

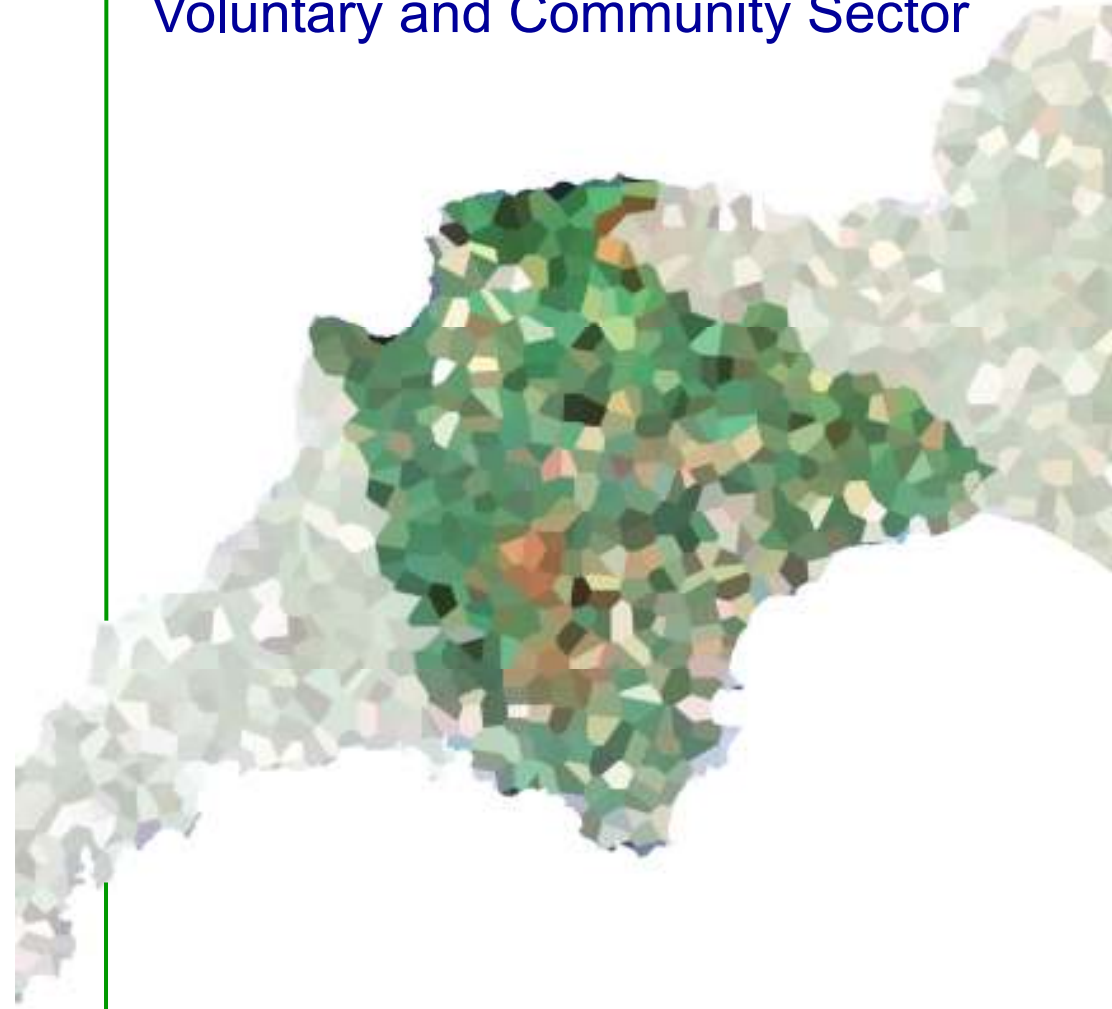


A Compact
for Devon

10 Things You Need to Know About the Compact for Devon

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Does your organisation have regular contact with a statutory agency – e.g. County or District Council, Primary Care Trust, Police, Probation Service etc?

Are you funded by a statutory agency (either by grant or contract) or would you like to be?

Are you an organisation which provides advocacy or service user involvement, or a pressure group trying to get a better deal for your area?

If so.....you need to read this

1. Many statutory agencies including Devon County Council, the Primary Care Trust, and Devon and Cornwall Probation have signed up to the Compact and all relevant staff are expected to understand its principles and to comply with it.
2. The Compact and its codes of practice on Funding & Procurement, Volunteering, Equality & Diversity, Partnership, Community Groups, and Consultation set out good practice for working together and for dealing with disagreements.
3. The documents set out a framework within which the public sector and the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) can work constructively together to meet local needs better.

4. The documents tell you how you and your organisation can expect to be treated by statutory agencies including involving service users and carers and the organisations which represent them in designing and evaluating services.
5. Contract and grant arrangements with VCS organisations will be guided by the Funding and Procurement Code of Practice.
6. When consulting with the VCS, statutory agencies must do their best to allow sufficient time for responses so that good quality, well informed submissions can be made.
7. Statutory agencies are committed to recognising and valuing the independence of VCS organisations.
8. Statutory agencies believe that the VCS can be supported to provide high quality services in a flexible and responsive manner.
9. The Compact is changing for the better the way that VCS organisations are treated. For examples of this contact your Compact Champion, Local Council for Voluntary Service or the Compact Administrator.
10. The full Compact for Devon and its Codes of Practice can be downloaded at www.dacvs.org.uk