

## Reduce Social Isolation for Vulnerable Adults and Older People

### CCG/SIB Joint Funding

Sunderland CCG has allocated £20,000 to each of the five areas in Sunderland, to enable delivery of projects to support joint priorities for the area. The People Board agreed that the focus of this work should be to support increased social participation for vulnerable adults and older people, and recommend that £20,000 SIB is approved to match the CCG contribution. This will give a total of £40,000 available to allocate against this priority.

The funding will provide an ideal opportunity to refine and repeat a process carried out during 2013/14 when Area Committee developed a call for projects via the VCS Network for grants of up to £5,000. The projects have proved beneficial for local people, and exceptionally good value for money in terms of the level of financial support given for the results achieved. It is recommended that the process below is followed.

March 2015	£20,000 SIB agreed by Coalfield Area Committee
March 2015	Project brief(s) designed
April 2015	Project brief(s) agreed by People Board
April 2015	Funding opportunity advertised via VCS Network
May 2015	Applications assessed and consultation carried out
June 2015	Recommendations to Area Committee

Members are requested to consider the options below and agree one option for development.

- a) Set a limit for requests for funding at £20,000 per project with a clear and detailed project brief. (two successful applicants)
- b) Set a limit for requests for funding at £5,000 (potentially 8 or more small projects could be approved)
- c) A combination of the two options above i.e. One project brief at £20,000 with one successful applicant, and one project brief at £5,000 maximum with a potential for 4 small projects.

**Recommendation:** The People Board recommended that **Option C** was developed