



VCSE Strategic Forum, 6th June 2018 - Key Points

Physical activity is hugely important to health and wellbeing. SASP, Spark and others are keen to use the reach and influence of existing Somerset VCSE organisations and projects to engage with the wider community - look out for more on this ...

Somerset Diverse Communities Report provides a really useful summary of the project work so far and a snap-shot of the needs of BME communities in Somerset - may be opportunities for other groups to make contact and offer support

The Somerset VCSE have a key role to play in helping to inform the Somerset Health & Care Strategy 'Fit for Your Future'. The Strategic Forum will act as a 'broker' to ensure working groups have VCSE representation. These opportunities and the timeline for the Strategy process will be posted on the website very soon

Victim Support Services Recommissioning by the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner - In May Somerset VCSE groups attended a local workshop to give feedback on the Commissioning Intentions document. Timetable - Tender documents released September 2018, Submission of tenders October 18, Contract to be awarded December 18, Implementation period Jan - March 19, Services commence April 19.

Taunton Deane based/active organisations will want to respond to the consultation being undertaken by the Albemarle Centre on the potential for developing a VCSE Hub.

Invitation to the second Stakeholder Engagement Forum from the Mental Health Hub on 28th June, 10.30 - 1.00 Great Bow Wharf, Langport. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/somerset-mental-health-stakeholder-engagement-forum-tickets-46714391001>