

# What is the Health and Social Care Network?

This is a **network of voluntary, community and faith sector (VCF) groups and organisations who provide services with a health and wellbeing or social care focus to people in Tameside.**

The network is an **opportunity for VCF service providers to:**

- **Meet other** VCF and statutory service providers.
- Give, receive and be signposted to **support, training and key contacts.**
- **Share best practice.**
- Receive local, regional and national **policy information** which may affect your group.
- Take part in **consultations** with the statutory sector.
- **Influence decisions made in Tameside** regarding health and social care issues via consultation and by representing the VCF at strategic meetings in Tameside's joint planning structures.
- **Promote your group to others in the network** and at events around Tameside.
- Get up to date **information on health and social care issues** and developments in Tameside.

## Tameside 3rd Sector Coalition (T3SC)

is the development agency for voluntary, community and faith groups in Tameside.

We are a registered charity and work throughout Tameside.

### What Do T3SC Do?

T3SC help local voluntary, community and faith groups to:

- set up and apply for funding
- get support, advice, information and training
- have a strong, clear and independent voice to make changes locally through our networks

### To join the Health and Social Care Network,

or find out more information, please contact:

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*Are you part of a voluntary, community or faith organisation that provides services with a health and wellbeing or social care focus?*

**If so...**

**The Health and Social Care (HSC) Network is for you!**



# The Network

At the highly regarded 'Listen Here!' disability conference the HSC network provided support to Tameside Council in planning and running the event and ensuring that groups and organisations providing services for people with disabilities were involved in the planning and were represented on the day.



The Health Network is instrumental in continuing the success of the Health is for Life (H4L) festival. Many of our groups have received funding from the H4L community grants scheme to put on events and programmes of work with a health focus and we continue to get a great turn out of VCS groups at the health fairs across the borough.



# Opportunities for Members

We recognise that 3rd sector service providers are increasingly pressed for time (and resources!) and so encourage members to 'pick and choose' the level of commitment they give to the network. Once a month the HSC network has at least one of the following activities for members to get involved in:

- **Network meetings to:**
  - share best practice
  - find information about work each of us is carrying out in Tameside
  - receive feedback on strategic meetings that are relevant to the sector in Tameside
  - get involved in future decision making processes and events.



- **Policy briefing paper** highlighting, national, regional and local developments in health and social care relating to their work. This is an overview of areas which may be relevant to your work with links to supporting information so that you can get more information easily should you need it.

- **Training opportunities, guest speakers or a consultation event** which is open to all staff, volunteers, trustees and board members from your groups/organisations.

As well as this the network officer will **keep you informed of other developments and opportunities** which may be of interest to you. You can even **represent the HSC network at strategic and developmental groups** within Tameside's joint planning structures.

# Partnerships

The HSC network has been supporting health and social care providers from the 3rd sector for over 6 years and the number of members continues to grow.

The network is well regarded by statutory partners in Tameside with whom as a result we enjoy good working relationships. Our previous success and profile in representing the views of the sector mean we are able to offer HSC network members opportunities to represent the network at a range strategic meetings and working groups so that the 3rd sector is able to be proactive in local decision making processes and not reactive.