



VCS Emergencies
Partnership

Emergencies Partnership: An introduction

Stronger Together

What is the VCSEP?

The Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership is **a partnership between national and local voluntary and community sector organisations**. The [Voluntary and Community Sector Emergencies Partnership](#) (Emergencies Partnership) recognises the crucial role of the voluntary sector, at grassroots and national level, in supporting those in need. But we also see the increasing demands made on the sector.

We are here as a safety net
to boost and enhance the support the sector can give,
to further strengthen coordination of national and local response efforts during emergencies and
to provide a single access point between government and the voluntary and community sector

Right now we are responding to the evolving Covid-19 crisis, but our long-term ambition is to **establish a legacy** which enables the voluntary and community sector, government and statutory agencies to work better together to ensure our country's most vulnerable communities get the right **support** at the right **time** in an emergency.



VCSEP make up



And more...



What we're aiming for...

1
Improved and ongoing insight and understanding of changing and unmet needs.

2
Improved multi-agency coordination and brokerage of sector-wide resources to take action to meet those needs

3
Improved and sustained collaboration and support for grass roots level activity with regional and national VCS and government

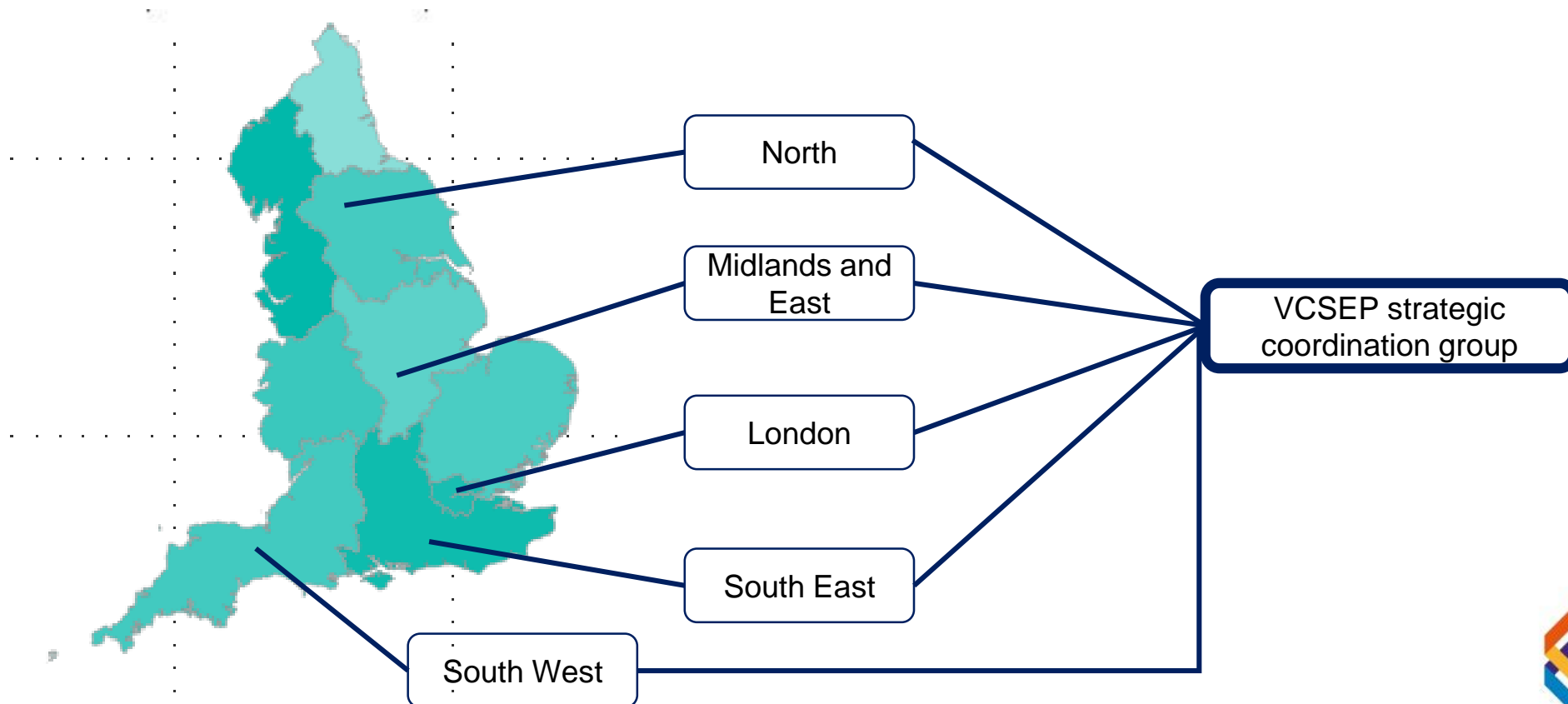
...and how we plan to do it



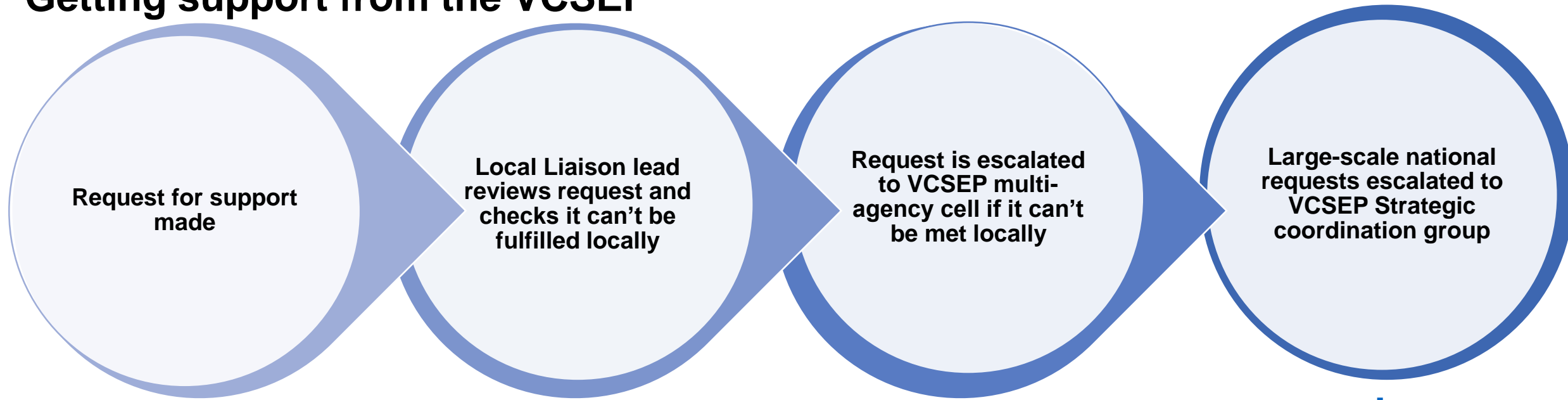
Brokering Unmet Need: VCSEP Multi-agency Cells

The Emergencies Partnership has established **five regional multi-agency cells across England** to help local organisations to continue their work in the community.

Aim: To bring multiple regional VCS players together in a crisis to understand need that is going unmet, and provide sector-support to local organisations when and where they need it.



Getting support from the VCSEP



www.vcsep.org.uk

The request for support service provides a simple way for local organisations to request additional support and capacity to meet the needs in their area, when they cannot be met locally.

You can submit your request for support at vcsep.org.uk/request-support.

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Request support in emergencies

There are times when there is not enough local capacity to provide the support needed in an emergency. The Emergencies Partnership aims to fill that gap.

If [local councils for voluntary service](#), [local resilience forums](#) and local authority hubs cannot provide the support a local organisation needs, we can step in to facilitate provision of that support. We hope you will not need us, but we're here if you do.

Request support

What this is not

A proposal that seeks to duplicate anything by

- replacing the hard work and response already underway – where needs are being identified and met locally
- undermining the relationships already held locally to achieve an effective response
- changing any links to LRF partners, local authorities and wider central and local government structures in response activity

What this is

- a by exception option, quick escalation point for organisations to report unmet need/need for support where it can't be addressed through usual routes
- a way to then facilitate the right organisation(s) with the capacity or the right skills to help meet the unmet need, accelerating help
- overall, a way for us to take informed and effective action together

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