

Right Care, Right Person

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VCSE Mental Health Providers

The Association (AMHP) is the national membership body for 300+ VCSE Mental Health Providers in England & Wales.

8 plus million people in England & Wales access mental health services & support from the VCSE sector, including crisis, inpatient, residential and community-based.



VCSE Mental Health Providers & RCRP

- **VCSE MH providers often frontline of direct access/crisis response mental health provision in communities & exposed to (often unknown to statutory services) risk of people presenting in mental distress.**
- **Local Authorities are the biggest public funders of the VCSE mental health sector.**

RCRP: An Ethical Imperative

The Association & its members endorse the ethical imperative for RCRP i.e. that all people experiencing a mental health crisis must be able to access the personalised care & support that keeps them, their families & the professionals working with them safe.

However...



RCRP: Some key issues

- 1. Absence of co-ordinated & comprehensive national information & communication prior to implementation.**
- 2. Delay to publication of guidance for social care sector.**
- 3. Lack of understanding of key role of VCSE MH sector & implications of RCRP for it e.g. increased referrals.**
- 4. Need for clear reporting and escalation protocols, inc. role of SAB's, elected members & PCCs, ICBs.**
- 5. Need for ongoing inter-agency training; police, ambulance, LAs, NHS & VCSE.**