with backing from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Continuing to develop an NHS Transformation work programme aligned to the work of the Sefton Partnership Board. 14 VCF sector organisations were supported with work towards achieving the Social Value Level 1 Charter Mark and a VCF Social Impact Tool has been developed.
- Supporting the delivery of activities by the Liverpool City Region Dementia Friendly Advisory Group to raise awareness of dementia and the services and support available to people affected by the condition.
- Supporting the National Academy of Social Prescribing for the Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership.
- Working with the other CVS organisations on Merseyside as part of a sub-regional network. This year we co-ordinated VCF engagement with the development of regional NHS structures to ensure the appropriate involvement of the sector and local communities.





Support for groups

Organisational development and capacity building

This capacity building service provides support to local people looking to establish new projects and groups, and also helps existing organisations to improve their effectiveness. It also encourages groups to collaborate more widely.

Groups can access support with a wide range of issues including charity or social/community enterprise start-up, acquiring and managing community assets, governance and leadership, achieving quality standards, social impact, project development, applying for funding, policy development, training, accountancy services and volunteer development.



Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Handling 1,023 intensive cases of capacity building and customised support with 386 groups and 56 individuals. 32 per cent of these groups had an annual income of under £10k and 36 per cent between £10k and £100k.
- The work areas of groups and services who received this support included adult health and wellbeing (15 per cent), community safety and vulnerable people (11 per cent), children, young people and families (23 per cent), faith and worship (11 per cent) and sport, recreation, art and culture (15 per cent).
- Hosting five 'meet the funder' events, connecting 79 attendees with representatives of local, regional and national funders.
- Holding a better bid writing workshop which sought to improve the bid writing skills of 12 attendees.
- Hosting a workshop to provide information and advice to local groups applying to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fund.

Funding advice and information

The funding advice and information function helps VCF sector organisations to access funding opportunities from sources including charitable trusts and commissioners that enable them to become more sustainable by improving their financial security and capacity.

The Group Development Team work closely with local, regional and national trusts and grant makers to ensure their criteria are widely available to potential applicants via one-to-one advice sessions, meet the funder surgeries and the Merseyside Funding Information Portal.

The service provides support with developing proposals to bid status, assistance with compiling evidence and data, final submission and advice on managing and monitoring the grants once awarded.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Helping the Sefton VCF sector to secure £1.68 million in known funding applications during the year. A further £1.4 million of bids were awaiting decisions at the year-end.
- Managing the Merseyside Funding Information Portal website which attracted more than 25,000 unique visitors and generated more than 104,000 views during the year.
- Providing bespoke support to Sefton organisations making submissions to the Big Lottery programmes, helping groups to apply for £624,000 from the Reaching Communities Fund and Awards for All.
- Providing bespoke support to groups applying to the Henry Smith Charity which awarded £197,000 to Sefton VCF sector organisations.
- Organising remote funding surgeries involving a range of grant makers including the National Lottery Community Fund, Heritage Fund, Sefton Platinum Jubilee Fund, PH Holt Community Foundation, Burbo Bank Community Fund and DWF Foundation, connecting 79 attendees with these sources of funding.
- Participating in the work of the Merseyside Charitable Trusts Group and the Merseyside Funders Advice Network.



£1.68 million

of funding secured by VCF sector groups with the help of the Sefton CVS funding team.



Grants

During the year we secured and administered a range of grants from funders which resulted in £374,000 being awarded to Sefton VCF sector groups.

Highlights of these grants programmes included:

- Nine organisations receiving a total of £36,000 to promote good mental health in the borough via Sefton In Mind grants supported by Public Health Sefton through Cheshire and Merseyside Public Health System (CHAMPS) mental health funding.
- Living Well Sefton awarding £83,182 via Community Resilience Grants, £57,045 via Locality Grants and £15,432 via Workplace Wellbeing Grants.
- Working with Sefton Council on the distribution of £73,000 to 24 organisations to deliver Warm Space sessions at 32 sites across the borough, providing a warm and safe space to 8,881 attendees.
- Also in partnership with Sefton Council, distributing £57,000 via 12 VCF sector organisations to provide winter clothing and other essentials to 716 recipients.
- Grants totalling £28,300 were awarded to 15 community groups and organisations to run heritage projects across the borough.
- Providing £28,743 in grants to 55 local VCF sector groups and organisations through the Platinum Jubilee Fund. The fund was developed in partnership with the Ducky of Lancaster's Benevolent Fund, Sefton 4 Good and Living Well Sefton.

These grants, along with the funds we helped VCF organisations to secure, and our grant allocation via Include-IT Mersey, means we helped to invest a total of £2.76 million in the Sefton VCF sector during the year.

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invested in the Sefton VCF sector via funding and grants secured with CVS's help.



664

individuals benefited from the wide range of training opportunities offered by CVS.

Community accountancy

The community accountancy function provides a range of services for the VCF sector including payroll management, bookkeeping, preparing annual accounts and producing budgets and forecasts. The team also offer advice on issues such as VAT and Gift Aid, and provide intensive support to VCF groups in financial crisis.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Providing accountancy services to 98 groups, 55 per cent of which had incomes of under £100k.
- Preparing annual accounts for 86 VCF sector organisations, and carrying out independent examinations for 40 groups.
- Providing a payroll bureau service for 25 VCF sector organisations, and a pensions service for 15 groups.
- Undertaking bookkeeping services for 46 VCF sector groups.

Training and skills

The Sefton CVS Training and Skills Programme builds the knowledge and skills of the VCF sector workforce, thereby strengthening the capability and capacity of the organisations they work for to sustain and grow their operations.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Providing training opportunities that benefited a total of 664 individuals.
- 256 people achieving accreditation through courses facilitated by CVS.
- Providing our new TES Development online training offer to 229 individuals. There are 25 online courses available to groups ranging from risk assessment to safer recruitment and the Prevent Duty.
- Supporting 15 individuals with the successful completion of accredited mental health first aid courses.
- Delivering more than 20 training courses and masterclasses on a wide range of topics including mental health, bid writing, volunteer recruitment, suicide awareness, cyber security, crime, dementia and equality and diversity.



Volunteering/Sefton Good

Volunteer Centre Sefton supports volunteers, and the organisations that recruit volunteers, by providing a brokerage service that matches local people to organisations with volunteering opportunities.

The centre also provides bespoke support to organisations deploying volunteers, including good practice guides, advice on policies and procedures and training and support with developing new initiatives involving volunteers.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Implementing a new volunteer management system – Team Kinetic – and providing training to 55 people who will use it.
- Increasing the number of volunteer registrations on the new system from 77 to 551 during the year.
- Increasing the number of volunteer-involving organisations on the new system from 383 to 466 during the year, offering a total of 493 volunteering opportunities.
- Providing intensive one-to-one support to 54 individual volunteers, introducing them to organisations and signposting them to relevant roles.
- Responding to 115 queries from 94 organisations on topics including volunteer recruitment and volunteer policies and procedures.
- Holding nine Volunteer Co-ordinators' Forums attended by 91 people. Topics covered included young people and volunteering, the effects of Covid-19 on volunteering and engaging diverse volunteers.
- Organising training sessions on volunteer-related themes attended by 84 people.
- Launching two new monthly newsletters, one for volunteers reaching 2,479 subscribers and one for organisations reaching 462 subscribers.
- Holding two volunteer open days, a befriending volunteering event and a bespoke event in Bootle to promote volunteering to local residents.
- Hosting a Platinum Jubilee volunteer celebration event attended by 150 people including VIP guests the Mayor of Sefton, Cllr Claire Carragher, and the Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside, Mark Blundell.
- Issuing 198 'thank you' certificates to volunteers recognising their hard work and commitment during the year. Based on the average wage in Sefton, this equates to an economic contribution to the borough of £490,192 for the year.



551

volunteers registered on the new Team Kinetic volunteer management system.



493

volunteering opportunities offered by the 466 organisations on the new system.

Sefton Good

Sefton 4 Good supports philanthropy and local giving in the borough, primarily through an online presence. The project encourages local people and organisations to donate their money, skills, time or resources to support Sefton-based good causes.

These good causes also have the opportunity to maximise their fundraising by routing it through Sefton 4 Good which can claim Gift Aid on their behalf.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Organising three Citizens 4 Good awards events at which the Mayor of Sefton presented certificates to 44 people who have helped to improve life in their local communities.
- Organising fundraising events including an Easter raffle, Jumpers 4 Good Day and a silent auction.
- Providing funding support to the Sefton Platinum Jubilee Fund grant scheme.
- Issuing £3,885 of grants to support community-based activities in the borough, including the Sefton Afghan Appeal.

Criminal justice

The aim of Sefton CVS's work in this field is to provide strategic leadership within the VCF sector, and to be a conduit to partners and interpret policy relating to the criminal justice system, community safety and Reducing Reoffending.

It involves working with key partners within Merseyside Police, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, HM Prison Service and Sefton Council.

Merseyside Offender Mentoring Project

This project provides mentoring and befriending support to offenders before and after release from HMP Liverpool, with the aim of helping them to resettle positively back into the community.

A comprehensive tailored service is provided to assist offenders with overcoming any barriers they face, with the objective of reducing reoffending rates significantly, and thus the impact on the wider community.

In 2022/23 the project was funded by a range of agencies and charitable trusts including the National Lottery Fund, the John Armitage Charitable Trust, Achieve North West and the High Sheriff of Merseyside.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Successfully recovering from the coronavirus pandemic by resuming the full range of previous activities.
- Successfully matching 269 ex-offenders with a volunteer mentor.
- Recruiting and training 264 new volunteer mentors.
- Providing mentees with 5,505 hours of volunteer mentoring support which equates to a value of £54,678 based on average wage rates in Sefton.
- Achieving an eight per cent reoffending rate for those who engaged with the project and subsequently returned to prison, compared with the national average of 33 per cent.
- Co-ordinating Pathway for Assisting Life (PAL) training for volunteers to raise awareness of issues around suicide intervention.
- Attending employment events at Liverpool University to discuss opportunities within the criminal justice system for students.
- Regularly attending HMP Liverpool Partnership meetings, Integrated Offender Management meetings and the local Resettlement Boards.

264

new volunteer mentors recruited and trained by the project during the year.



HMP Liverpool Liaison Work

Sefton CVS's Partnership Liaison Officer works within HMP Liverpool to broker relationships with a diverse range of VCF and enterprise sector organisations that can help to support an offender's resettlement journey.

Sefton CVS co-ordinates applications and referrals to a range of partnership services and facilitates the delivery of interventions.

Sefton CVS also works strategically within the prison with offender pathway leads and key staff to support and develop VCF sector partnership work, with the aim of reducing the likelihood of reoffending.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Continuing to support the prison's Covid-19 recovery plan by providing input to risk assessments and adapting activities in line with national requirements, and promoting the re-introduction of social activities such as football and support groups.
- Launching a Nurturing Programme in partnership with Liverpool City Council for prisoners with children aged 0-18. The ten-week course aimed to highlight and prevent the repetition of adverse childhood experiences that could lead to intergenerational reoffending.
- Facilitating the introduction of a Thrive careers hub in HMP Liverpool to provide prison leavers with access to information and advice on finance, education, training and employment.
- Continuing to lead and co-ordinate partnership meetings within HMP Liverpool involving senior staff and a wide range of agencies to ensure prisoners receive support both in custody and on release.

269

ex-offenders successfully matched with a volunteer mentor to offer support.



Equalities



Sefton Equalities Team works with partners to reduce inequalities in the borough by supporting and enabling partners to meet their requirements under the Equalities Act 2010 legislation.

It also provides a conduit through which Sefton's protected groups can gain access to, and participate in, decision making, consultation and engagement.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Adopting the Combined Authorities Race Equality Strategy and initiating the development of a subsequent action plan.
- Adopting the local authority diverse ethnic background terms on how people identify.
- Delivering understanding personality disorder training to NHS and local authority staff.
- Delivering debt and mental health training to VCF sector and NHS staff to enable them to provide greater support to those suffering financial difficulties because of the cost of living crisis.
- Participating in Sefton Hate Crime Joint Action Group meetings, providing advice and support on common areas of work.
- Participating in the Crown Prosecution Service Hate Crime Sub-Group.
- Hosting asylum seeker surgeries with NHS GPs at Thornton and Netherton health centres, and migrant surgeries in the north of the borough at Parenting 2000 and Holy Trinity School.
- The Equalities Steering Group ensuring the implementation of the Navajo Action Plan to enable Sefton CVS to retain the Navajo Charter Mark.
- Providing advocacy at DWP and employment tribunals with extensive arrears recovered for clients.
- Ongoing support for football's Show Racism the Red Card educational work.
- Developing a new relationship with Mersey Care Long Covid-19 Service and Sefton Talking Matters and delivering training on counselling for DEB communities.

Diverse Ethnic Backgrounds (DEBs) Community Development Service

This project provides intensive one-to-one support to vulnerable members of Sefton's DEB communities who are experiencing mental health issues.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Delivering 2,118 interventions for 489 people from DEB/migrant backgrounds from 41 different nationalities. The three most common issues raised this year were again mental health, legal matters and safeguarding.
- Supporting 60 clients who were asylum seekers with complex needs.
- Working with a total of 147 new clients during the year, with most referrals coming via the NHS.
- Helping clients to claim a total of £199,850 in new benefits from the Department of Work and Pensions.
- Providing support to Ukrainian and Russian clients affected by the current conflict and translating all the welcome/safeguarding information on behalf of Sefton Council, Sefton Carers Centre and Compassion Acts.

2,118

interventions delivered to help 489 people of 41 different nationalities



£199,850

in new benefits from the DWP claimed for clients with the project's help.

Children, young people and families

This area of the work of Sefton CVS involves the development of a co-ordinated, strategic approach to local services, seeking to embed best practice to deliver quality outcomes for children, young people and families, with a focus on multi-agency working and integrated processes.

The Every Child Matters Forum, which has 430 members, facilitates VCF sector representation, enabling the sector to provide service solutions to the needs and priorities identified locally and nationally.

Key activities during 2022/2023 included:

- Facilitating four meetings of the Every Child Matters Forum and supporting the VCF sector's involvement in a range of themes including participation and engagement and safeguarding.
- Co-ordinating the Thrive Network sub-group which brings together organisations in Sefton who are keen to support children and young people using the Thrive model. Chaired by the CVS Children Young People and Families Lead, the group is well attended by a wide range of partners.
- Facilitating the Education and Mental Health Network sub-group which provides an opportunity for local schools to highlight good practice and partner agencies to share information about their services. Regular updates are also provided by school mental health support teams.
- Co-ordinating the quarterly Perinatal Community of Practice meetings, which provide partners across Sefton who work with families with children up to two years old with an opportunity to share good practice and information on the services available in the borough.
- Co-ordinating the First Five Festival in partnership with the Foundation Years Trust. This involved five family events in Sefton in June hosted by Home-Start, Parenting 2000, the Feelgood Factory and Venus. Research was undertaken during the events and a report produced based on the data collected.
- Involvement in the new Sefton Youth Voice Strategic Steering Group established this year by partners including Sefton CVS, Sefton Council, Mersey Care and Career Connect to bring together youth voice and engagement in the borough.
- Co-ordinating 187 referrals for Southport and Birkdale Provident Society Trust grants for vulnerable families.
- Providing DBS checks for local VCF sector staff and volunteers, processing 181 disclosures for 29 organisations over the 12-month period.
- Co-ordinating the Sefton Emotional Achievement Service (SEAS), a partnership of charities working to deliver bespoke emotional wellbeing support to children, young people, families and schools.
- Co-ordinating Buddy Up, a mentoring and befriending project for young people (13-18) with special educational needs and disabilities. It aims to reduce their social isolation, increase their confidence and prepare them for a more independent adulthood. 64 young people accessed 2,157 hours of activities during the year.
- Co-ordinating the linked Buddy Up+@Alchemy social club for young adults aged 18-25 which aims to improve their emotional health and wellbeing and increase their independence. 44 young adults accessed 3,050 hours of social opportunities during the year.



5,207

hours of activities and other social opportunities provided by Bubby Up.

430

members are involved in the work of the Every Child Matters Forum.

Sefton Young Advisors

Sefton CVS employs 11 Young Advisors aged from 15-22 to show community leaders and decision makers how to engage young people in community life.

They help organisations to 'youth proof' their practices, policies, strategies and commissioning, and engage directly with other young people to get them involved.

The Young Advisors have gained local, regional and national recognition for their work through a range of awards and commendations.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Representing the views of young people at the Healthwatch Sefton Steering Group, Sefton Children's and Young People's Board, Sefton Education and Mental Health Network, the Every Child Matters Forum, the Public Engagement and Consultation Panel, the Youth Providers Network, the Thrive Network and the former Experience and Patient Engagement Group.
- Providing feedback from a youth perspective on Sefton's Climate Change Strategy.
- Supporting the production of Covid-19 vaccine promotion videos.
- Contributing to the consultation process for Sefton's Economic Strategy.
- Attending the Healthwatch Patient Participation Group and offering views from a young person's perspective.
- Liaising with Edge Hill University on the design and language of a leaflet for children and young people.
- Consulting with the Happy 'n' Healthy Hub to help develop a name and logo for the service.
- Attending the Sefton Parent Carer Forum event – Local Offer Live – at Aintree Racecourse.
- Designing, delivering and providing feedback on consultation work for Sefton's Drug and Alcohol Service.
- Creating a young people's mental health survey for the Sefton Emotional Achievement Service.
- Liaising with Liverpool City Region Combined Authority about its 'Future of Work' consultation.
- Working on the Merseyside Hope Hack, giving young people a platform to discuss how they would tackle key societal issues, and attending the event at Liverpool University.
- Planning and facilitating two meetings of SYMBOL (Sefton Youth Making Better Opportunities with Leaders) in July and October. Topics discussed included climate change, poverty and inequality, community safety and racism.



Young Advisors offer advice on engaging young people in community life.



DBS checks processed for 29 VCF sector organisations during the year.



Health and wellbeing

Sefton CVS co-ordinates and facilitates the response of the VCF sector in Sefton to local and national health priorities, and also supports the sector's engagement with key partners and commissioners on developing solutions to these priorities in the borough.

During 2022/23 there were a number of significant structural changes in the health and social care landscape. In July 2022 the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) for Cheshire and Merseyside was established, along with the governing body of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) to form the Integrated Care System (ICS).

The VCF sector has been integral to the development of this new system and will continue to be so moving forward.

Other key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Facilitating six meetings of the Health and Social Care Forum which currently has 188 members. Topics covered included an update from Sefton's Health and Wellbeing Board, adult safeguarding, Shaping Care Together and Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences.
- Organising an event in November 2022 with Healthwatch Sefton to introduce the new independent Chair of Sefton's Adult Safeguarding Partnership to the VCF sector.
- Sefton In Mind hosting a World Mental Health Day event at Crosby Library in October 2022. The event focused on the voices of Experts By Learning, Experts By Practice and Experts By Experience.
- Working with the ICP Partnership, Sefton Council and the VCF sector on the Sefton Place Plan aimed at improving health and social care in the borough.
- Supporting the work of the Collaborative Research and Engagement Network (CoREN) in Sefton. CoREN is part of ARC North West which aims to strengthen community engagement in research that impacts on health inequalities.
- Hosting the first 'in person' meeting of the Sefton Partnership for Older Citizens (SPOC) since the pandemic.
- Researching the services and support offered by 59 Sefton VCF sector organisations who work to improve mental health and wellbeing in the borough. This generated much positive feedback as well as identifying gaps in services, with the results being shared with the local Mental Health Transformation Task and Finish Group.
- Ongoing work towards making Sefton a Dementia Friendly Community. All new staff now undertake Dementia Friends training and CVS facilitated an online Dementia Friendly Communities meeting at the beginning of the year.

64

VCF sector groups supported with £83,682 of Community Resilience Grants funding.

5,564

clients engaged with Living Well Sefton, 1,489 of them for the first time.

Living Well Sefton

Sefton CVS co-ordinates the Living Well Sefton programme funded by Public Health with the aim of reducing health inequalities experienced by vulnerable groups in Sefton and those living in the most deprived communities in the borough.

The emphasis of the programme is on prevention and early intervention, and working with a broad range of partners to meet the needs of local people by enabling them to access the services they need easily.

The service provides tailored support and interventions delivered in community venues across the borough. Living Well Sefton is also fully integrated with the clinical Stop Smoking Service and Weight Management Service.

The overall aim of the service is to enable Sefton residents to live well by addressing the factors that influence their health, helping them to be independent, resilient and support both themselves and the people around them.

Sefton CVS is the lead partner in the initiative in a consortium model with the May Logan Centre, Netherton Feelgood Factory, Brighter Living Partnership, Citizens Advice Sefton, Sefton Carers' Centre, Smoke Free Sefton and Active Lifestyles, in addition to more than 20 other Living Well Sefton neighbourhood partners.

Key Living Well Sefton activities during 2022/23 included:

- 5,564 clients interacting with the service, 1,489 of them for the first time.
- 86 per cent of clients completing either a Universal Consultation or a Brief Intervention.
- Achieving 94 per cent improved mental wellbeing among clients, measured by the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale.
- 1,916 individual goals set and completed.
- Hosting nine Making Every Contact Count training sessions and training a total of 84 staff from Sefton CVS and organisations across the VCF sector.
- Continuing to run courses such as Think Differently Cope Differently and Weigh Forward as well as bereavement and menopause support.
- Partner organisations offering drop-in sessions to support clients with low-level mental health issues.
- Supporting Sefton's response to the Ukrainian crisis by co-ordinating voluntary sector activities and attending the welcome centres to offer support.
- Providing wraparound support at Sefton's Warm Spaces, helping to engage with those struggling financially because of the cost of living crisis.
- Supporting 64 VCF sector groups and 6,892 individuals with £83,682 of funding in Community Resilience Grants. The three latest rounds were focused on obesity, community resourcefulness and mental health.
- Supporting 39 small and medium-sized businesses with a total of £18,382 in Workplace Wellbeing Grants.

Strand By Me

Strand By Me is an 'in person' addition to the service provided by Living Well Sefton.

Located in Bootle's Strand shopping centre, the service allows people to access face-to-face advice and support on Living Well Sefton services, as well as those provided by other organisations in Sefton whose role is to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and encourage positive lifestyles.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Almost 2,500 residents visiting Strand By Me during the year.
- Offering a wide range of support by signposting residents to services including Smoke Free Sefton, Healthwatch Sefton, Life Rooms, Include-IT Mersey, the May Logan Centre, Sole Survivors and sight loss charity Galloways.
- Enabling organisations to resume offering face-to-face services which had been suspended because of the pandemic.
- Continuing to provide Covid-19 support through booking vaccines for residents and helping them to acquire Covid passports.

Community Connectors

The Community Connectors team link residents to organisations and activities in their local communities, helping to reduce levels of social isolation and loneliness.

To reach as many people as possible the team can call on Community Champion volunteers who work alongside individuals on a short-term basis, increasing their confidence in attending groups and activities, while encouraging them to make their own connections as well.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Handling 252 referrals into the Community Connectors service during the year.
- Making 433 signposting referrals to other organisations over the 12-month period, including those offering careers advice, dementia support, long-term condition support and mental health services.
- Funding a trip to Crosby's Plaza community cinema, in partnership with Maghull Town Council, to enable people living with dementia and their carers to enjoy an afternoon watching the classic musical Carousel.
- Co-ordinating a marketplace event in Maghull to enable clients to find out more about the services and groups available to them.
- Working with other organisations to launch a successful memory café for those living with dementia and their carers.
- Managing the team of Community Champion volunteers who provide key services including support with the running of groups, delivering Christmas hampers to vulnerable residents and offering 'buddy' support to clients who lack the confidence to attend groups or activities for the first time.

2,500

individuals attended activities and events at Strand By Me during the year.



433

signposting referrals made by the Community Connectors team to other sources of support.

Social Prescribing Service

The Social Prescribing Service has developed into a team of 20 workers across Sefton who work closely with the local primary care networks to improve the wellbeing of isolated and vulnerable people by helping them to access the wide range of community support available in the borough.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Handling 2,384 referrals during the year.
- Continuing to build excellent partnerships with NHS mental health services across Sefton, and to attend and contribute to the work of the South Mental Health Hub.
- Establishing a new social group in north Southport to provide companionship and activities for isolated residents.
- Organising drop-in services in a variety of community settings to encourage people who may wish to access support from the Social Prescribing Service.
- Engaging partners in research run by UCLAN into the implementation of community-based support services and the lessons for social care providers.
- Working in partnership with Hoarders Helping Hoarders to set up a new local hoarder support group.
- Celebrating National Social Prescriber Day with events at Strand By Me and the Brighter Living Partnership covered by BBC Radio Merseyside.
- Working in partnership with Sole Survivors, securing six months of funding via Living Well Sefton to host a new weekly peer support group for people living with PTSD.
- Launching a new North Sefton Carers Centre Group at Southport Community Centre.
- Developing promotional videos about social prescribing including case studies from patients who have accessed the service.

Enhanced Care at Home Social Prescribing

During the year a new team of two Social Prescribing Link Workers was created to work alongside South Sefton Primary Care Network on providing social prescribing support to older, housebound and/or frail people who had experienced a recent hospital admission.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- 131 referrals being received by the new team.
- 41 support plans being completed and 80 cases completed and closed.
- 221 signposting referrals being made to 46 different services.

Reablement Service

The Reablement Service provides rehabilitative support to clients with a range of health conditions and unmet social issues to enable them to regain their independence.

This includes interventions for timely and safe discharge from hospital, and the assessment of needs to avoid unnecessary dependence on more acute, long-term services.

The service is delivered by the South Sefton Health and Wellbeing Trainers and the High Intensity User Service.

Health and Wellbeing Trainers

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- 677 referrals being received by the team of Health and Wellbeing Trainers.
- 10,411 interventions being delivered by the team, the most common areas that clients needed support with being finance, health, accommodation, social inclusion, confidence building, family and relationships and substance misuse.
- Clients setting a total of 890 personal goals during the year, of which 599 (67 per cent) were met with the help of the Health and Wellbeing Trainers.
- Continuing to work with clients who have a wide range of complex issues with support from the Integrated Care Team of professionals.

High Intensity User Service

This initiative, funded by NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Sefton Place, aims to reduce inappropriate A&E attendances and hospital admissions by individuals identified as 'frequent attenders'. The project aims to address the underlying causes for presenting at A&E.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Intensive work with 82 people to reduce their A&E attendances and hospital admissions. The most common support needs identified were building clients' confidence and self-esteem and developing a social network.
- Participating in the national High Intensity Users Support Group and receiving updates on strategies and best practice from HIU leads across the country.
- Working with relevant stakeholders to set up a weekly alcohol multi-disciplinary team to better support those attending A&E due to alcohol misuse.
- Receiving feedback indicating that 95 per cent of patients rated the service as 'excellent' and felt that it met their needs.
- Being shortlisted as a finalist in the prestigious Health Service Journal Awards in the category for 'best not-for-profit organisation working in partnership with the NHS'.



Crisis Cafes

The Crisis Café Service offers out-of-hours support to anyone experiencing a mental health crisis in Sefton.

The service runs drop-in sessions from 5pm-11pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday to give borough residents aged 18 and above a place of safety as an alternative to attending A&E.

Team members offer one-to-one support and a social space with refreshments in order to reduce distress and better manage crisis situations. Support is also provided via phone, email or Zoom meeting if required.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Opening an additional site in Crosby in April 2022. Average attendances in Crosby are around ten people each evening, with around eight people each evening in Southport. A total of 298 people have attended the Crisis Cafes since they opened.
- Southport recording 98 new registrations and 1,449 visits during the year. Out of these visits 179 were people in crisis, 191 in post crisis and 829 were to maintain wellbeing during a difficult period.
- Crosby recording 83 new registrations and 841 visits during the year. 67 were people in crisis, 84 in post crisis and 575 were to maintain wellbeing at a difficult time.
- Providing telephone support on 486 occasions, equating to around 25 hours of phone support in total.
- Working in partnership with Parenting 2000 who provide a full-time Peer Support Worker at each Crisis Café to offer additional support to people who may need it.
- Working with Sefton Partnership to create six case study videos which received a range of local press coverage including an interview on BBC TV North West.

Community Cancer Navigators

The Community Cancer Navigators offer support with identifying needs or concerns that are being experienced by people living with, or affected by, cancer across all settings.

The Navigators can support clients with physical, practical, financial and emotional difficulties, and assist them in contacting the most appropriate services that can provide help.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- 381 cases being referred to the project, mainly from Aintree Clinical Nurse Specialists, primary care professionals such as District Nurses and GPs, and self-referrals.
- Helping clients to make 378 applications for benefits and other grants, generating almost £263,000 in Attendance Allowance alone.
- Helping clients to access a further £34,785 in Macmillan grants.
- Developing plans for a new patient-led cancer support group which was scheduled to begin meeting in April 2023.

Hospital Discharge Service

The Hospital Discharge Service accepts referrals from health and social care professionals and self-referrals from any Sefton resident aged 18 and above who has little or no support at home. The service provides free practical support for up to six weeks after discharge from a hospital setting.

This support includes ensuring that patients have basic provisions in their home, help with accessing assistive technology and carrying out basic risk assessments to ensure accommodation is suitable to meet a patient's needs.

The HDS team also help patients to maximise their income through signposting to other services, for example specialist benefits and debt advice.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Handling 366 cases referred to the project during the year with support including shopping, emotional support, assistance with applying for benefits and help with building confidence and self-esteem.
- Helping clients to achieve 1,540 individual tasks and goals they had set.
- Signposting patients on 902 occasions to more than 30 services including housing, care providers, shopping delivery services, cleaners and welfare rights advisers.
- Making 569 home visits and 1,267 welfare telephone calls.
- Completing Trusted Assessor Level 3 training to enable the team to provide assessments for low-level equipment and aids.
- Supporting clients with the completion of 98 applications for benefits and grants that generated £218,000 in Attendance Allowance alone.

Healthwatch

Sefton CVS employs the management teams of both Healthwatch Sefton and Healthwatch Knowsley who report to their respective Boards. Each organisation produces its own annual report. Healthwatch operates throughout England as the consumer champion for health and social care.



Southport Community Centre/Include IT-Mersey

Southport Community Centre

Southport Community Centre in the town's Norwood area works closely with the Brighter Living Partnership to provide local access to voluntary, community and faith sector services across north Sefton.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Welcoming more than 10,000 visitors and service users during the year after reopening to the public following the coronavirus pandemic.
- Continuing to provide activities, services and groups for the local community based on their needs. This included Ukrainian conflict response work and Warm Spaces provision over the winter.
- Acting as a hub for local organisations and residents to hire which attracts a high number of users.
- Providing an IT suite which is available for use by the public and also used for regular training and support sessions run by local providers.

10,000+

people attended activities and events at Southport Community Centre during the year.

1,540

individual goals achieved by clients with the help of the Hospital Discharge Service.

2,109

digitally excluded adults developed basic digital skills with the help of Include-IT Mersey.

Include-IT Mersey

Sefton CVS, in collaboration with the VOLA Consortium, delivers the Include-IT Mersey digital inclusion project across the Liverpool City Region.

Until 31st March 2023 it formed part of the Building Better Opportunities Programme, co-financed by the National Lottery Community Fund and the European Social Fund, which funds projects that tackle poverty and promote social inclusion.

£879,000 was secured from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund for a two-year extension of the project that began on 1st April 2023.

Highlights of the six-year Lottery/ESF phase of the project included:

- Helping 2,109 digitally excluded adult learners to develop basic digital skills and get online, exceeding contractual targets by three per cent. The majority of clients were older learners aged over 50 with recognised barriers to inclusion or work, for example people with learning difficulties, disabilities or long-term health conditions.
- 53 per cent of learners progressing to work, further training or job search, exceeding contractual targets by 15 per cent/137 individuals.
- Recruiting 225 Digital Champion volunteers, the majority of whom were involved in running digital drop-in sessions across the City Region. 26 of these people are known to have moved into employment after volunteering.
- Hosting a memorable event at Liverpool's Maritime Museum in March 2023 to showcase the project's many successes over the previous six years. VIP guests included Sefton CVS President Mark Blundell, the Lord-Lieutenant of Merseyside.

Heritage project

The Community Within Communities: Our Voices to be Heard project

The Community Within Communities: Our Voices to be Heard project, which was funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, managed by Sefton CVS and supported by Sefton Council, concluded in 2023.

The project aimed to identify and explain Sefton's diverse heritage, involving a wide range of people in heritage activities and developing heritage skills for the future.

Key activities in 2022/23 included:

- Successfully engaging around 300 new participants in heritage activity, with up to 700 people benefiting from a better understanding of heritage and more than 300 people developing new skills.
- Hosting a series of training workshops for members of Sefton voluntary, community and faith groups to help build capacity and develop skills. This included a creative mapping workshop, monitoring and evaluation training, oral history training and motivating and retaining volunteers training.
- Awarding small grants of up to £2,000 to 15 organisations to help them run heritage activities between April 2022 and November 2022. Over 180 heritage activity sessions were held throughout Sefton thanks to these Heritage Community Grants, benefiting over 1,800 attendees.
- Providing heritage-based volunteer opportunities through the Townships Volunteering Programme. Nine historic townships across the borough provided the focus for the volunteering programme, with 25 long-term volunteers and five short-term volunteers recruited from each area.
- Touring 15 community venues in Sefton with the Historic Townships Exhibition. The exhibition was a showcase of the work of the township volunteers, who were involved in the creation of nine banners documenting the history and heritage of the townships across the borough.

The culmination of the grants programme and township volunteering activity was a celebration event for all participants at St Nicholas Church Hall, Blundellsands in November 2022. 75 people attended to reflect and share their experiences of the project and their enthusiasm for Sefton's heritage.

1,100 +

residents from across Sefton are estimated to have attended the Historic Townships Exhibition.



£28,500

in funding was awarded to 15 community groups and organisations as part of the Heritage Community Grants.

Information and communication

Sefton CVS manages the Here For You online directory of around 3,000 services offered by 1,000 VCF sector organisations in the borough, which attracted more than 10,000 visitors during the year.

CVS has continued to regularly review and update the listings and add the details of newly-established VCF sector groups and the services they provide.

Key activities during 2022/23 included:

- Sharing more than 170 separate articles on the CVS website including details of events, activities, job vacancies, policy updates and consultations. These generated 106,000 views and 78,900 unique visits.
- Sharing 61,257 emails across 75 separate CVS email updates sent to around 820 subscribers per update.
- Managing the Sefton CVS account - @SeftonCVS – which had a total of 5,660 followers on 31st March 2023, an increase of 310 on the previous year.
- Posting 516 CVS tweets during the year, gaining 170,000 impressions and more than 130,000 profile views.
- Managing the Sefton CVS Facebook page (facebook.com/SeftonCVS) which has around 1,500 'Likes' and 1,800 'Followers'.
- Managing an additional 23 social media accounts for other CVS projects and services which have more than 22,000 followers in total.
- Hosting a dedicated Warm Spaces Network page on the CVS website with information on Warm Spaces providers across Sefton. From its launch in November 2022 to the year-end this attracted more than 30,000 visitors.
- Acting as an information and consultation conduit on a wide range of strategic and operational consultations and stakeholder engagement activities for partners including Sefton Council, the Integrated Care Partnerships for Cheshire and Merseyside and Cheshire and Merseyside NHS Trust.
- Strengthening our customer relationship management tool, Civi-CRM, to improve reporting processes and increase the number of teams using it.



30,960

followers and likes of the range of Sefton CVS-related social media accounts.



1,000+

VCF sector organisations included in the Sefton CVS Here For You online directory.

Treasurer's report/funders

I have pleasure in presenting the summarised financial statements of Sefton CVS for the financial year 2022/23.

Sefton CVS manages various projects and programmes throughout Sefton and, wherever possible, diversifies its funding sources for the development of specific projects.

This financial year saw a decrease in income from £4.69 million in 2021/22 to £4.49 million in 2022/23. Of this income 86 per cent is restricted funding, coming with specific conditions imposed by the donor which are binding on the organisation.

Total expenditure during 2022/23 was £4.72 million. Of this expenditure 80 per cent was spent on services to the sector, work that helps CVS achieve its objectives of promoting and assisting voluntary, community and faith sector activity in the borough. The remaining 20 per cent was spent on support services which include audit, governance, rents and other ancillary items.

The core services of Sefton CVS are highly dependent upon the continued support of Sefton Council. We thank them for their ongoing support.

The Trustees have re-examined the charity's requirements for free reserves and have concluded that, to allow the charity to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer for uninterrupted services, a reserve of approximately £219,012 should be maintained.

The Finance Sub-committee regularly reviews the organisation's investments, and the performance of the various funds. In 2015 the Trustees took the opportunity to implement a new investment policy which had a clear focus on ethical investments and providing a satisfactory return to enable Sefton CVS to continue to invest in its charitable objectives.

The overall position since the investment was made remains positive, but the loss on investments in the year to 31st March was £49,474 as markets continued to feel the effect of the cost of living crisis and the war in Ukraine.

Mark Sonne

Treasurer on behalf of the Trustees

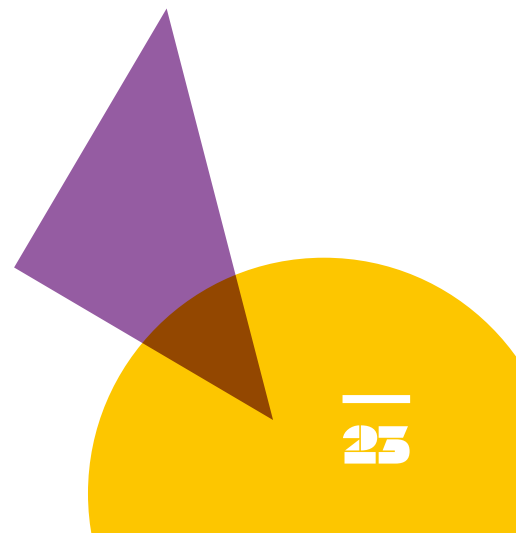
Funders 2022/23

- Sefton Council
- NHS South Sefton CCG
- NHS Southport and Formby CCG
- Merseyside Police
- Achieve North West
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- John Armitage Charitable Trust
- European Social Fund (ESF) and National Lottery Community Fund (Building Better Opportunities Programme)
- Primary Care Networks
- National Association of Voluntary and Community Action (NAVCA)
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund
- NHS Cheshire and Merseyside Integrated Care Board
- MerseyCare NHS Foundation Trust
- Halton and St Helens Voluntary and Community Action
- Community Foundation For Merseyside
- Edge Hill University
- John Moores Foundation
- Lancaster University
- Eleanor Rathbone Charitable Trust



Financial statement

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	548,477	3,523	552,000	579,272
Charitable activities	88,471	3,816,687	3,905,158	4,098,795
Investments	13,334		13,334	8,195
Other income		23,951	23,951	
Total income	650,282	3,844,161	4,494,443	4,686,262
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	7,033		7,033	11,049
Charitable activities	632,326	4,079,016	4,711,342	4,210,582
Total expenditure	639,359	4,079,016	4,718,375	4,221,631
Net profit (loss) on investments	(49,474)		(49,474)	17,570
Net income (expenditure)	(38,551)	(234,855)	(273,406)	482,201
Transfers between funds	34,694	(34,694)		
Net movement in funds	(3,857)	(269,549)	(273,406)	490,396
Reconciliation of funds:				
Funds b/fwd	764,927	1,320,057	2,084,984	1,602,783
Funds c/fwd	761,070	1,050,508	1,811,578	2,084,984



Balance sheet

	2023	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets		14,555	17,555
Investments		561,877	609,324
		576,432	626,879
Current assets			
Debtors	473,261		539,657
Cash at bank and in hand	969,438		1,098,655
	1,442,699		1,638,312
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	207,553		180,287
Net current assets		1,235,146	1,458,025
Total assets less current liabilities		1,811,578	2,084,904
Funds of the charity			
Designated funds		542,058	487,690
General fund		219,012	277,237
Total unrestricted funds		761,070	764,927
Restricted funds		1,050,508	1,320,057
Total funds		1,811,578	2,084,984

These summarised accounts are an extract from the statutory annual report and accounts of Sefton Council for Voluntary Service for the financial year ended 31st March 2023 which have been audited by BWM.

The auditors have confirmed to the Trustees that these summarised accounts are consistent with the full annual accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023.

The full annual accounts and Trustees' report of the charity were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf on 20th September 2023. They will be submitted to the Charity Commission in November 2023.

Copies of the charity's full annual accounts, the auditor's report on those accounts and the Trustees' report may be obtained from Sefton CVS, 3rd Floor Suite 3B, North Wing, Burlington House, Crosby Road North, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 0LG.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees 20th September 2023.

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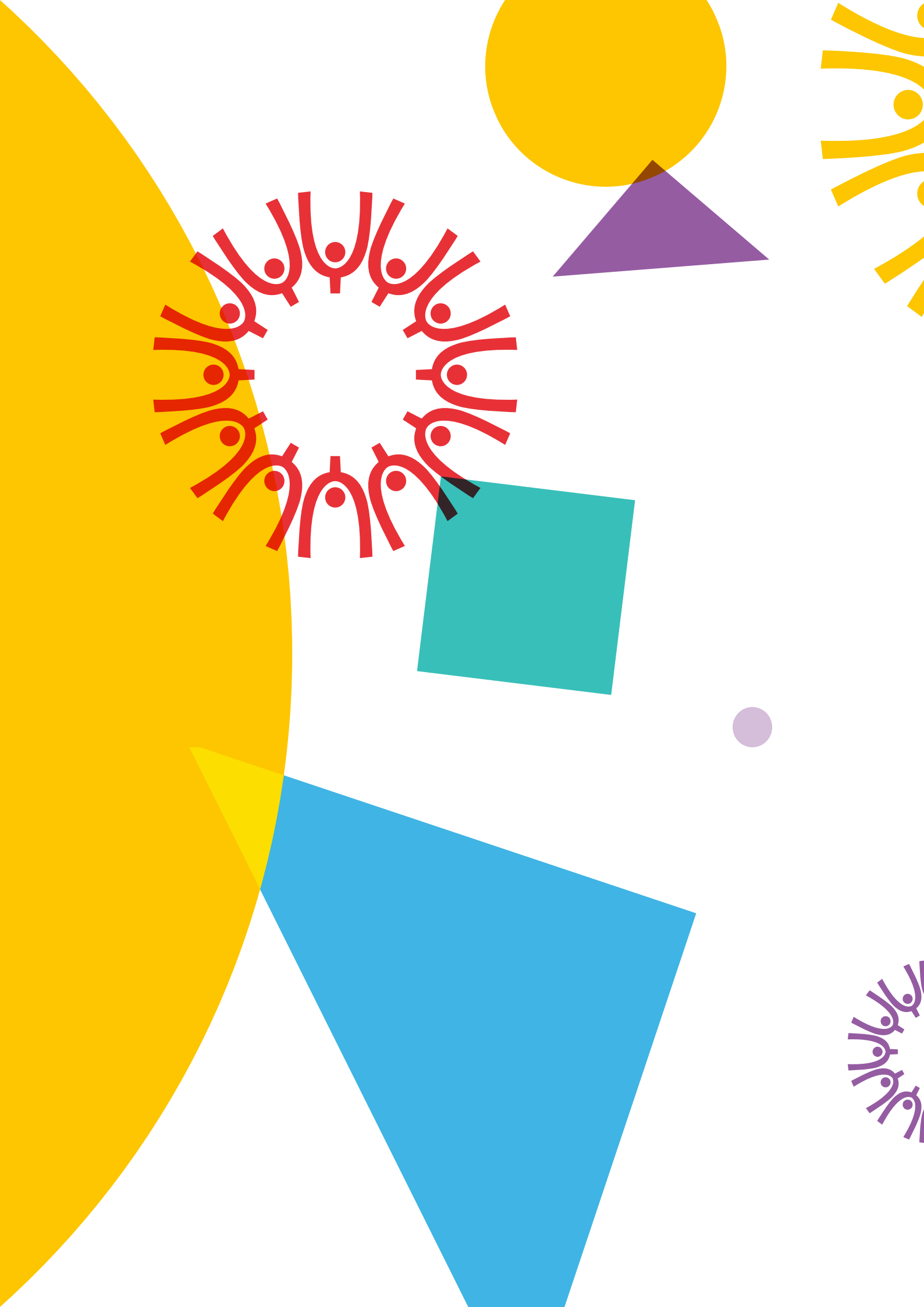
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