

**GREATER MANCHESTER  
VCSE LEADERSHIP GROUP**  
the sector's voice in Devolution

# COVID Response update/assessment

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# Actions to date...

<p><b>1. GM VCSE Leadership Group meetings weekly since 25<sup>th</sup> March</b></p>	<p><b>2. Circulated GM VCSE Leadership Group Key Messages Statement (see slide 3)</b></p>
<p>3. Plugging VCSE representation gaps in emerging COVID-response structures</p>	<p>4. 10GM work to coordinate volunteering – central portal established at <a href="http://www.volunteergm.org">www.volunteergm.org</a></p>
<p>5. Highlighting Funding issues and solutions via Commissioning subgroup</p>	<p>6. <a href="#">Submission made to DCMS Select Committee on The Impact of Covid-19 on the Charity Sector</a> on behalf of GMCVO and the GM VCSE Leadership Group</p>

# GM Leadership Group COVID Response Statement - summary

<b>PRAISE FOR FRONTLINE AND LOCAL VCSE ACTION</b>	<b>URGENT NEED TO ADDRESS EQUALITY ISSUES</b>
<b>ENSURE VCSE REPRESENTATION IN EMERGING GM COVID-STRUCTURES</b>	<b>PPE and TESTING for FRONTLINE VCSE STAFF, CARERS, VOLUNTEERS, PAs</b>
<b>ECONOMIC IMPACT – COLLECTIVE LOBBY for GM &amp; VCSE INVESTMENT</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERING – COORDINATION &amp; SAFEGUARDING</b>
<b>RESPONSIVE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT: for target communities &amp; VCSE Frontline Staff, carers, volunteers</b>	<b>REDEPLOYMENT: best use of VCSE staff, skills and resources</b>

# Next steps

1. **Promote** VCSE Leadership Group Statement and work with Local & GM public sector leaders
2. **Inequality:** EIAs being rolled out urgently across GM, ensure VCSE input
3. **Comms:** Enhance our sector's own Locality-with-GM/GM-with-Locality comms mechanisms
4. **PPE:** Establish PPE Task & Finish Group on issues/access for VCSE frontline groups, carers + personal assistants
5. **Recovery:** Ensure VCSE sector engaged in GM's Recovery Coordination Group – activity, thinking, info, & representation
6. **Emotional and MH Support:** Discussions underway to target most affected communities
7. **Investment:** Coordinated GM-lobby for GM and VCSE investment