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Sent via email to: David.Armiger@bassetlaw.gov.uk

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Dear David

Thank you for your email sent on 10th June 2024 regarding the viability of the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector and the ability to deliver on the objectives of the Bassetlaw Place Plan. I appreciate you taking the time to write to the ICB to raise your concerns.

In the letter, you have asked that urgent attention is given to the invaluable role the VCSE sector plays in supporting the delivery of the objectives of the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and you highlight the current risks that the sector is facing.

The Integrated Care Board fully recognises the hugely positive and valuable impact that the VCSE sector makes to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and wishes that the sector continues to flourish and develop.

All partners within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care System are under significant financial pressure, and it is recognised that this includes VCSE organisations.

The ICB's approach to financial recovery involves avoiding isolated, contract-by-contract decision-making and is focussing on assessing risk and impact holistically, particularly regarding the cumulative effects on populations (especially those most impacted by health inequalities) and providers of services.


Despite the considerable work ahead, we intend to:

- Establish a long-term, strategic partnership with our local VCSE sector.
- Codesign an improved contracting and monitoring framework with the VCSE sector to continuously measure its impact and contribution to system metrics.

I want to assure you that we are committed to continuously engaging with the VCSE sector and acknowledge the risks that you have highlighted. The Chair of the VCSE Alliance in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, Professor Daniel King (who I have copied into this letter) is an advisory member of the ICB Board and is assiduous in making sure that the Board is kept apprised of developments and dynamics within the VCSE sector and I will make sure that this continues as we move forward through the challenges ahead of us.

Please do not hesitate to come back to me if you require further clarifications.

Yours sincerely



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Cc: Professor Daniel King, Chair of the VCSE Alliance, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire