

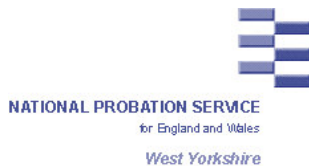


# The Wakefield District **COMPACT**

A written agreement between the statutory sector  
and the voluntary and community sectors to  
improve relationships so that we all work  
together more effectively



Eastern Wakefield  
and Wakefield West  
Primary Care Trusts





## What is **THE WAKEFIELD DISTRICT COMPACT?**

The Wakefield District Compact is a written agreement between the statutory sector and the voluntary and community sectors. It aims to improve relationships so that everyone works together more effectively.

By the statutory sectors we mean the local authority, the primary care trusts, the police, and other official local government organisations. The voluntary and community sectors include charities, community groups, housing organisations, campaigning organisations, voluntary groups, religious (faith based) organisations, sports groups, arts groups and environmental groups. All of these agencies and groups will be referred to as 'the partners' for the rest of this document. This Compact is endorsed and supported by the Wakefield District Partnership.

## **AIM** of this Compact

The Compact aims to provide a framework for enhancing the relationship between these sectors, encouraging common approaches and systems. This will lead to better co-ordinated services and quality of life for the people of the Wakefield District, linking in with 'Fast-Forward' - the Community Strategy. This Compact will be used as a starting point to develop more detailed agreements between particular agencies and organisations. The aims, principles and objectives of this Compact should set the basis of more detailed agreements and protocols between particular agencies and sectors.

This Compact is a living document, and will be revisited regularly to ensure that it meets the changing needs of the partners involved and the people of Wakefield District.

## **SHARED** principles

The partners recognise that a range of different service providers working together in partnership can provide better services for the citizens of the Wakefield district. The partners recognise that the people of the Wakefield District will benefit from a more co-ordinated **partnership** approach. The partners will remain **citizen focused** throughout their joint work and activities, remembering that providing best value services and improving **quality** of life for local people is the most important thing.





The partners recognise that to make this partnership work, we must be **open** and **accountable** to each other, treating each other as **equals**.

We will build **trust** and respect each other's mutually supportive roles and responsibilities.

We must be **inclusive** and encourage **diversity**, actively seeking the involvement of marginalised and excluded groups of people.

The partners also recognise the **innovative** role of the voluntary and community sectors in responding to the needs of diverse groups of people, and will continue to support this work.

The partners recognise that the voluntary and community sectors need support and **capacity building** to help them participate. We also recognise that the support provided by the statutory sectors to the voluntary and community sectors should not be limited to funding, but can also include non-financial forms of support e.g. human resources, use of premises and facilities etc. where appropriate.

The partners recognise that we must be **realistic** about what each other can **achieve**, **understanding** our different working practices, and the different **pressures** we experience.

The partners recognise that this understanding and partnership will be nurtured by **listening** to each other, and finding more effective ways to **communicate**.

## **OBJECTIVES** of this Compact

- To develop realistic and sustainable solutions for the future
- To develop open and transparent funding processes, and ensure that services are funded according to best value principles
- To build the capacity of the voluntary and community sectors





- To develop the workforces of the voluntary, community and statutory sectors to enable us to work together effectively
- To develop and share good practice between the partners.
- To complement and link in with the districts other strategies and policies.

## **FUNDING**

The partners recognise that the voluntary and community sectors need adequate and appropriate resources to be able to play their part in the partnership. These resources should include sustainable long term funding, which allow the voluntary and community sectors to remain innovative and flexible. The partners support the voluntary and community sectors' commitment to accountability, and the application of good practice in the use and administration of public funds.

The partners also recognise that the voluntary and community sectors can be well placed to provide best value services. Funding processes should be open, transparent, accountable and consultative as appropriate to encourage best value. Such funding should be provided via the most appropriate funding arrangement from a range of funding mechanisms e.g. contracts, grants etc.

## **MONITORING and review**

There will be a Compact Partnership Group made up of representatives nominated from each of the partners. Voluntary Action Wakefield District will work with Compact partners to establish a system to enable on-going feedback and consideration of how the Compact is actually being implemented.

In addition, a review of the operation and development of the Compact will be undertaken on an annual basis by The Compact Partnership Group to ensure the Compact continues to meet the needs of the partners and that the aims and objectives of the Compact are being delivered. A fundamental review of the Compact will be undertaken every three years.





# The Wakefield District **COMPACT**

A multi agency partnership agreement

The following people have signed up to the Wakefield District Compact on behalf of their organisation.



**Cllr Peter Box**  
Chair, Wakefield District Partnership

**Chris Hollins**  
Chair, Voluntary Action Wakefield District



**Kenneth Caswell**  
Co-Chair, VOX

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Assistant Chief Officer, Wakefield District  
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**John Foster**  
Chief Executive, Wakefield MDC

**Heather MacDonald**  
Principal, Wakefield College



**Alastair Geldart**  
Chief Executive, Wakefield West  
Primary Care Trust

**Elaine McHale**  
Director of Social Services,  
Wakefield MDC



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Chief Executive, Eastern Wakefield  
Primary Care Trust

**CS Tim Moorby**  
West Yorkshire Police,  
Wakefield District Division





# The Wakefield District **COMPACT**

For more information,  
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