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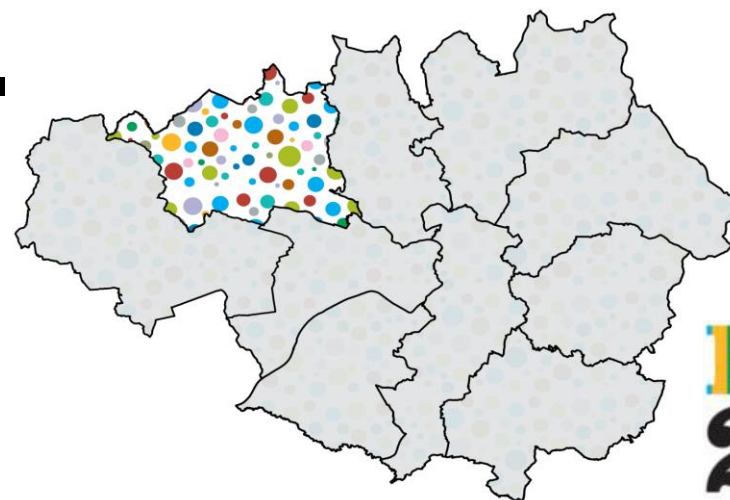
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State of the sector 2017: Key findings for Bolton.

Presentation for Health and Wellbeing Board.



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*‘Working together to develop a strong, diverse and effective
voluntary and community sector in Bolton’*

Headlines

- We have a strong and effective voluntary and community sector in Bolton.
- The contribution of volunteers grows and volunteering is changing.
- A strong 'asset' focused narrative across Vision 2030 and the Locality Plan.
- Growing demand and increased complexity does impact on the VCSE too.
- Funding is scarce, more competitive and there are greater expectations.
- Focus on strong governance and financial controls is essential; a quality offer.
- We can build on social value and the Bolton '£' through local strategies.
- We must ensure that we develop our local sector.



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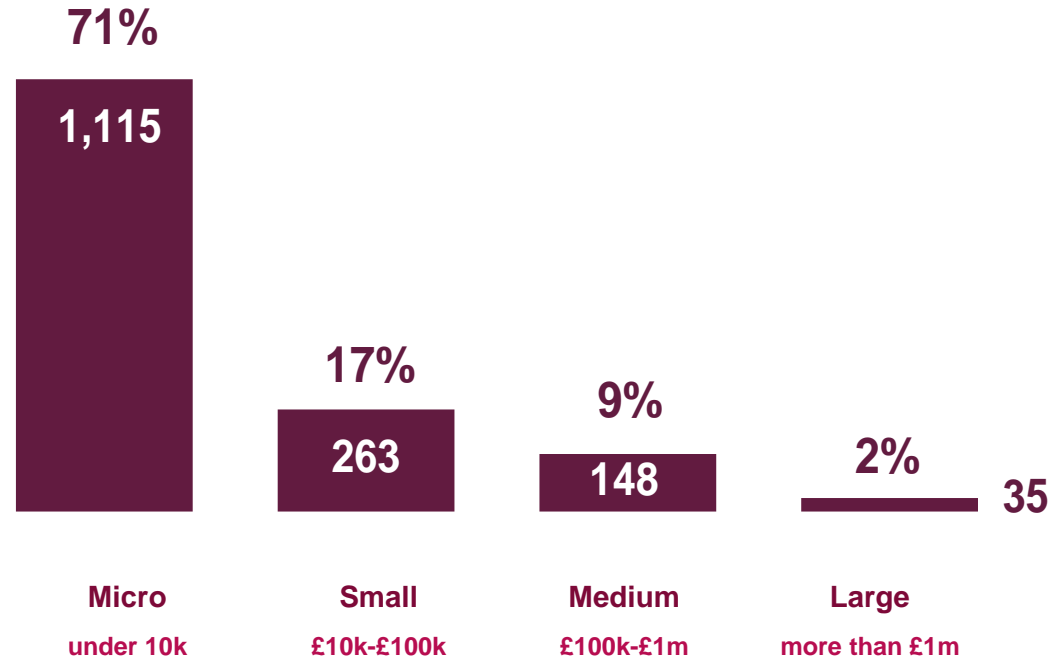
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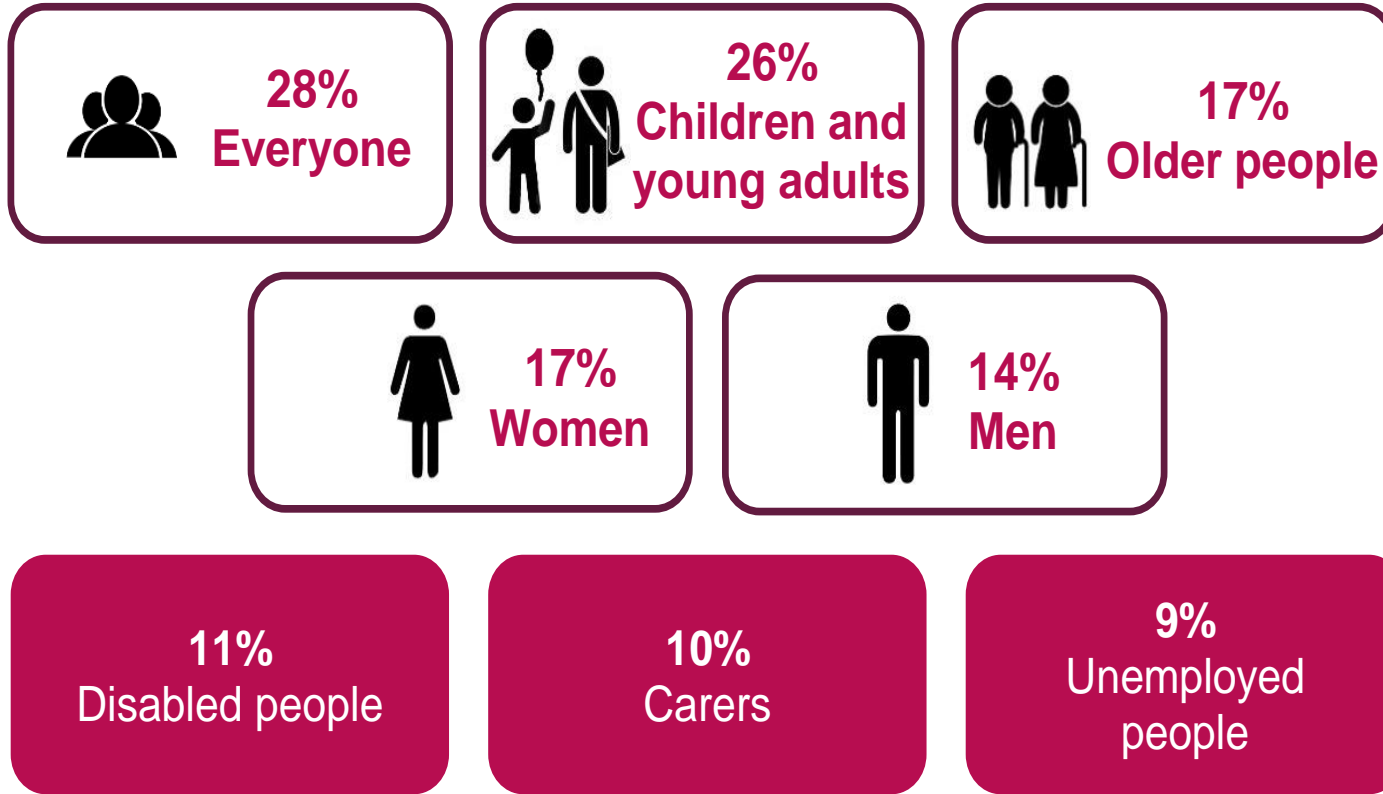
The sheer size of it all...

1,561

Total number of
organisations in the
VCSE sector in
Bolton



The beneficiaries of it all...



MAIN CLIENT GROUPS IN 2012/13:

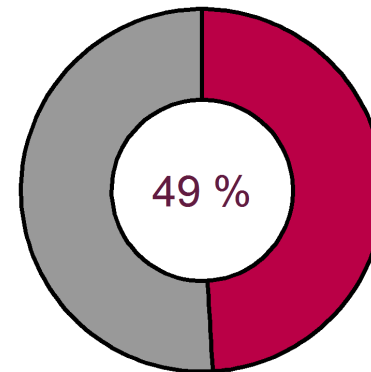
WOMEN - 29%
CHILDREN - 28%
MEN - 27%

EVERYONE - 25%
YOUNG PEOPLE - 25%
OLDER PEOPLE - 25%

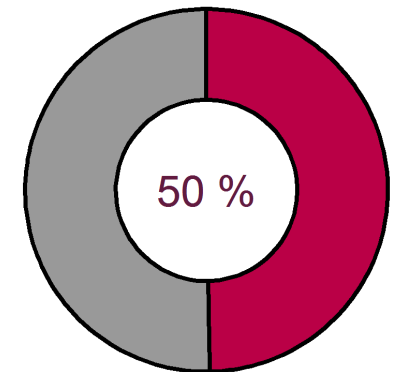
The immense reach...

**2.3 million interventions
with clients, users or
beneficiaries in the past
year**

Particular Bolton
neighbourhoods and
communities



Across the whole
Bolton Local
Authority area



What the sector in Bolton does?



45%
**Health &
wellbeing**



37%
**Community
development**



30%
**Education,
training &
research**



30%
**Sport &
leisure**

MAIN AREAS IN 2012/13:

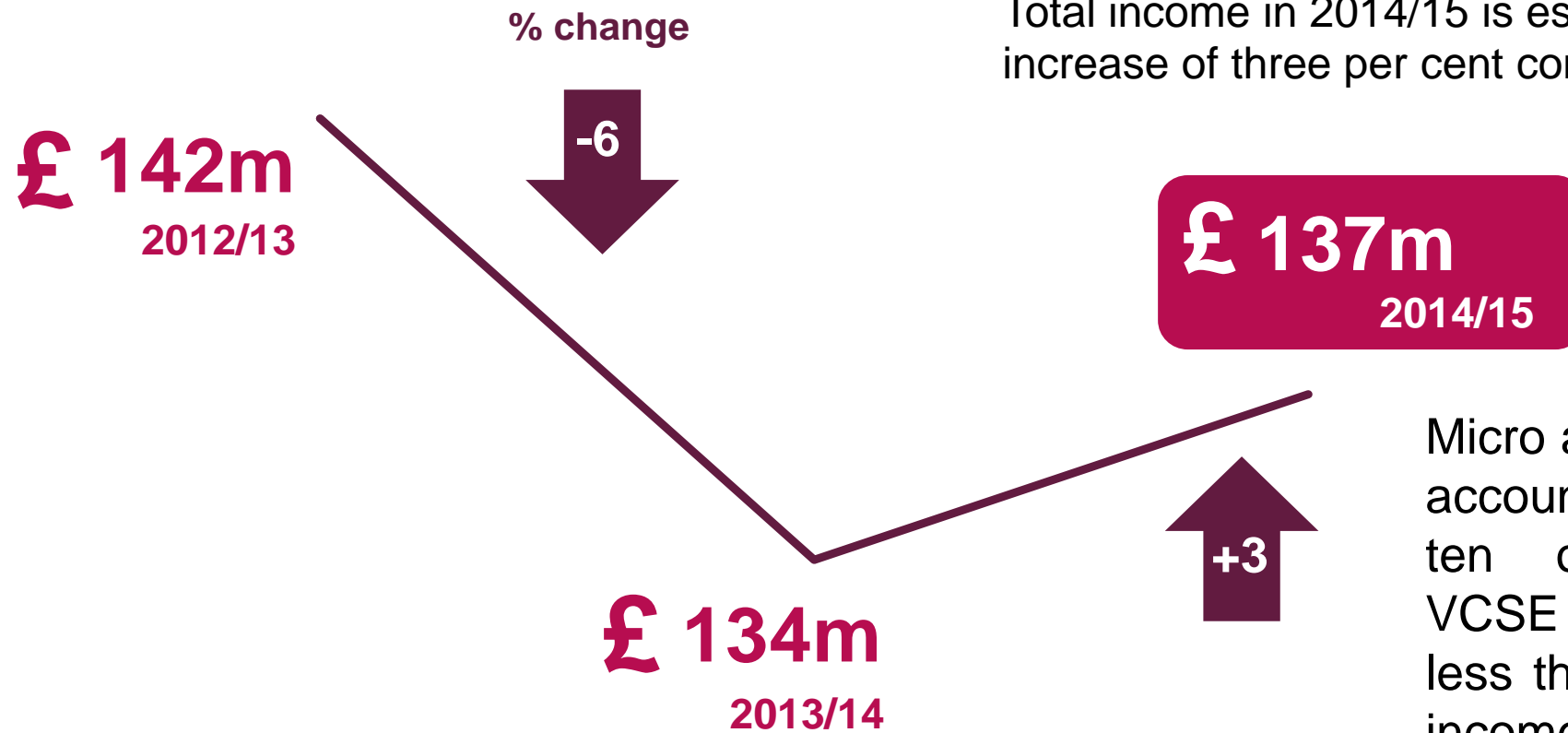
SPORT & LEISURE - 36%

HEALTH & WELLBEING - 35%

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - 34%

EDUCATION, TRAINING & RESEARCH - 28%

What is the sector worth?



Total income in 2014/15 is estimated to be **£137m**, an increase of three per cent compared to 2013/14.

Micro and small organisations account for almost nine out of ten organisations in the VCSE sector in Bolton but less than 10 per cent of total income.

Where does the money come from?

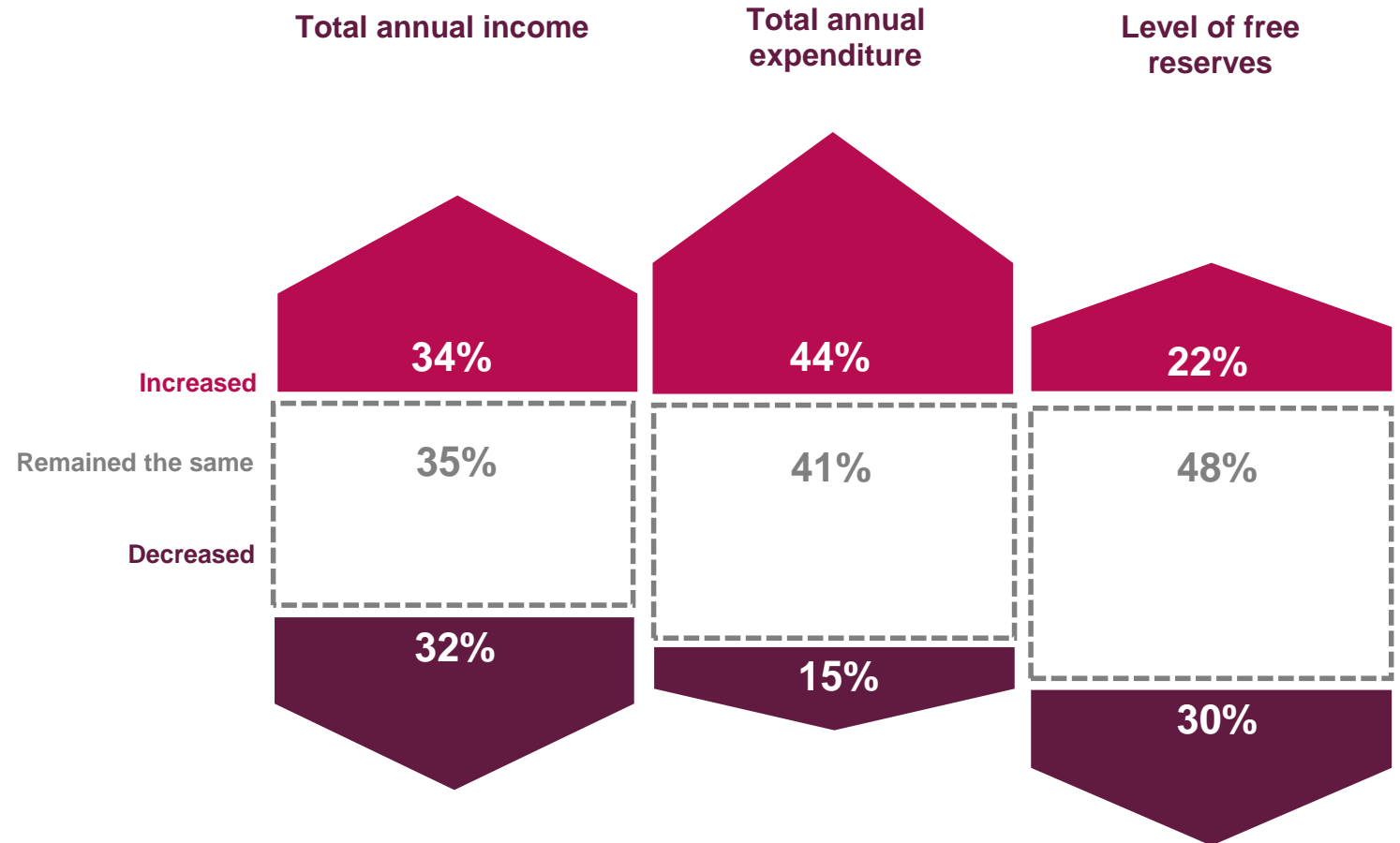
**86% have at least
one source of non-
public sector funds**
(70% IN 2012/13)

**77% have at least
one source of
public sector
funds**
(37% IN 2012/13)

How sustainable is the sector?

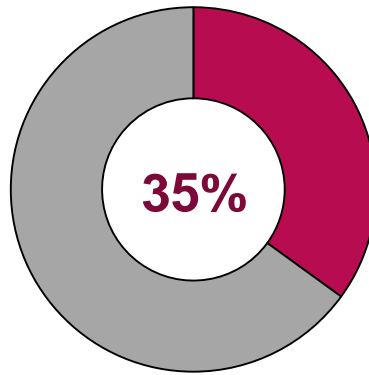
The survey highlights some areas for concern and action:

- **44 per cent** of respondents reported increasing their expenditure but only **34 per cent** had experienced an increase in income
- **32 per cent** of respondents reported a decrease in income but only **15 per cent** reduced their expenditure
- **30 per cent** reported a reduction in their financial reserves compared to **22 per cent** report an increase.

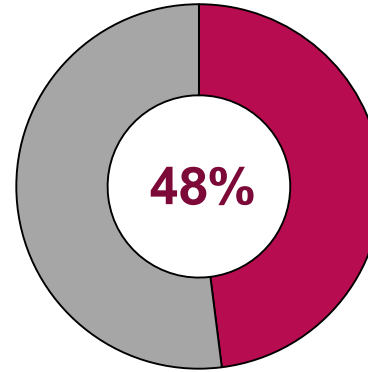


What's in reserves?

The precarious financial situation of some organisations is further emphasised by the state of their reserves:



Proportion of organisations with reserves less than one month's expenditure



Proportion of organisations with reserves less than 25 per cent of annual expenditure

Volunteering in the sector...

**46,900 volunteers & committee/
board members (36,300 volunteers
and 10,600 committee/board members)**



**who donated
113,500 hours
of their time per week**



**£102.7 million per annum
= estimated economic contribution
of volunteers**



Working in the sector...

**4,500 workers
(3,000 FTE paid staff)
employed in the
VCSE sector in
Bolton**

**94.4 million per annum
contributed to the economy
by paid employees of Bolton
VCSE sector organisations**



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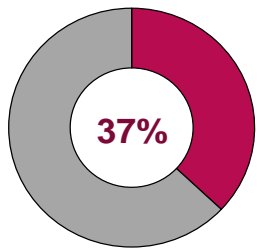
Relationships with the public sector...

86% had some dealings with **Bolton Council**

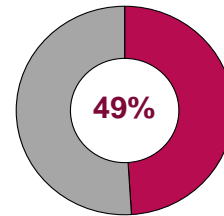
57% had some dealings with **Greater Manchester Police**

45% had some dealings with **Bolton University**

33% had some dealings with **Bolton Clinical Commissioning Group**



...of VCSE organisations satisfied with their ability to influence Bolton Council, up from **25 per cent** in 2012/13; and identical to the proportion satisfied with their ability to influence their most frequent other public sector contact



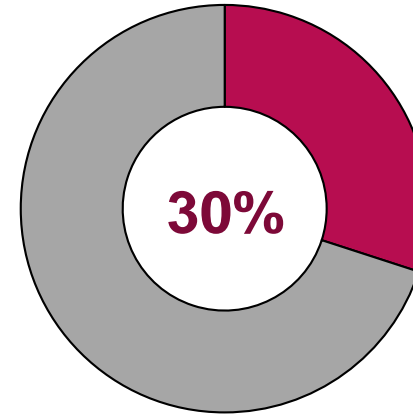
...of VCSE organisations felt Bolton Council are a positive influence on their success, **an increase** in the proportion since 2012/13 (36 per cent). The same percentage felt their most frequent other public sector contact was a positive influence on their success

Relationships with the private sector...

60% had some dealings with **local private businesses**

0% are members of a **Private Sector led Consortium**

... **30 per cent** of respondents felt that the private business community in Bolton was a positive influence on their organisation's success - this is an increase of 16 percentage points since 2012/13



Agree private
businesses a
positive influence

VCS alliances and partnerships...

64% had a 'great' or 'fair amount' of contact with **other VCSE organisations** in Bolton

(27 per cent with VCSE organisations in Greater Manchester)

21% are members of a **formal VCSE Consortium**

47%

...satisfied with opportunities to work together to influence decisions

51% IN 2012/13

44%

...satisfied with opportunities to work together to deliver services

50% IN 2012/13

49%

...satisfied with opportunities to network with other VCSEs

Key issues for the future...

Respondents were asked to consider the factors they anticipated assisting or constraining their organisation over the next 12 months:

Assisting

TOP FACTORS:

Engagement with other VCSE organisations (52 per cent assisting or greatly assisting)
Ability to recruit volunteers with sufficient skills (46 per cent)
Engagement with public sector bodies (46 per cent)

Constraining

TOP FACTORS:

The local economy (37 per cent constraining or seriously constraining)
Ability to employ staff with sufficient skills (32 per cent)
Ability to retain volunteers/volunteer turnover (32 per cent)

Respondents were also asked about the strategies they are actively pursuing or planning to pursue. Over 55 per cent of respondents were already doing or planning to do the following:

64% working more closely with another voluntary/not-for-profit organisation

59% changing the way they run services or activities

56% increasing individual donations

The future...

- Bolton can embrace social value and build it in to all commissioning.
- Bolton can support **ALL** of the **LOCAL** VCS to access resource and support to deliver a quality offer through collaborative capacity building.
- The VCS is ideally placed to deliver effective prevention at the super local, as well as at scale, through an integrated local offer.
- Co-design as standard will open the door to unleashing the power of people in their own health and wellbeing – the VCS can help!



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