

**Executive
10 September 2013**

**Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Final Report – BME
Communities: Access to Social Care Services**

Recommendation h:

MVDA exists to support the development of capacity in local voluntary and community organisations. Our focus is on enabling the development of the skills, understanding and knowledge necessary for self-determination rather than encouraging dependency by doing things for others. We provide funding information and help with funding applications. We do not secure funds on behalf of other organisations.

MVDA annually submits details of the services delivered (with funding through a range of sources) to Middlesbrough Council. The following figures provide evidence of our development support for BME organisations.

	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13
Number of groups receiving one-to-one support	111	128	129
Number of BME groups	31	32	28
BME groups as % total	28%	25%	22%

Many of our clients receive support on a range of issues: we typically deliver in the region of 500 instances of support each year, around 50% of which are related to funding and sustainability. During 2012/13, the primary activity of 27% VCOs supported was health and social care.

During 2011/12 we commissioned a study into the impact of MVDA's work by Sheffield Hallam University. Based on a survey of organisations supported during the previous year, the study found,

“There is strong evidence that MVDA's support and development work leads to greater capability and capacity in frontline organisations. A majority of survey respondents reported that MVDA was a positive influence on improvements in their organisation's efficiency, effectiveness, frontline service delivery and management and development capability.

These positive outcomes were reflected in qualitative feedback which highlighted the expertise, accessibility and responsiveness of MVDA's development workers, and their crucial role as a building block in an organisation's progress and development.”

Over the last four years the majority of our development support has been provided with funding through a Big Lottery Fund award (in which MVDA was the lead partner

for a project covering Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland, and Stockton). This grant (extended for a fourth year as a result of its exceptional success) ended in July this year. I attach an evaluation summary for information (Appendix A).

Note: While the attached evaluation covers the whole Big Lottery Fund project, the figures given above relate to work undertaken in Middlesbrough alone (with funding through a range of sources).