

OUR SOUTH EAST REGIONAL COMPACT

Introduction

The purpose of this document, *Our South East Regional Compact*, is to enhance partnership working between South East Third Sector partners (SERCC, RAISE,) and statutory agencies (GOSE, NHS South East Coast, NHS South Central, SEEDA, LSC) and also to support Local Compacts and the National Compact.

This document has been produced through the Regional Compact Group, which is a sub group of the Regional Cross Sector Partnership for the Third Sector. The Regional Compact Group has developed a Regional Compact Action Plan (www.gose.gov.uk) Evaluation of this Compact will be done via this group.

We will seek to follow guidance set out in the National Compact codes of practice relating to Black & Minority Ethnic (BME), Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations; Community Groups Code; Consultation and Policy Appraisal Code; Funding and Procurement Code; and the Volunteering Code. [For further information on Compact: www.thecomcompact.org.uk](http://www.thecomcompact.org.uk)

Our Key Principles

- A healthy and thriving Third Sector is part of a democratic, sustainable and economically vibrant society.
- Working in partnership with the Third Sector can improve policy development, enhance the design and delivery of services and result in better outcomes for our communities.
- Partnership requires strong relationships (e.g. integrity and openness).
- Statutory agencies and their delivery partners can play a role as a funder of the Third Sector.
- The independence of the Third Sector should be respected.
- A commitment to promote equal opportunities for everyone and to recognise, respect and celebrate how differences enhance and strengthen our region.
- A shared and equal responsibility amongst partners to actively maintain our South East Regional Compact as an effective way of strengthening and improving relationships.

Statutory agencies in the region undertake to:

- Promote the Compact principles and ways of working across the South East Region.
- Respect the independence of Third Sector organisations and groups in the South East region.
- Consult effectively and at the earliest opportunity.
- Recognise the cost of doing business when funding public service delivery.

Third Sector partners undertake to

- Promote in the region Compact principles and ways of working across the sector.
- Operate through open and accountable organisations.
- Involve each organisation's stakeholders and embrace diversity.
- Contribute constructively and appropriately to public policy.
- Recognise their accountability to partners and funders, particularly when they are contracted to deliver specific outputs and outcomes.

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Working together:

(SEEDA, NHS South East Coast and NHS South Central remain fully committed and will formally sign in due course)



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