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Name of consortium:	<u>Better Options Wirral (BOW)</u>		

Background

Please tell us why your proposed consortium came together and when you plan to be operational:

We came together in the belief that through stronger collaboration we can enable members to improve the quality of the delivery; improve outcomes for offenders and communities in our area and importantly help statutory partners to do more with less. BOW, through its members, will generate the capacity to bid for large scale contracts on an open and competitive basis, building on our local USPs of scale, community reach and range of services on offer. We will also work with local commissioners to streamline funding and service delivery, thereby improve value for money being fully operational by February 2014

Objective

What does your consortium aim to achieve and deliver when it is operational?

Our mission is to sustain and grow high quality provision within the local VCFS sector. A unique and significant aspect of BOW is a clear intent between existing locally based VCFS organisations to work together, in the joint delivery of high quality cost effective services. Together we can learn more, progress faster and deliver better than we can apart and therefore have a duty to collaborate for the benefit of those we serve; by providing better services enabling move-on and move-away from offending and a reliance on public services.

What stakeholder groups will benefit from your consortium's offer?

- Offenders
- Vulnerable Groups
- Statutory Services
- VCF Sector



Partners

What areas do your consortium partners cover:

Partner support services span:

Advocacy in Wirral

Mental health, wellbeing.

Arch Initiatives.

Recovery, housing, employability.

Inclusive Access

First step education, employability.

Link Youth UK

Employability, personal development.

Olive Branch Recovery Communities

Community recovery.

The Social Partnership

Recovery, employability.

Tomorrow's Women

Women into education, employment.

Wirral Multicultural Centre

BAME representation, advocacy.

Wirral Ark

Homeless accommodation, peer mentoring.

Wirral Change

BAME communities' empowerment.

Wirral CVS

Volunteering, peer recovery mentoring.

Wirral Metropolitan College

Vocational training, community learning.

Wirral NHS DAAT

Recovery, health, wellbeing.

Wirral Lifelong Learning

Adult Community Learning.

Wirral Partnership Homes

Social housing, community regeneration.

The Quays

User lead mental health recovery.



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