

Summary of Consortium survey results

Survey Monkey

Wed 9 December – Wed 16 December 2010

We invited over 350 VCOs delivering services in Northumberland to take part in the survey. We had responses from 172 (49%). This is an extraordinarily high response rate and indicates the importance given to the issues.

We have filtered out, for questions 2 to 4, those organisations which had **not** received funding from a local authority during the last 3 years. The remaining 5 questions have not been filtered and are summaries of the responses of all those who have answered them.

- Q1 64% received funding from one or more local authorities during the last 3 years
- Q2 Of those that did, 47% would have to cease some activities if there was a 20% cut in Council funding next year, 18% would be making staff redundant and 6% would close down
- Q3 Of those that did, 35% would have to cease some activities if there was a 10% cut in Council funding next year, 13% would be making staff redundant and 4% would close down
- Q4 36% thought that the sector should be subject to the same level of cut as the Council overall; 63% subject to less than that percentage.
- Q5 75% predicted a rise in demand for their services next year, 2010-11
- Q6 Expectations of funding from the Council for next year were spread over Yes, No and Not Sure as well as the different types of funding with the majority being in the “Giving” category as opposed to “investing” or “purchasing”.
- Q7 The following 12 support services were listed:
- Access to & help with funding
 - Regulations & legislation
 - Managing your organisation (structure & trustee responsibilities etc)
 - Recruiting, managing & retaining volunteers
 - Managing your organisation's premises
 - Raising awareness & promoting equality & diversity
 - Training appropriate to your needs
 - Information & computer technology
 - CRB Checks
 - Representing & promoting the sector
 - Enabling organisations to work more effectively with public bodies
 - Encouraging similar organisations to work together in networks

Respondents were asked:

If it was necessary for support organisations to withdraw some of their services, to what extent would their withdrawal impact on your organisation? Please indicate for each service or activity described. Options: Not at all; a little; a lot.

Managing your organisation's premises
Information and Computer Technology
were the services which, if withdrawn, had the least impact.

The withdrawal of the following services had most impact.

Enabling organisations to work more effectively with public bodies
Representing and promoting the sector
Encouraging similar organisations to work together in networks

Q8 The services in Question 7 were again listed and respondents were invited to indicate from which organisation they receive a particular service. The list below allocates the total hits of all those services to each support body. (NB some would obtain the same service from more than one source)

CVABV	63
CAN	222
WCVS	104
NCDN	104
VCS Learning Consortium	65
VoiCeS	49
Northumbria Youth	96
Adapt (north east)	37

Q9 This invited respondents to provide their name, email address, and name of organisation

Spread of responses according to location of main contact

Area	% response	% of population
North	39	28
South East	40	48
West	21	24
Countywide	NA	NA
Total	100	100