

Camden Voluntary Action Forum

21st October 2020

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Emergencies Partnership: An introduction

Stronger Together

What is the VCSEP?

The Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership is **a partnership between national and local voluntary and community sector organisations**. The [Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership](#) (Emergencies Partnership) recognises the crucial role of the voluntary sector, at grassroots and national level, in supporting those in need. But we also see the increasing demands made on the sector.

We are here as a safety net
to boost and enhance the support the sector can give,
to further strengthen coordination of national and local response efforts during emergencies and
to provide a single access point between government and the voluntary and community sector

Right now we are responding to the evolving Covid-19 crisis, but our long-term ambition is to **establish a legacy** which enables the voluntary and community sector, government and statutory agencies to work better together to ensure our country's most vulnerable communities get the right **support** at the right **time** in an emergency.



VCSEP make up



And more...



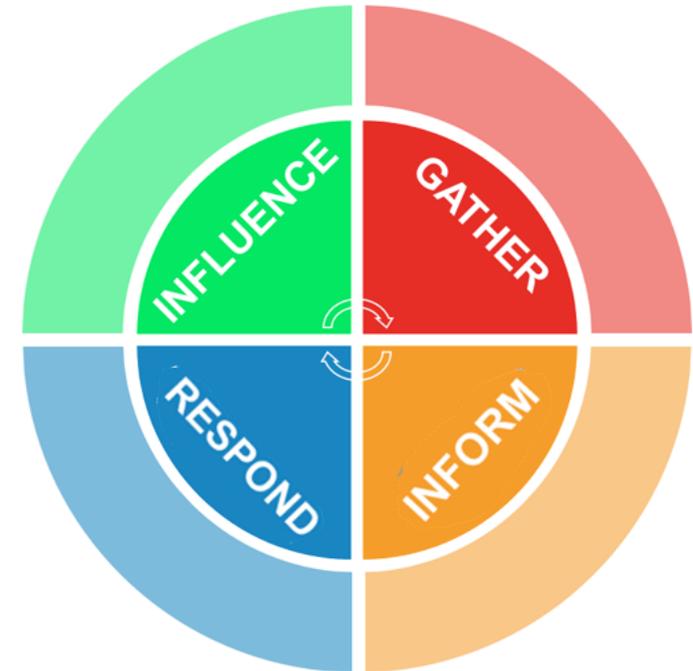
What we're aiming for...

1
Improved and ongoing insight and **understanding of changing and unmet needs.**

2
Improved **multi-agency coordination and brokering of sector-wide resources** to take action to meet those needs

3
Improved and **sustained collaboration and support for grass roots level activity** with regional and national VCS and government

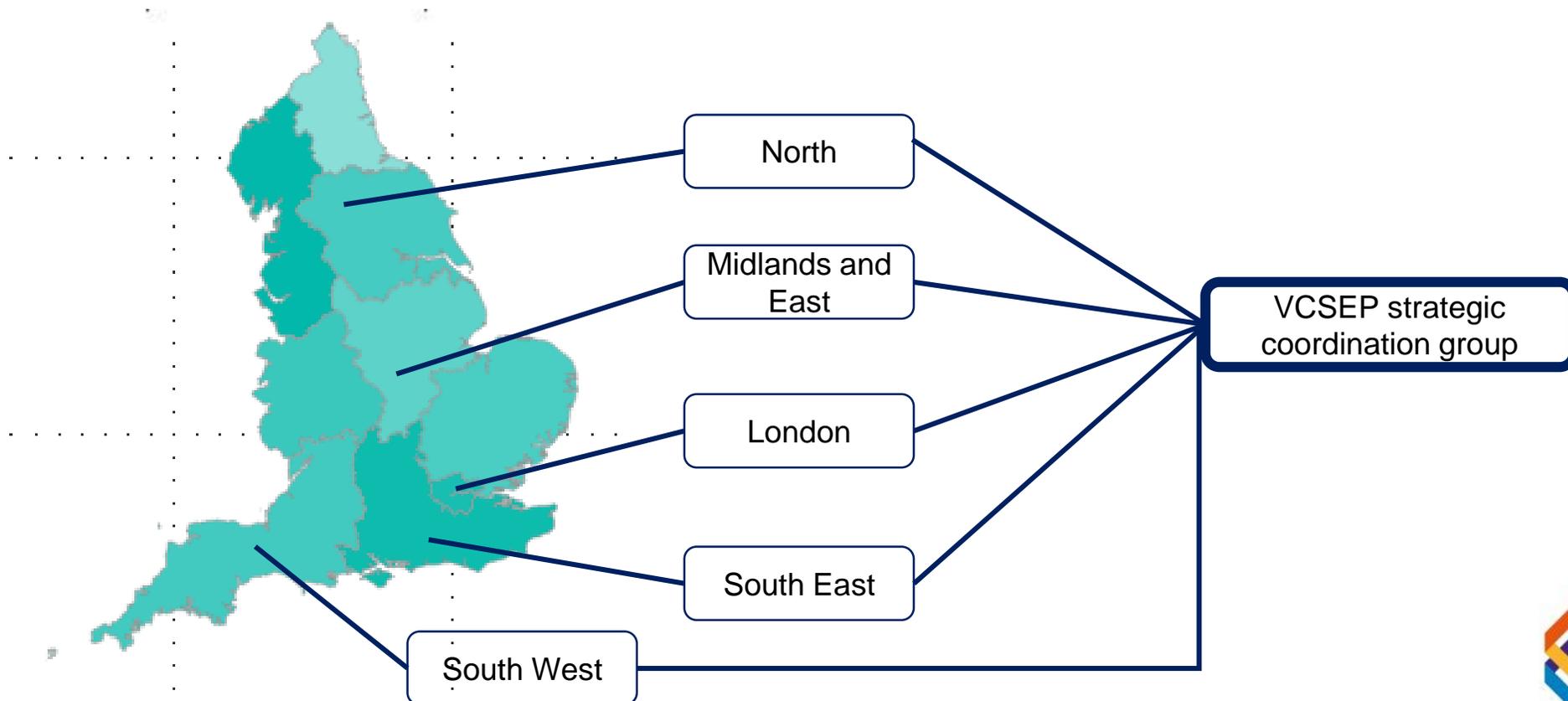
...and how we plan to do it



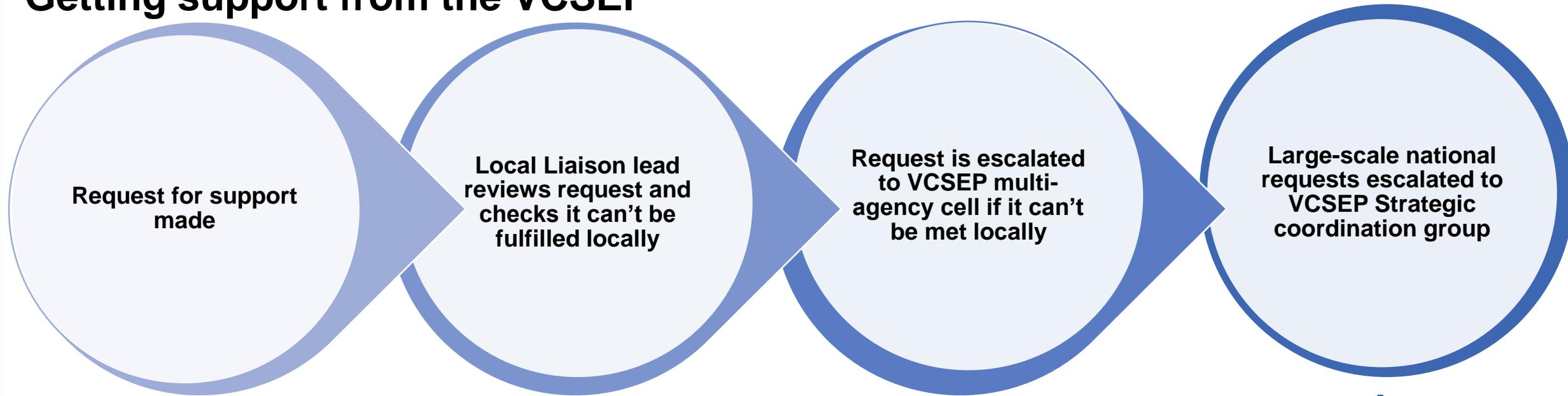
Brokering Unmet Need: VCSEP Multi-agency Cells

The Emergencies Partnership has established **five regional multi-agency cells across England** to help local organisations to continue their work in the community.

Aim: To bring multiple regional VCS players together in a crisis to understand need that is going unmet, and provide sector-support to local organisations when and where they need it.



Getting support from the VCSEP



www.vcsep.org.uk

The request for support service provides a simple way for local organisations to request additional support and capacity to meet the needs in their area, when they cannot be met locally.

You can submit your request for support at vcsep.org.uk/request-support.

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Request support in emergencies

There are times when there is not enough local capacity to provide the support needed in an emergency. The Emergencies Partnership aims to fill that gap.

If [local councils for voluntary service](#), [local resilience forums](#) and local authority hubs cannot provide the support a local organisation needs, we can step in to facilitate provision of that support. We hope you will not need us, but we're here if you do.

Request support

What this is not

A proposal that seeks to duplicate anything by

- replacing the hard work and response already underway – where needs are being identified and met locally
- undermining the relationships already held locally to achieve an effective response
- changing any links to LRF partners, local authorities and wider central and local government structures in response activity

What this is

- a by exception option, quick escalation point for organisations to report unmet need/need for support where it can't be addressed through usual routes
- a way to then facilitate the right organisation(s) with the capacity or the right skills to help meet the unmet need, accelerating help
- overall, a way for us to take informed and effective action together

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Welcome



VCS Emergencies Partnership

The **Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership** weekly **Pulse Check** survey captures the status of unmet needs in emergency response locally, regionally and nationally.

The information management team will provide weekly updates to VCS EP partners showing trends in reported unmet needs around the country to support collaboration, action and advocacy.

▼ Food and Nutrition

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people in urgent need of food able to access assistance?**

E.g. food parcels, soup kitchens, food banks

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for food assistance will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

▼ Healthcare

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

*** In the last 7 days, were people in urgent need of healthcare able to access assistance?**

E.g. healthcare availability, patient transport, prescription access

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

*** In the next 14 days, do you think the need for healthcare assistance will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Mental Health

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people in need of mental health support able to access assistance?**

e.g. counselling services

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for mental health assistance will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Shelter and Accommodation

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people in need of temporary accommodation able to access assistance?**

e.g. homeless accommodation, refuge shelters

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for temporary accommodation will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Protection

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people who experienced domestic violence able to access assistance?**

e.g. support lines, refuge shelters

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for domestic violence assistance will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Technology, Connectivity and Communications

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people in need of support to use online services able to access assistance?**

e.g. internet access, hardware, technical training

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for assistance to access online services will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Education and Training

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people in need of employment advice or training able to access assistance?**

e.g. retraining, skills support, completing job applications, career advice

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for employment advice or training will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
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- Not sure

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▼ Hardship

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, were people in need of financial support able to access assistance?**

E.g. state benefits or non-state financial support

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

***In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for financial support will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

Pulse Check week 3

▼ Utilities

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

*** In the last 7 days, were people unable to pay for gas or electricity able to access assistance?**

- All
- Most
- Around half
- A few
- None
- Not sure
- No-one is in need of assistance

*** In the next 14 days, do you think that the need for assistance for people unable to pay for gas or electricity will increase, decrease or stay the same?**

- Increase
- Decrease
- Stay the same
- Not sure

▼ Vulnerable Populations

Please answer to the best of your knowledge

***In the last 7 days, do you think any of these population groups were in particular need of support?**

(Select all that apply)

- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME)
- Elderly (aged 70+)
- Children (aged under 18)
- People with disabilities
- Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer (LGBTQ+)
- Refugees or asylum seekers
- Other (please specify)
- Not sure
- None

***In the next 14 days, do you think any of these population groups will be in particular need of support?**

(Select all that apply)

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