



Appendix 6

VfH Northants Alignment

ICB Priorities & the NHS 10-year Plan

ICB’s strategic aims (from the *Live Your Best Life* strategy and Joint Forward Plan) include:

ICB Priority	VfH Northants Contribution
Improve health for all	VfH promotes wellbeing through volunteering, enabling early intervention and community support. Volunteering contributes to the wellbeing of those who give back to the community.
Reduce health inequalities	Targeted outreach and inclusive recruitment engage underrepresented groups in health volunteering.
Make best use of public funding	VfH strengthens VCSE infrastructure and supports efficient service delivery through volunteers.
Support economic and social development	Volunteering pathways support skills development, employability, and community resilience.
Personalised care and prevention	Volunteers help deliver person-centred support, social prescribing, and preventative health roles.

Alignment with NHS Long Term Plan

The NHS 10-year Plan outlines five major shifts [\[1\]](#):

NHS Long Term Plan Priority	VfH Northants Contribution
Boost out-of-hospital care	Volunteers support community-based services, befriending, navigation roles, and non-clinical interventions
Reduce pressure on emergency services	VfH roles help prevent escalation by supporting wellbeing and early intervention.
Personalised care and patient control	VfH promotes choice and empowerment through tailored volunteer support and social prescribing.
Digitally-enabled care	VfH explores digital volunteering and supports digital inclusion initiatives. Where digital inclusion is a challenge, VfH provide alternatives.
Focus on population health via ICSs	VfH embeds volunteering into ICS pathways, supporting prevention and community engagement.