

What is your Compact for?

Your Compact can do more than improve relations between local groups and public bodies, or sort out conflicts. It offers a Compact way of working to improve people's lives and build a thriving community. It goes to the heart of building bonds between any types of organisation, strengthening them to put community outcomes at the heart of policy.



How to use your Compact to achieve NI7

Discuss the Compact and NI7 at your next LSP meeting. Use our free tools to help inform your action, such as our Thriving Sector scorecard; find it at www.compactvoice.org.uk/publications. Put your Compact at the heart of your NI7 delivery plans to maximise success.

Other National Indicators

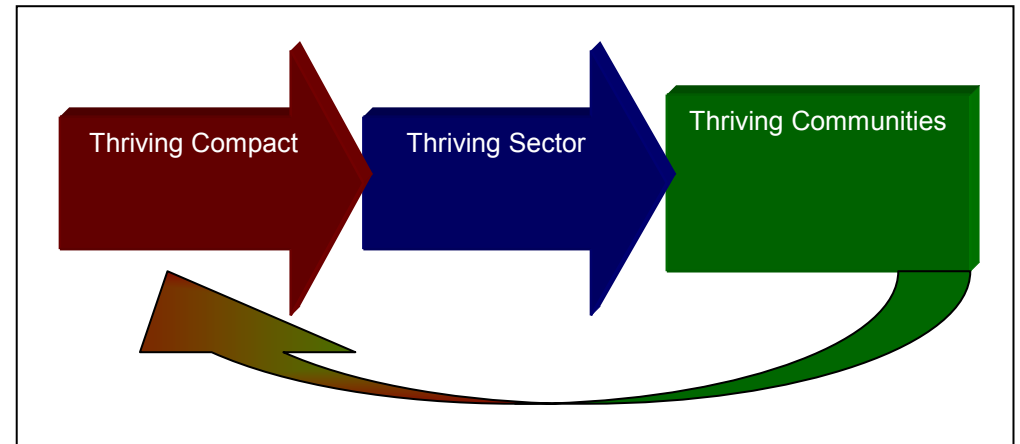
Your Local Compact can also help you achieve other national indicators such as NI6 (volunteering) and NI4 (influencing decisions). So if your area has chosen either, you can also use your Compact to implement these as well.

For more information on NI7 and the Compact (or other Compact issues) contact our Engagement Officer paul.barasi@compactvoice.org.uk 020 7520 2453.

Visit our website for more: www.compactvoice.org.uk/NI7

NI7: the Local Compact Indicator

Achieve NI7 Success: Use your Compact to drive a thriving third sector



Why use your Compact to deliver NI7?

Creating a thriving third sector is not easy. Yet Local Compacts are being used successfully to do just that. That's why so many areas are using their Compact to drive their NI7 implementation plans. It provides the tools and mechanisms needed to deliver the outcomes you want.

The Compact in your area

Every area is covered by a Local Compact but not all gain the benefits. Some Compacts exist on paper but are not used properly because they lack the will to make them work effectively.

Elsewhere, Compacts are increasingly being applied to boost the number of local groups involved in policy processes and to contribute towards targets right across the local area agreement. Whatever stage your Compact is at, it can be used successfully to implement NI7.

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The Compact and NI7 around England

In **Wakefield**, the Compact Group has the responsibility for the development of the third sector strategy for the district. This allows partners at an operational level to contribute directly to NI7 whilst ensuring compact compliance.

Blackpool's decisions by public bodies and partnerships are Compact-proofed so that everything they do follows their Compact. They work out together how decisions will affect the local community.

Wolverhampton Compact will be used to measure progress towards a local thriving sector.

"Taking over the delivery of NI7 gave our Compact Group a useful new focus, helping it to be more strategic and better linked into the county Local Strategic Partnership. It became obvious that NI7 objectives were about implementing the Compact and all the relevant partners were already round the table." *Jess Mace, Manager of the Gloucestershire VCS Assembly Team*

In **Devon** the LSP recognises NI7 as the Local Compact indicator and the Compact is being used to measure progress towards a thriving local sector.

Derby are using the shared vision of a thriving sector in their Compact to achieve their NI7 target.

The **Nottinghamshire** NI7 delivery plan has a Compact development track throughout, including a Compact training program and the Compact-proofing of documents.

"Our recipe for success comes from knowing a Thriving Sector and our Compact are two sides of the same coin. The Norfolk Compact will be used to reference our thriving sector plan while partnerships and public bodies check their decisions with our Compact." *Dennis Mawson, Norfolk Compact Officer.*

"Our Compact monitoring group, consisting of the Council, PCTs, CEN and sector groups, has developed a comprehensive NI7 work plan which has universal sign-up and is being implemented throughout the area. If you want to see how the Compact can be used to drive NI7 and transform relationships, watch this space." *Naya Naqvi, Chief Executive, Thurrock Council for Voluntary Service*

West Sussex Compact Implementation Group is leading on – and officially the responsible partnership for – the county's NI7 work. They have a Compact worker and all processes are approved by the voluntary sector forum.

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