



Membership Pack

A network of VCSE collectives and alliances—as “networks of networks” shaping policy, collaboration, and impact across Northern Ireland.



WHO CAN JOIN?

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Membership is open only to collectives such as alliances, forums, networks, partnerships that represent multiple organisations within the VCSE health, social care, and community wellbeing sectors.
- **NOT ELIGIBLE:** Individual organisations, single entities, or practitioners cannot join.
- **RESPONSIBILITY:** Member collectives must ensure that all their constituent organisations are aware of their involvement with NIHC and understand how to engage.

MEMBERSHIP COST

Membership is **FREE** — there are currently no membership fees.

ABOUT THE NI HEALTH COLLECTIVE

NIHC arose from a 10-month research project (September 2023 – June 2024) led by CO3 Health SIG and the Long Term Conditions Alliance, supported through Dormant Assets NI funding. The study revealed a clear need for an independent VCSE voice in health decision-making.

NIHC functions as a 'network of networks', creating a unified 'Forum of Forums' to amplify collective influence in policymaking and systems reform.

Hosted under CO3, NIHC benefits from strong governance. A NIHC Advisory Panel ensures engagement stays strategic and representative.

VISION, MISSION & VALUES

VISION

A society collaboratively working for the positive transformation of health outcomes in Northern Ireland.

MISSION

To act as a thought leader and conduit for improved health outcomes through enhanced collaboration among VCSE organisations and with government partners.

VALUES

- Independent from Government
- Collaboration
- Innovation
- Social Justice & Social Inclusion
- Impact & Improved Outcomes
- Person-Centred
- Advocacy
- Value for Money



KEY BENEFITS FOR MEMBERS

MEMBERSHIP UNLOCKS THE FOLLOWING OPPORTUNITIES (ALL AT NO COST)

- **Advocacy:** A powerful collective platform to influence policy and engage with the Department of Health, other Government Departments and statutory bodies.
- **Resources:** Access to and informing tailored research, data, sector reports, and strategic intelligence.
- **Collaboration:** Opportunities to connect with other VCSE collectives and stakeholders across Northern Ireland.
- **Training & Education:** Exclusive capacity-building workshops, briefings, and learning opportunities.
- **Thought Leadership:** Play a role in shaping the future of health and social care.

- Support Hub: A central space for raising concerns, sharing insights, and amplifying your collective's impact.

WHY JOIN?

Membership is currently free—but the impact is invaluable. By joining NIHC, your collective will:

- Be part of a unified voice championing better health outcomes across Northern Ireland.
- Contribute to shaping policies, strategies, and reforms that affect VCSE and community partners.
- Gain connections with other collectives committed to innovation, equity, and system-wide change.
- Ensure your network's concerns and assets are represented in strategic discussions.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Visit the "Join Us" page at <https://nihealthcollective.org.uk/> or contact Michelle@nihealthcollective.org.uk
2. Complete and submit the online membership form.
3. The NIHC team will review your application and contact you with next steps.

SUMMARY AT A GLANCE

Feature	Details
Eligibility	Networks/collectives representing multiple VCSE health, social care or community health organisations
Cost	Free
Benefits	Strategic advocacy, resources, collaboration, training, thought leadership, support
Member Responsibility	Inform your constituent organisations of NIHC membership, connect, engage and support collaborations within the VCSE and across Sectors
Application Steps	Submit form via NIHC website, await confirmation