

Terms of reference (2026)

The Healthy Young Minds Coalition, established by Sir Norman Lamb and the Norfolk Community Foundation, brings together Norfolk-based VCSE organisations that work to support the wellbeing of children and young people aged 0-25 years to work collectively to achieve the following outcomes:

- Support children and young people to have good mental health and wellbeing
- Enable children and young people to thrive
- Improve transitions into and experiences of adulthood

Membership is open to:

Voluntary, community or social enterprise organisations whose main service delivery is in Norfolk and:

- Are predominantly working with children and young people in the 0-25 years age range
- Have a primary and ongoing relationship with children and young people.
- Actively contribute to the wellbeing of children and young people. This is usually through a specific programme that offers personalised support to young people, where mental health outcomes are measured.

Whilst we recognise the huge value of other services, membership is not open to the following:

- Activity based organisations such as sports or craft clubs that do not have a specific programme to support mental wellbeing
- Organisations that offer activities to other providers who have the primary relationship with children and young people

The Coalition will support members by:

- Sharing best practice and learning from one another
- Providing and accessing training opportunities
- Providing access to shared resources and information
- Raising the profile of the work of members
- Having a collective voice
- Ensuring recognition of the networks of support for children and young people's wellbeing provided by VCSE organisations across the county, via links with the Voluntary Sector Forum
- Drawing in funding to support sustainability
- Supporting the links between the Norfolk and Waveney CYPMH Service and community services to facilitate a better understanding of how each work

Members of the Coalition make a commitment to:

- Be an active member of the Coalition, including regular attendance at Coalition meetings
- Work toward the outcomes of the Coalition
- Ensure the participation of children and young people in the design and running of services
- Contribute to consultation and co-production opportunities
- Feed in views of the children, young people and families you work with
- Work collaboratively with other members of the Coalition
- Contribute expertise and support other members of the Coalition
- Make a commitment to ongoing learning and development
- Meet a set of organisational and delivery standards
- Contribute to the evaluation of the work of the Coalition
- Help disseminate the achievements and learning of the Coalition

Funding decisions from the Healthy Young Minds Fund will take into account the involvement of Coalition members.