Mapping the way ahead

VCSE sector – ICS engagement

How we developed a Memorandum of Understanding

Separate meetings

Structured conversations

Joint workshops

Our shared vision

By working together, we want Gloucestershire to be a better and healthier place to live and work.

Our shared values

Working together	Working with individuals and communities
Collaboration	Impactful
Equity	Community-focused
Integrity	Person-centred
	Creative

Shared commitments

Maximising opportunities and sharing risks

Mutually critical friends

Willing to have difficult conversations

Mutual transparency

Developing VCSE engagement structures

VCSE commitments

- To set priorities for representation and appoint reps with a mandate to speak for the sector

- To set our own shared strategic priorities and lead on these

- To collaborate within the VCSE sector

- To support community engagement

- To create volunteering opportunities

ICS commitments

- To work with the pathways for engagement defined by the VCSE sector

- To welcome an ongoing dialogue at a senior strategic level

- To fund VCSE infrastructure

- To use proportionate commissioning processes that reflect full cost recovery

- To make better use of VCSE intelligence and data; to share ICS data where possible

- To recognise the right of the VCSE sector to challenge and campaign without impact on the funding relationship with the ICS

Practical steps

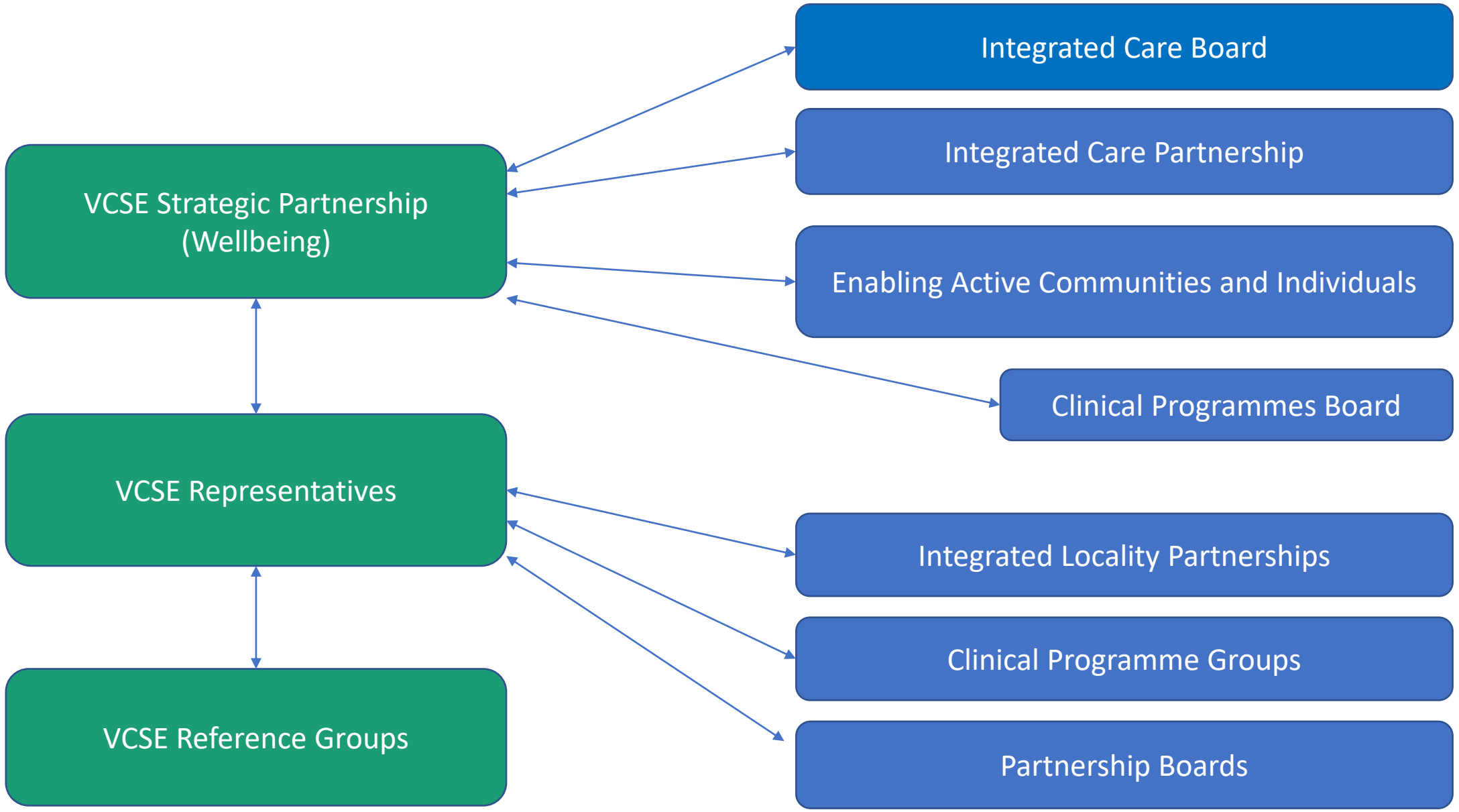Develop VCSE structure for engagement supported by a reimbursement policy

A co-developed social value policy and a review of commissioning processes

Roadshow and virtual toolkit

Opportunities for cross-sector thinking; e.g. shared training and open space events

Continue to support Know Your Patch

Dialogue about how and where the VCSE sector can best achieve strategic influence

The role of the VCSE Strategic Partnership

- Overseeing the implementation of the MoU
- Promoting a culture of collaboration within the VCSE sector and between the sector and the ICS
- Strategic direction of VCSE engagement with ICS
- Relating to the ICS at system level
- Governance – ensuring representation is effective and accountable

Your comments and questions