



Are you a voluntary or community group working in Portsmouth? Or do you work with voluntary and community groups in Portsmouth?

Then you need to know about the **Portsmouth Compact**.

What is it?

It is way of working that can help deliver real outcomes and improvements for people and communities. It is not a set of rules but a framework for ensuring good practice between the local statutory sector (Portsmouth City Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group) and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector so that we can all work more effectively to strengthen communities and improve people's lives.

The Portsmouth Compact is based on the national Compact which is an agreement between the government and the voluntary and community sector. It was first established in 1998 and now operates in almost every English local authority area.

Key principles and commitments

The key principles are:

- a strong, diverse and independent civil society
- Effective and transparent design and development of policies, programmes and public services.
- Responsive and high-quality programmes and services.
- Clear arrangements for managing change.
- An equal and fair society.

The Compact also outlines the commitments expected from the public, voluntary and community sectors in order to ensure positive working relationships. These are:

- Involvement in Policy Development.
- Allocating Resources
- Advancing Equality

What's in it for you?

By signing up to the Compact, your organisation will be demonstrating its commitment to co-operative working and strengthening relationships. The Compact provides a way of working across the sectors which should underpin everything we do together, both now and in the future. It also outlines a dispute resolution procedure when partners cannot resolve differences.

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