**Mental Health Community Grants in Sussex, bringing the NHS and voluntary sector together - Grow funding stream**

**Call for Applications: Supporting the growth and development of the Mental Health Voluntary, Community, and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Sector in Sussex**

***Funded by the Mental Health Collaborative of Sussex Health and Care***

**FAQ's**

This document sets out frequently asked questions about the current funding round - Grow. We are holding a webinar on 20 April and we will add any relevant questions from there to this sheet as well.

Q. How do you define core business of mental health?

A. By core business we mean at least 50% of your organisation's activities must respond directly to the need to improve health outcomes for people with mental health problems.

Q. Can we apply for more than one grant? e.g. for both priority one and priority two?

A. You can only apply once as a Lead Applicant so would need to select whether you applied to priority one or priority two. Under priority two we will accept joint applications so you could be a lead partner for an applicatin for priority one, and a named partner is an application for priority to. Please note that one of the aims of the fund is to ensure a spread of funding across Sussex, areas of need and organisations.

Q. Can successful applicants from the first funding round apply to the second round for the same project?

A. No, the priorities for Grow are completely different from Build and Innovate so the same projects would not be suitable or eligible for funding.

Q. Can successful applicants from either the first or second rounds of Build or Innovate apply to the second round for a different project?

A. Yes, as this funding round sets out completely different priorities to Build and Innovate.

Q. Is there a list/overview of who was awarded - and for what - in the previous rounds?

A. Yes, there is a list available in the news section of the Heads On website announcing the successful projects from round one. We will make the round two list will available as soon as all organisations have signed Grant Agreements. It will be shared as a press release and also announced on our website and social media.

Q. Can partnerships include organisations that do not fully meet the eligibility criteria (if the lead org does fully meet the criteria)?

A. Yes, the lead applicant must meet all eligibility criteria but for example organisations who are relatively new could be a partner organisation. However, please note as well the list in the Guidance of what we cannot fund - this applies to both lead applicants and partner organisations. Please note, we are only accepting joint applications for priority two.

Q. Is an application more likely to be funded if it is a partnership? (Relevant only for priority two)

A. No, in the previous rounds we funded a mixture of single organisation applications and partnership projects. We're looking for strong applications and these can be achieved by single organisations or by those working in partnership. If you do apply as a partnership we'll need to understand how you are working together and what this partnership looks like.

Q. If a partnership, could the other partner be a newer organisation (less than 3 years)

A. Yes, providing the lead applicant meets all eligibility criteria.