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Dear Colleague

VCS Consultation

I thought it appropriate as your "Champion" to give you advance notice on the next piece of work relating to the Third Sector Commissioning Partnership (TSCiP).

Over the next 12 weeks or so, my colleagues will be leading a consultation exercise designed to establish the future needs of your organisation from a Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support & Volunteering Service. As you may be aware, the service is currently provided by Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent Consortia of Infrastructure Organisations (SCIO).

The consultation will give a range of organisations, including other public sector organisations and voluntary and community organisations, the opportunity to identify what their current and future needs are from a VCS Infrastructure Support & Volunteering Service.

The information will be collated and analysed then used in the development of the service specification.

The purpose of the 'heads up' is to enable you to brief your officers and also because I am conscious that your elected members may sit on various boards and committees and consequently may seek further information via yourselves and your teams.

Should you or your colleagues require any further details, I would ask that you contact either:

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Yours sincerely,



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