

**REPORT TO:** Employment, Learning and Skills PPB

**DATE:** 13 January 2010

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Strategic Director – Health and Community

**SUBJECT:** Mid Year Monitoring Report for Voluntary Sector Funding 2009/10

**WARD(S):** Borough-wide

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

**1.1** To receive the Mid Year monitoring report for Voluntary Sector Core Funding in 2009/2010

**2.0 RECOMMENDED THAT:**

(1) The report be noted.

**3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**3.1** The Council awarded eleven Core Grants in for 2009/2010 to:

	<b>2009/10</b>
Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support	£13,300
Cheshire Racial Equality Council	£6,000
Cheshire Victim Support	£7,400
Halton Citizens Advice Bureaux	£139,000
Halton Voluntary Action	£55,903
Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	£3,200
Relate	£9,200
Runcorn & Frodsham Mencap	£2,400
Samaritans	£4,000
Vision Support	£8,200
Widnes & Runcorn Cancer Support Group	£11,848
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£260,451</b>

Those organisations who were awarded over £5,000 are subject to a Service Level Agreement and provide quarterly monitoring. Those organisations who received under £5,000 provide 6 monthly performance monitoring information.

**3.2** Appendix one provides the performance breakdown for the individual organisations for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

**3.3** All but one organisation are forecast to meet expected targets and fulfil their Service Level Agreements. Cheshire Victims Support performance has dipped and a meeting is scheduled in December 2009 to raise the issue.

**3.4** The monitoring report will be available in the Members Rooms

#### **4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

**4.1** None at this stage.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1** The recommended grants do not exceed the current budget allocations in the general grants budget.

**5.2** The work of the voluntary sector organisations receiving grants impacts greatly on health improvements, social inclusion, community involvement, anti-poverty and diversity issues.

#### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

The service delivery from organisations receiving core grant in many cases is cross cutting in the context of the Council's strategic priorities. There is significant levels of welfare rights and debt handling support provided which impacts on anti-poverty issues for the Borough.

##### **6.1 Children & Young People in Halton**

The work delivered by Relate in preventing family breakdown and offering counselling to teenagers has a direct impact on those children and young people in the Borough.

The Youth Volunteer programme delivered by Halton Voluntary Action (the V Project) is targeted at young people participating in their community.

The Samaritans is open to all age ranges and does receive calls from young people in the Borough looking for support.

Widnes & Runcorn Cancer support group offer support to all members of families affected by the disease, encompassing young members of families.

##### **6.2 Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

The voluntary sector organisations have a significant reliance on volunteer time to deliver services. The organisations provide training opportunities for volunteers to enable the delivery of service and improve their skills and employability. The CAB in particular have experienced local volunteers gaining local employment as result of the training and experience.

### **6.3 A Health Halton**

Widnes & Runcorn Cancer support have a major impact on the health and well-being of our residents diagnosed and in remission from cancer through the support, advocacy and therapies they are able to offer.

Cheshire Asbestos works with sufferers and their families to support them through the illness, offering welfare support and recreational breaks for the sufferers and their families.

Vision support provide a resource centre for the visually impaired and offer home visits and welfare rights support. The talking newspaper enables their clients to receive news on current affairs weekly.

### **6.4 A Safer Halton**

Cheshire Victim Support provide support to victims of crime through to pre trial preparation and court attendances which can be daunting for residents left vulnerable from crimes against them.

Cheshire, Halton & Warrington Racial Equality Council work with minority groups in the Borough to contribute to a cohesive and integrated community in Halton. They offer support to individuals experiencing discrimination and will support in challenging discriminatory practice and will help people through tribunal processes.

The Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre provides support to the victims of crime. The Centre provides an assessment necessary for criminal proceedings and follow on support to the individuals.

Mencap provides a community meeting point for disabled members in Halton offering a safe environment for their clients to engage in community activity and participate in skill development and recreational activity.

### **6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

### **7.0 RISK ANALYSIS**

**7.1** The PPB will monitor how the grants are being spent and ensure that the Council and Halton people receive value for money.

### **8.0 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES**

**8.1** To receive a grant, organisations have to demonstrate that acceptable equality and diversity policies are in place.

### **9.0 List of Background Papers Under Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

**9.1** None under the meaning of the Act.



# Voluntary Sector Funding

Mid Year Monitoring Information 2009/10

1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2009

# 6 Month Monitoring 09/10

**Cheshire Asbestos Victims Support Group**  
**3/5 Fryer Street, Runcorn Cheshire WA7 1ND**  
**01928 576641** **£13,300**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Counselling hours	604	675
Welfare Rights obtained	£40,234.00	£104,815.00
Civil Claims DTER etc	£1,136,185	£1,475,434.00
Volunteer hours per year	1160	856
No of volunteers over the year	8	13
Telephone enquiries	520	596
Personal visits to centre	63	85

<b>HBC Priorities met by organisation</b>
A Healthy Halton
A Safer Halton

**Cheshire Halton & Warrington Racial Equality Council**  
**2, Hunters Walk, Canal Street, Chester, CH1 4EB**  
**01244 400730** **£6,000**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Attend HIAP Exec & Provider meetings	0	2
Cheshire Chief Executive Advisory Group on Gypsies & Travellers	1	1
Casework	3	6
Hours spent on casework	63.5	59

<b>HBC Priorities met by organisation</b>
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**Cheshire Relate**  
**Allman House, Langley Road, Northwich, Cheshire, CW9 8AW**  
**01606 350995** **£9,200**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Counselling hours	572	617
'Relateen' group hours	120	110
Volunteer hours per year	240	352
No of volunteers over the year	7	8
Telephone enquiries	658	662
Personal visits to centre	572	617

**HBC Priorities met by organisation**

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**Cheshire Victims Support**  
**Widnes Police Station, Kingsway, Widnes, WA8 7QJ**  
**0151 495 3528** **£7,400**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Volunteer hours per year - counselling	430	970
No of volunteers over the year	7	19 (Q3&4 = 6)
Telephone enquiries & letters/e-mails/fax	1591	1597
Home visits seen	64	119
unseen	12	29
Pre Trial visits	119	139
Court Attendances	291	482

**HBC Priorities met by organisation**

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**Cheshire Vision Support**  
**Halton Independent Living Centre, Collier Street, Runcorn, WA7 1HB**  
**01928 582944 (evening answer phone) £8,200**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Clients visits to Resource Centre inc family visit	753	491
Telephone enquiries from service users & their families	442	496
Other agencies visits to centre	225	341
Other agencies telephone calls	469	373
Home visits to new and existing service users	629	579
Welfare Rights inc. DLA and back pay	£7,877	£8,315

**HBC Priorities met by organisation**

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**Halton District Citizens Advice Bureau**  
**Unit 3, Victoria Building, Lugsdale Road, Widnes, WA8 6DJ**  
**0151 257 2443 £139,000**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Number of unique users	4059	2269
Number of cases worked on	5169	2926
Welfare Rights	£202,378.00	£333,447.00
Debt written off	£739,679.00	£271,135.00
Debt handled	£9,166,562.00	£4,141,945.00
Gains (employment)	£18,966	£47,976
Volunteer hours	5,448	4110
Number of volunteers	35	27
Telephone enquiries	588	828
Home Visits	108	174
Tribunals attended	3	3
Court attendances	25	48

**HBC Priorities met by organisation**

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**Halton Voluntary Action**  
**Sefton House, Public Hall Street, Runcorn WA7 1NG**  
**01928 592405** **£55,903**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Individuals - sessions attended - Training / Activities	14	12
No of volunteer involved in HVA activities	4	2
No of volunteer hours	82.5	162.5
Telephone enquiries for info & advice	2306	2543
Newsletter distributed	1142	1355
Volunteers recruited (for placements)	255	253
Organisations receiving direct funding or group support	15	10

**HBC Priorities met by organisation**

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**Rape & Sexual Abuse Centre**  
**26 Cairo Street Warrington WA1 1EH**  
**01925 245 445/4 – 01706 347 330** **£3,200**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Total calls to centre	328	430
Initial Assessments Runcorn & Widnes	33	42
Volunteers in service delivery	5	6
Counselling & Support hours	200	250

**HBC Priorities met by organisation**

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**Runcorn Frodsham & District Mencap**  
**The Acorn Club, Laburnam Grove, Runcorn, WA7 5EX**  
**01928 722910** **£2,400**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
No of volunteers over 6 month	39	40
Volunteer hours per 6 month	1872	1898

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**Samaritans**  
**46 Arpley Street, Warrington, WA4 1LX**  
**01925 235000** **£4,000**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Counselling calls	5608	6489
Counselling by email	240	224
Volunteer hours per year	4,000	4000
No of volunteers over the year	54	56
Personal visits to centre	0	5

<b>HBC Priorities met by organisation</b>
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**Widnes & Runcorn Cancer Support Group**  
**21-23 Alforde Street, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 7TR**  
**0151 423 5730** **£11,848**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2009/10</b>	<b>6 Monthly Total 2008/09</b>
Counselling hours	28	87
Listening hours	727	705
Information centre - patients	61	58
Volunteer hours per year	2030	1835
No of volunteers over the year	83	55
Information phone calls	63	57
Listening phone calls	227	200
HUGS club	532	498
Hand in Hand	84	72
Busom buddies	176	193
Therapies and workshops	412	272
Exercise (New for 2009/10)	53	-
Mens group (New for 2009/10)	157	-

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