



Results of West Lancashire CCG VCFSE Grant Scheme 2018 survey – to date

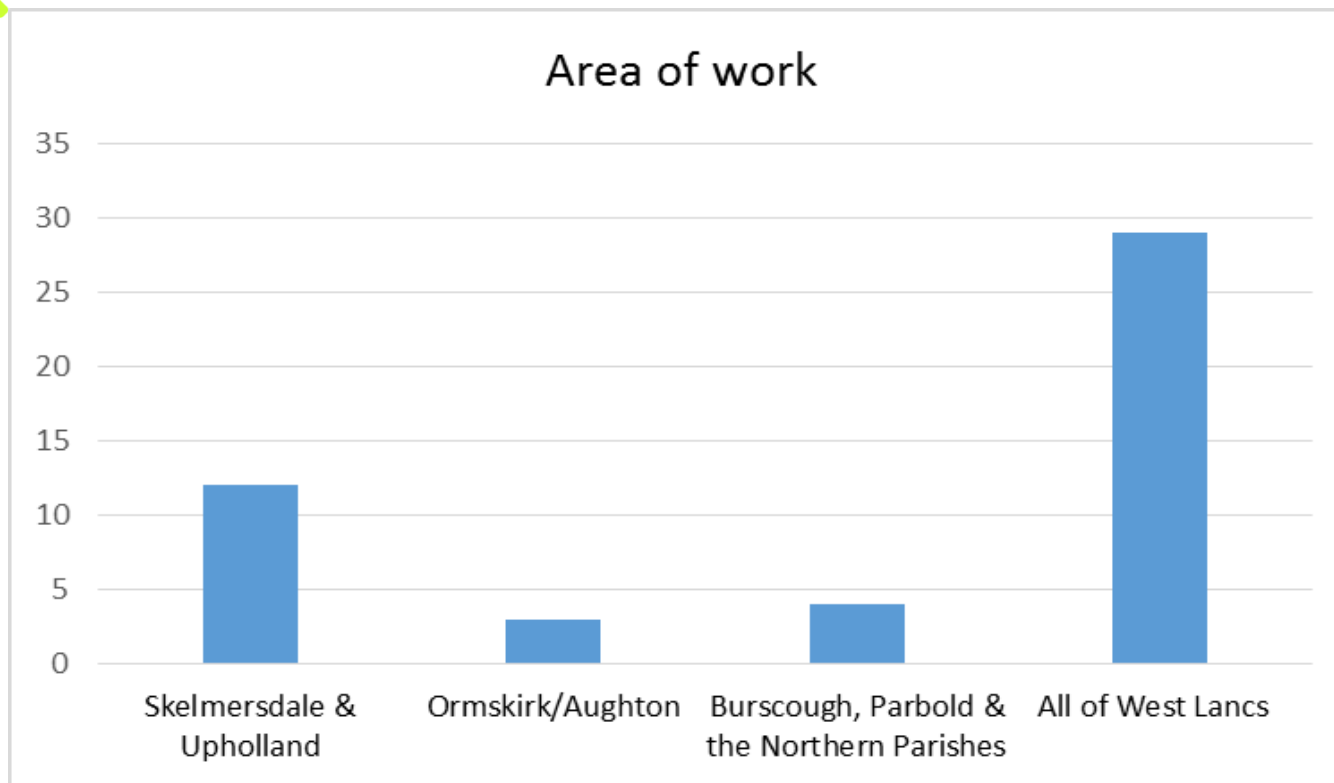


West Lancashire Council for Voluntary Service
Supporting voluntary action, empowering local communities

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Area of West Lancs



Most of the respondents (over 70%) provide services or support in all of West Lancs. Almost a third work just in Skelmersdale / Up Holland. 10% work in Burscough, Parbold & the Northern Parishes with only 7% covering just Ormskirk/Aughton.

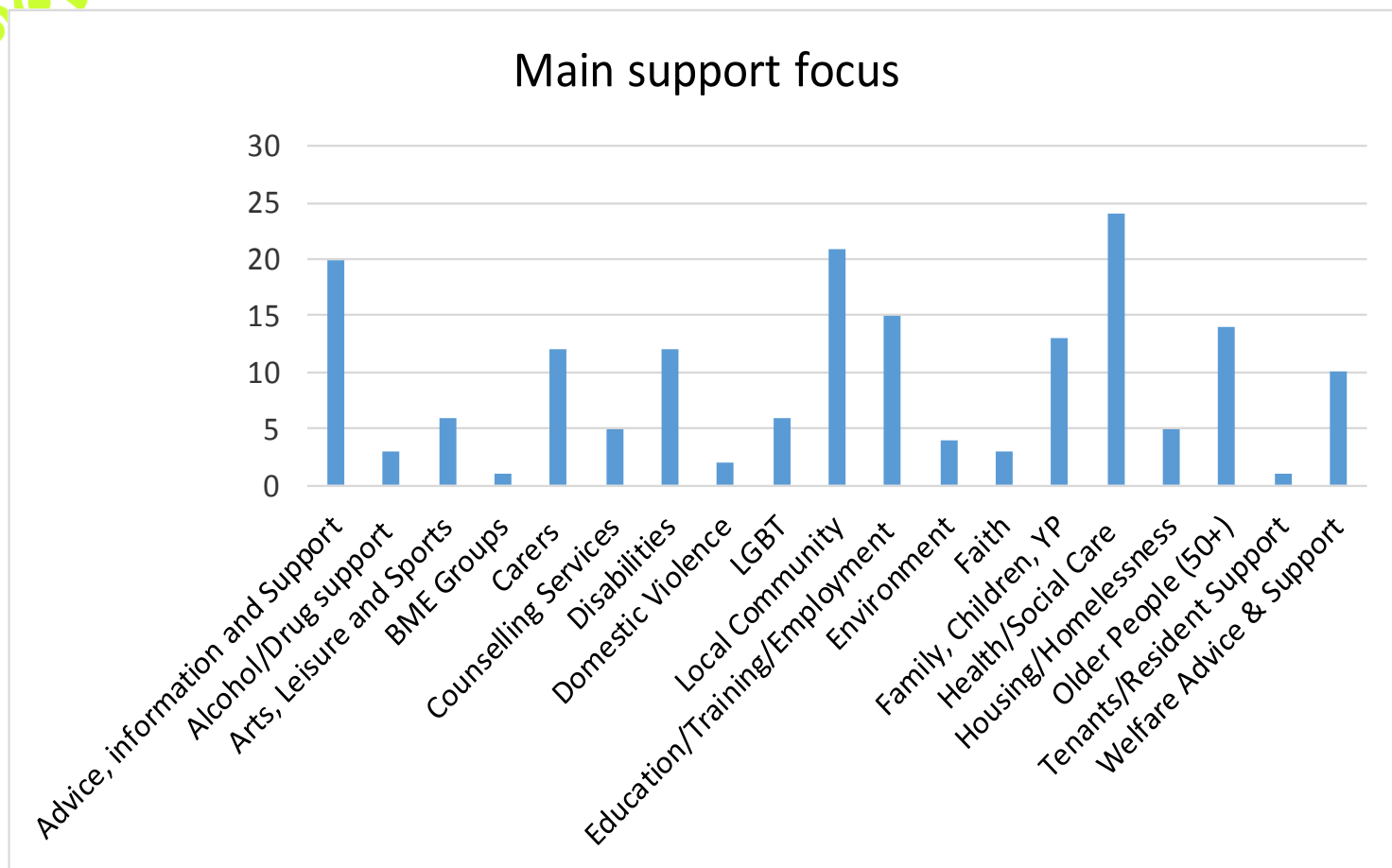


Head office

The majority of those surveyed (almost 70%) have their head office in West Lancs.



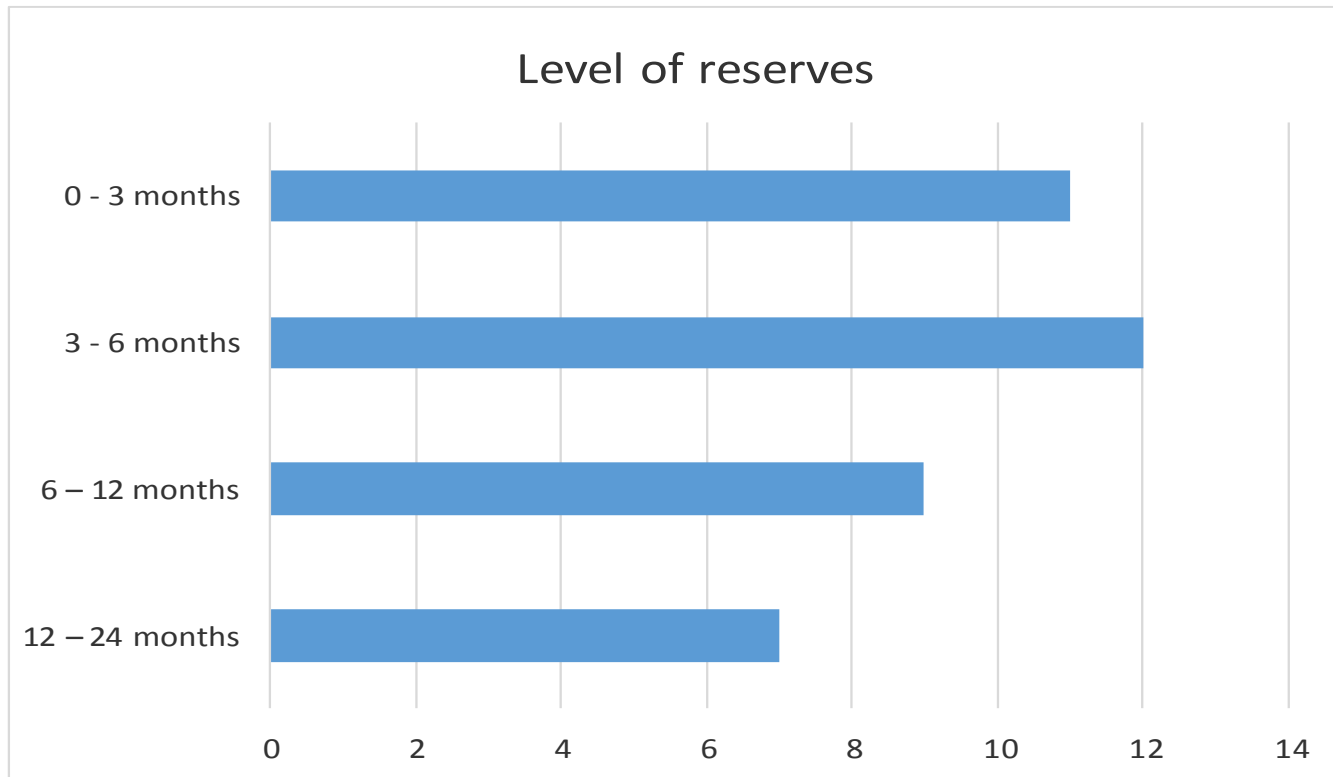
Main focus of work



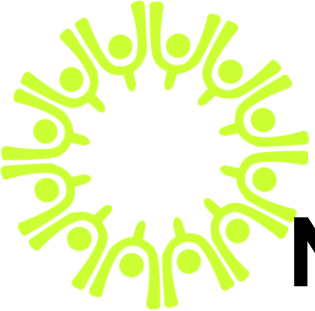
Most of the respondents provided support around health and social care (including mental health & wellbeing/long term conditions) followed by support in the local community and providing advice and information.



Level of reserves



More than half of those who completed the survey had less than six months reserves left with almost 30% having less than three months left.



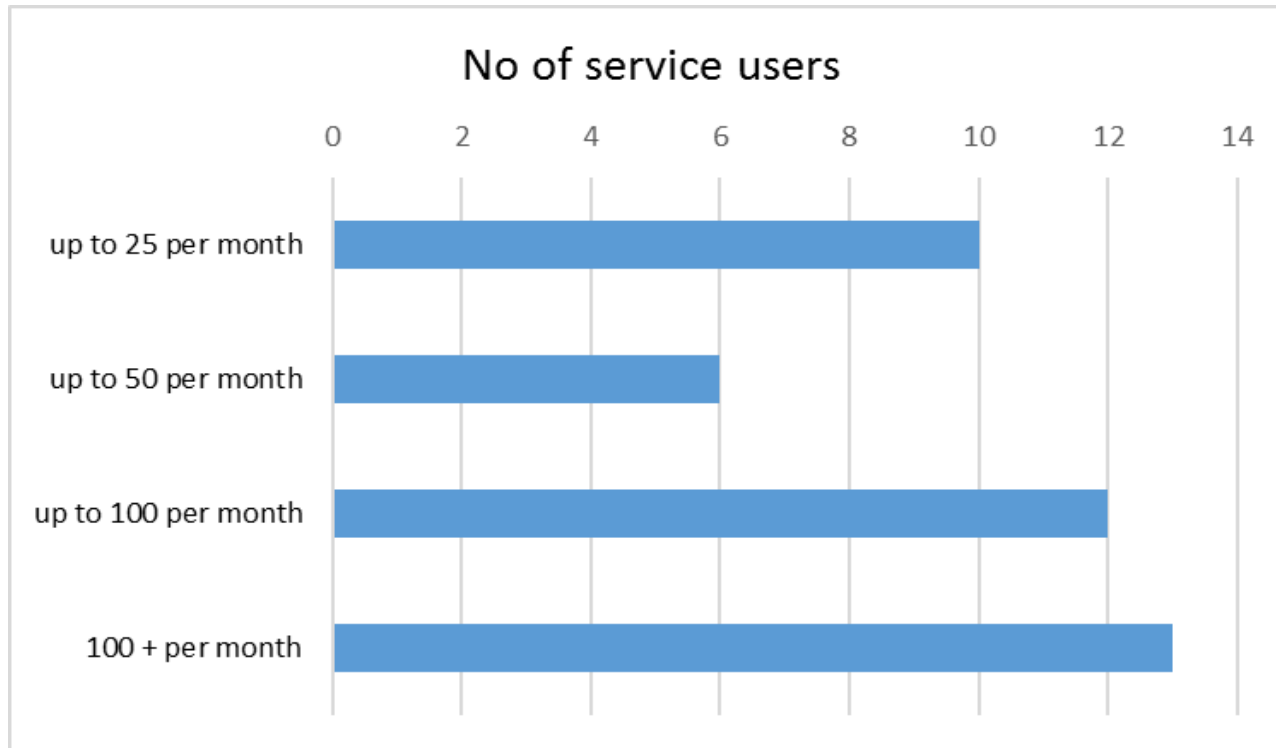
Number of regular volunteers



The majority of organisations (around 60%) have up to 10 people volunteering with them and over a quarter have up to 25 people volunteering with them each month.



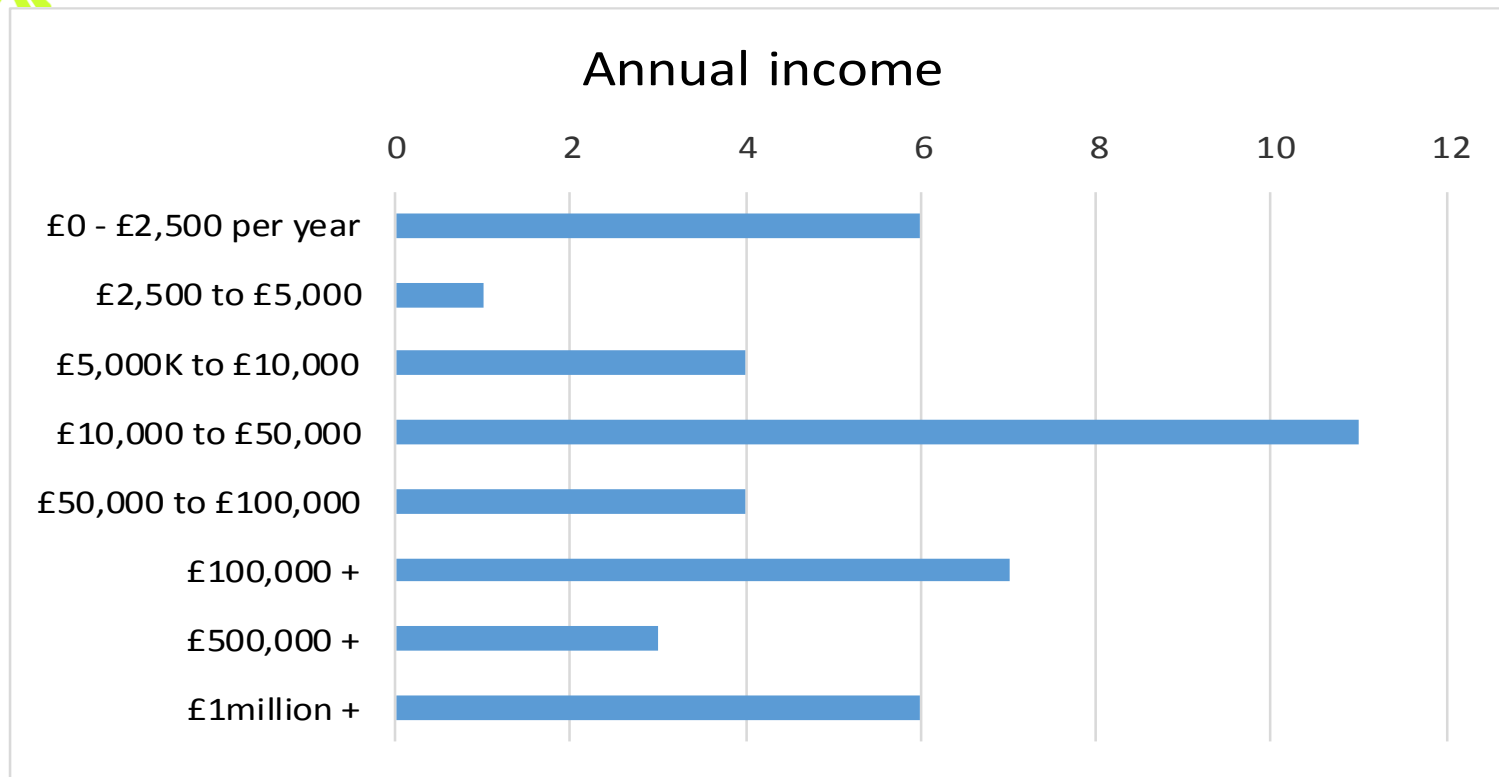
Number of service users



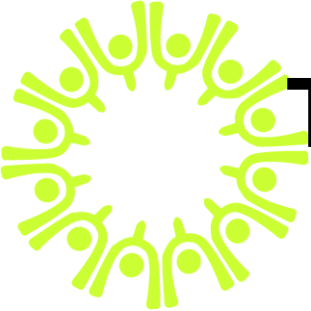
Almost a third of organisations stated that they have up to 100 services users per month and a further 30% of organisations were working with over 100 service users per month.



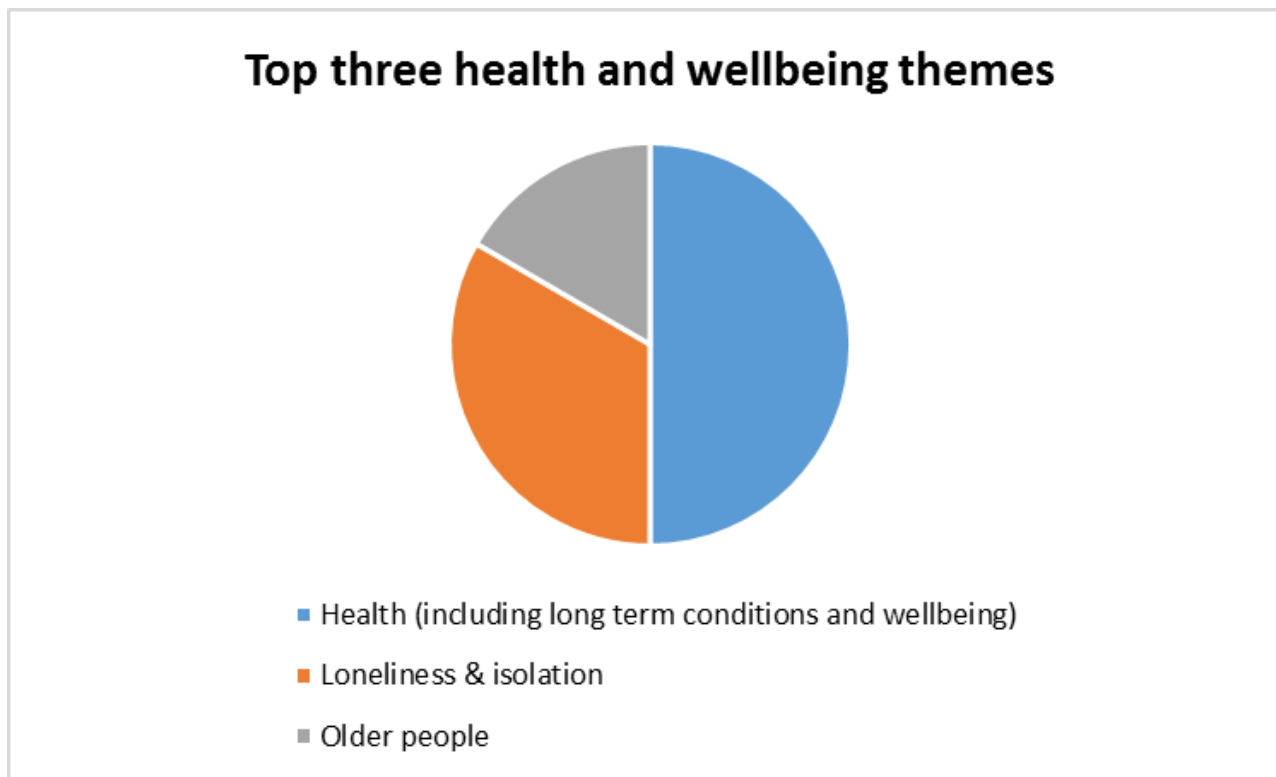
Annual income



The majority of respondents' annual income is between £10,000 and £50,000 with a significant number having less than £2,500 (15%).



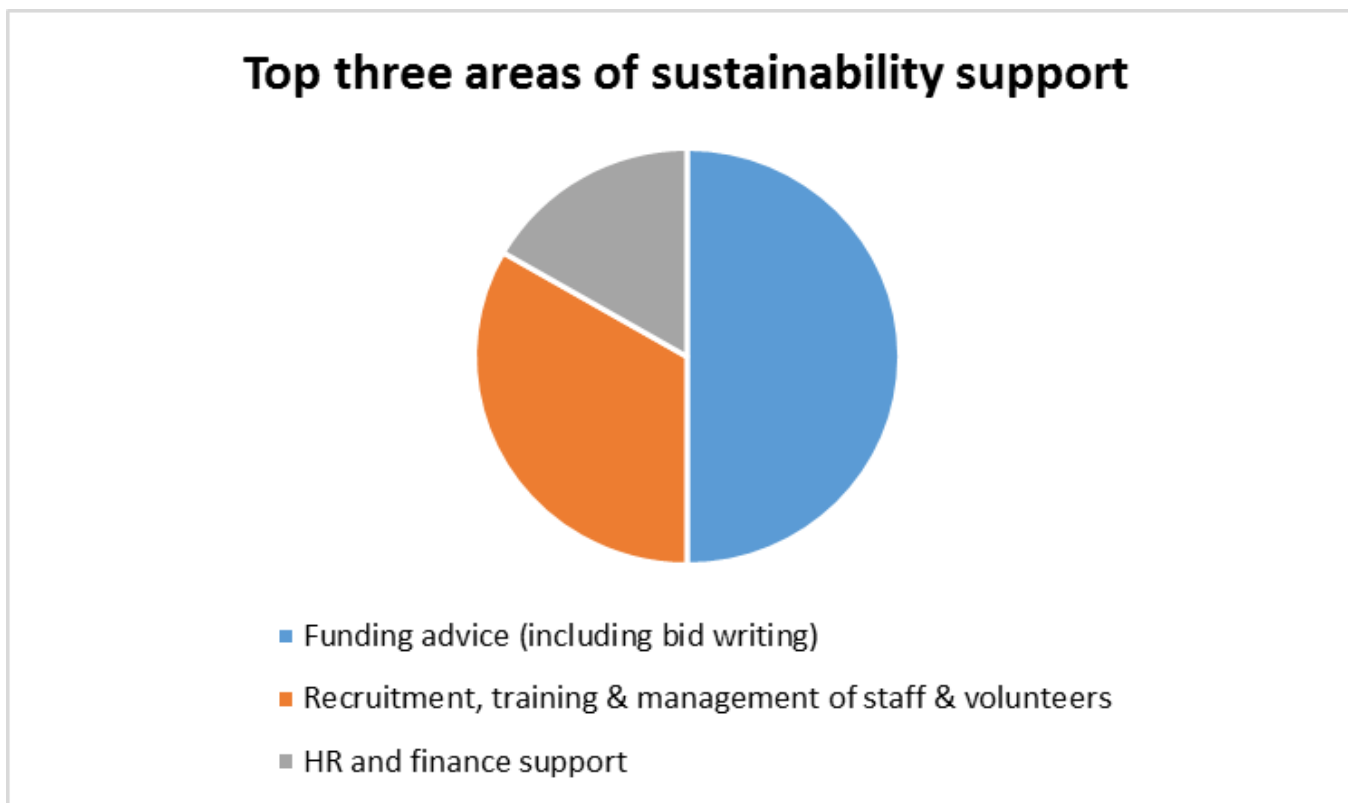
Top three health and wellbeing themes suggested



1. Health (including long term conditions, mental health and wellbeing)
2. Loneliness & isolation
3. Older people



Top three areas of sustainability support requested



1. Funding advice (including bid writing)
2. Recruitment, training & management of staff & volunteers
3. HR and finance support



Working in partnership

84% of respondents would consider working in partnership.

Challenges:

- Management of the partnership - who is ultimately accountable?
- Is it possible to have shared goals and values – with agreed processes and procedures, monitoring and evaluation?
- Managing combined budgets.
- Data sharing & confidentiality.
- Clarity of roles.
- Communication of leadership.
- Ownership and outcomes clearly defined.
- Ensuring the other organisation was of a similar standard.
- Client group require expertise and specialised knowledge.
- Inequalities of partnerships within consortia may cause friction.



Other comments from the survey:

“The West Lancashire CCG VCFSE Grant Scheme is an essential tool for those voluntary organisations whose are helping the community”.