



BD COLLECTIVE

creating an environment that facilitates
collaboration

Introducing the Health Networks
27th January 2026

Introduction



Why?

National Political strategy:

- Decentralization & empowerment
- Prevention & community focus
- Structural overhaul

What?

Local strategy:

- BD Collective – enabling VCFSE and cross-sector collaboration and relational working
- National Neighbourhoods Health Implementation Programme (NNHIP)
- Health Networks

How?

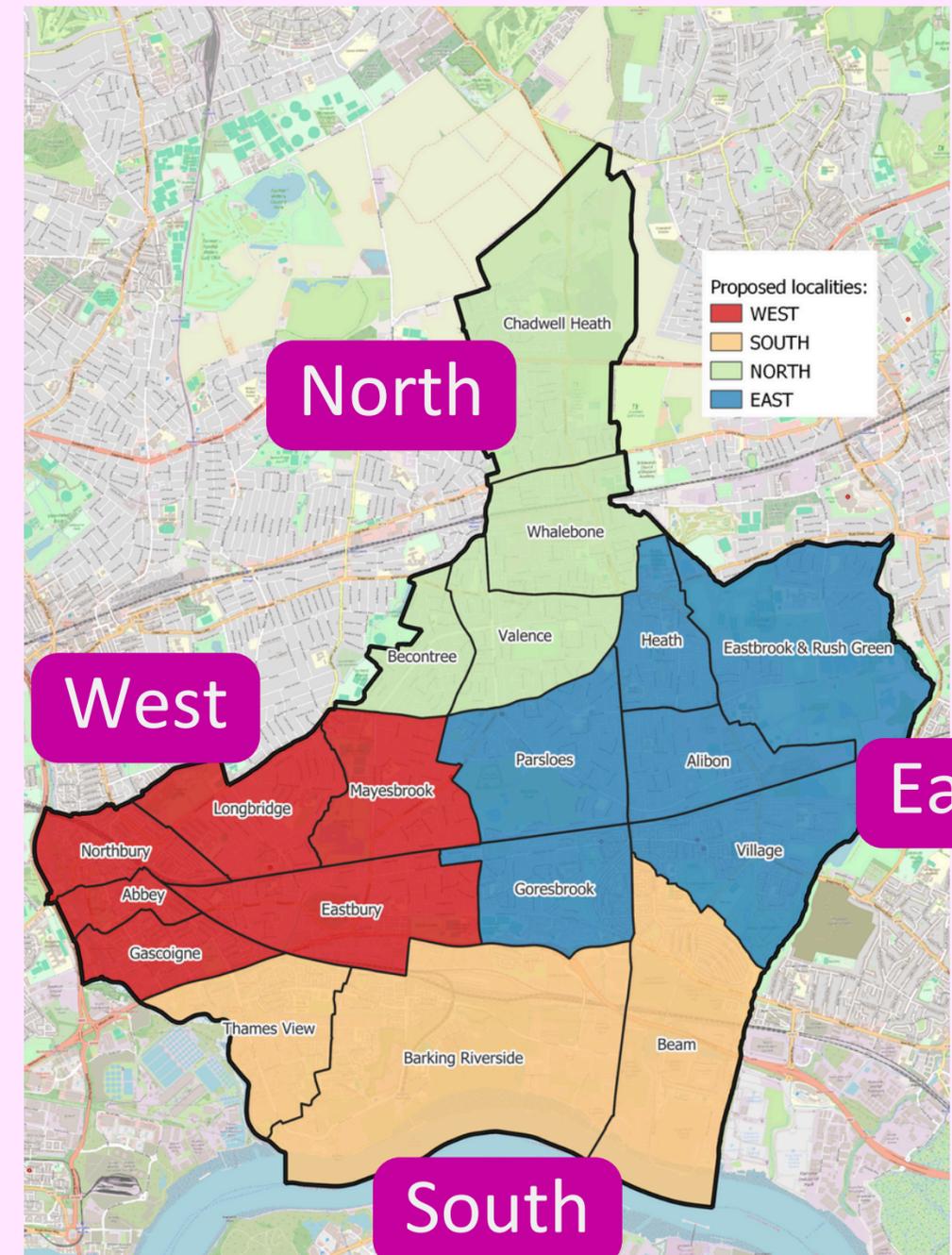
Testing, Learning, Leading:

- Building on emerging pieces of the puzzle: innovation partnerships
- Immersive approach to finding solutions with and by our community
- Developing our place-based muscle

Who & Where?

Collaborating across VCFSE & public sectors:

- VCFSE Health focused Networks, mapped to the INT geography
- Cross-sector Integrated Neighbourhood Teams



Practicing our values • Building Relationally

BD_Collective is a values-driven movement focused on creating an environment that facilitates collaboration.

Our values are:



Let's immerse ourselves and imagine...



You're part of a BD Collective Health Network...

Imagine funding is not an issue...

Your community is a friendly one. You've noticed that the dog walkers all say hello to one another in the park. Some of the local shop-keepers know what's going on in the neighbourhood and will often chat to their customers. Parents and children like to gather in the community space down the road. Some of the neighbours pop in on each other...

But you also know a number of people who don't feel safe, and are isolated. They suffer with anxiety and depression - many have talked about multiple physical health issues too.

You want to find a way to work alongside people (together as a place) to create better physical and mental health...

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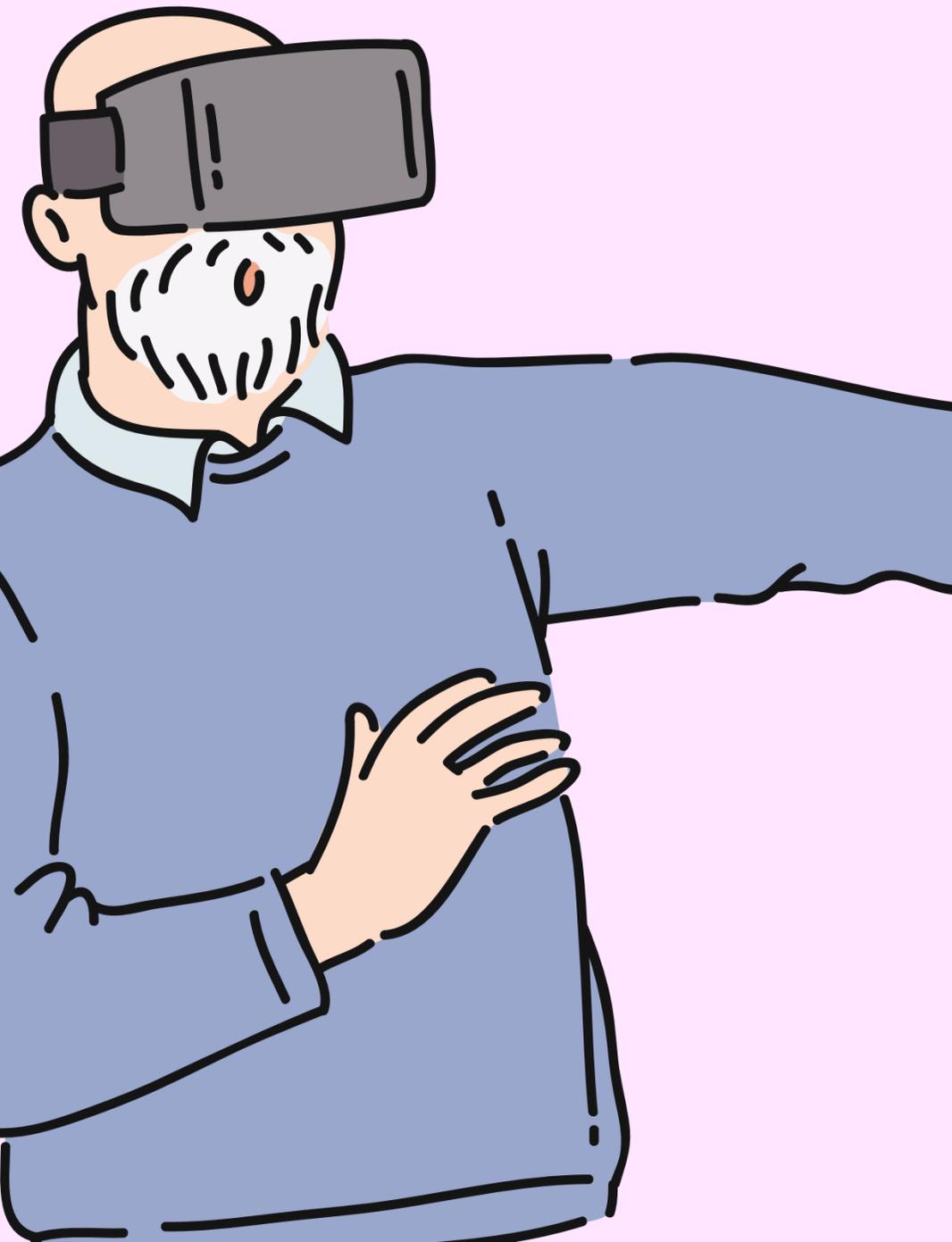


You're part of a Health Network; how could you work together:

- Building relationship as equals who trust each other
- Testing and learning together and with other sectors
- Involving the people who live in your neighbourhood

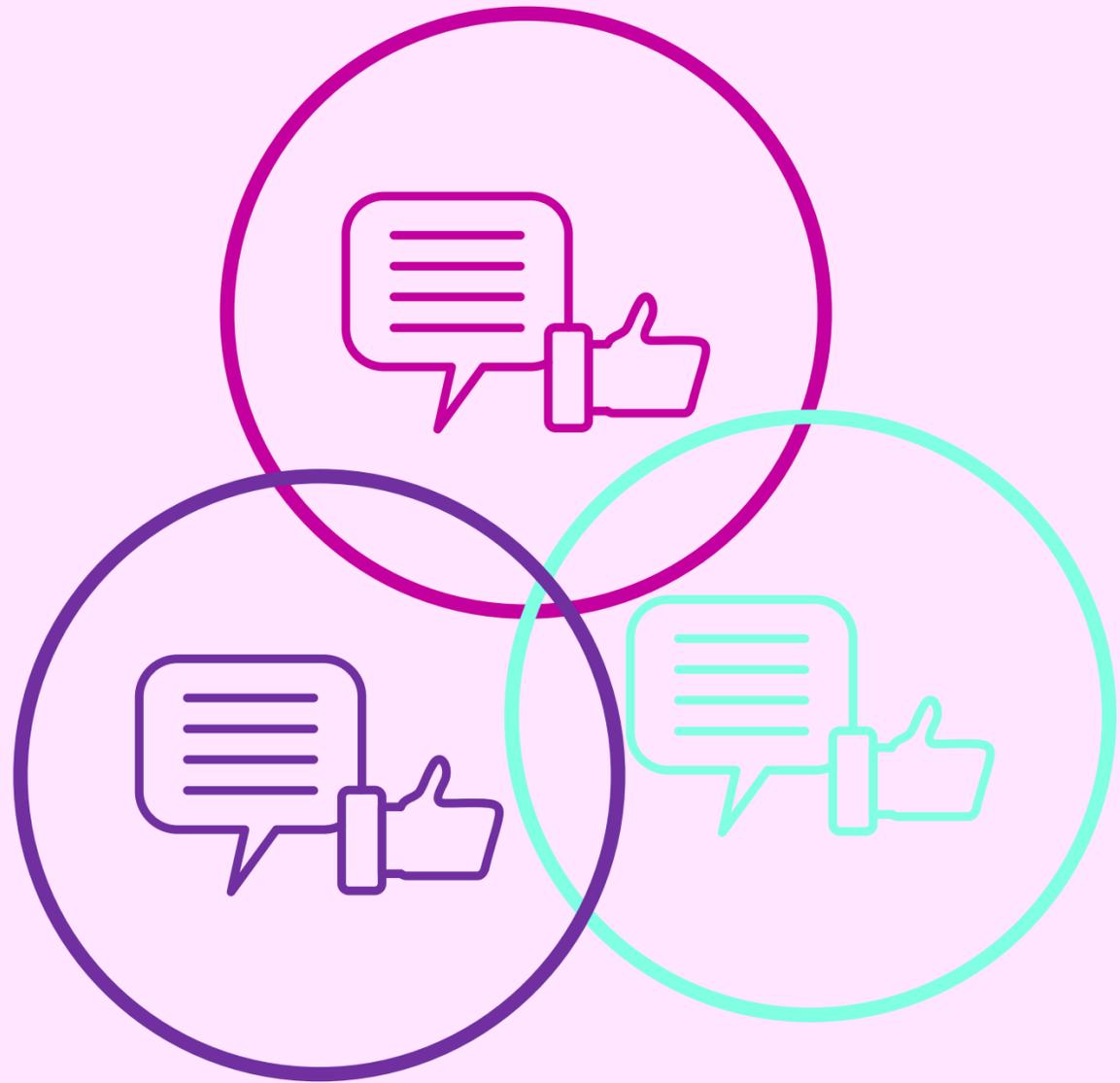
What can happen now that couldn't happen before?

Things to think about...



- What's hard?
- What's important?
- Who else is involved?
- What are we learning/who from?
- How are we building trust and who with?

Feedback Questions



- What can happen now that couldn't happen before the Health Networks existed?
- What difference will this make to the way the VCFSE collaborates together, and with other sectors?
- What difference will this make to your neighbourhood?

Next steps



1. **A descriptor of the connector role will be shared, along with the slides** following this meeting
2. **Invitation to a launch meeting in each of the four neighbourhoods.** This will include hearing from interested parties and choosing the connector.
3. **We'll work with you to make sure the right people are there**
4. **Connector roles:** You'll need to write a short pitch, which will help others to understand what you'll bring to the role
 - a. **Think about what the health networks will need from you?** How will you envision the INTs to get involved and work relationally with the community? How will you demonstrate sharing power, and persuade others to join you?
5. The BD Collective will facilitate each Health Network to **choose the Connectors democratically**

Questions?