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The VCSE Health & Wellbeing Network held a conference at St. Mary's Centre, Morpeth on Wednesday 7th September 2022.

The theme of the conference was building trusting relationships for collaboration and navigating complex changes within statutory services, particularly in relation to the new Integrated Care Strategy. We had two guest speakers Siobhan Flynn, VONNE looking at the regional picture and how the new structures will fit. Sam Allen, Chief Executive of the Integrated Care Board giving an overview of how the integrated strategy will be achieved and what it will look like. The presentations can be accessed [here](#).

There were three workshops throughout the day which enabled the delegates to discuss the presentations, raise issues, concerns and priorities. It was an opportunity to share relevant information, increasing understanding of strategic health reforms and the implications these have on the voluntary and community sector from a service delivery point of view and equally from a community point of view. It was an opportunity for all voices to be heard and able to contribute to the fast changing and newly emerging changes within the health sector. Delegates were encouraged to voice their opinions, which were captured by the facilitators on flip chart sheets. Post it notes were made available so that delegates could participate without needing to speak up in the group, by writing their thoughts on the post it notes which were then added to the flip charts. A summary of all the workshop findings can be found [here](#). The full write up from all workshops can be found [here](#).

One hundred and seven delegates attended from across the community and voluntary Sector, Northumberland County Council and the NHS. This broad inclusive spread of delegates enabled wide ranging discussion at the workshops and beyond. It was a valuable opportunity to network with each other. We recognise that there wasn't enough time to do all the networking everyone wanted and this is something that can be built upon for future events.



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