

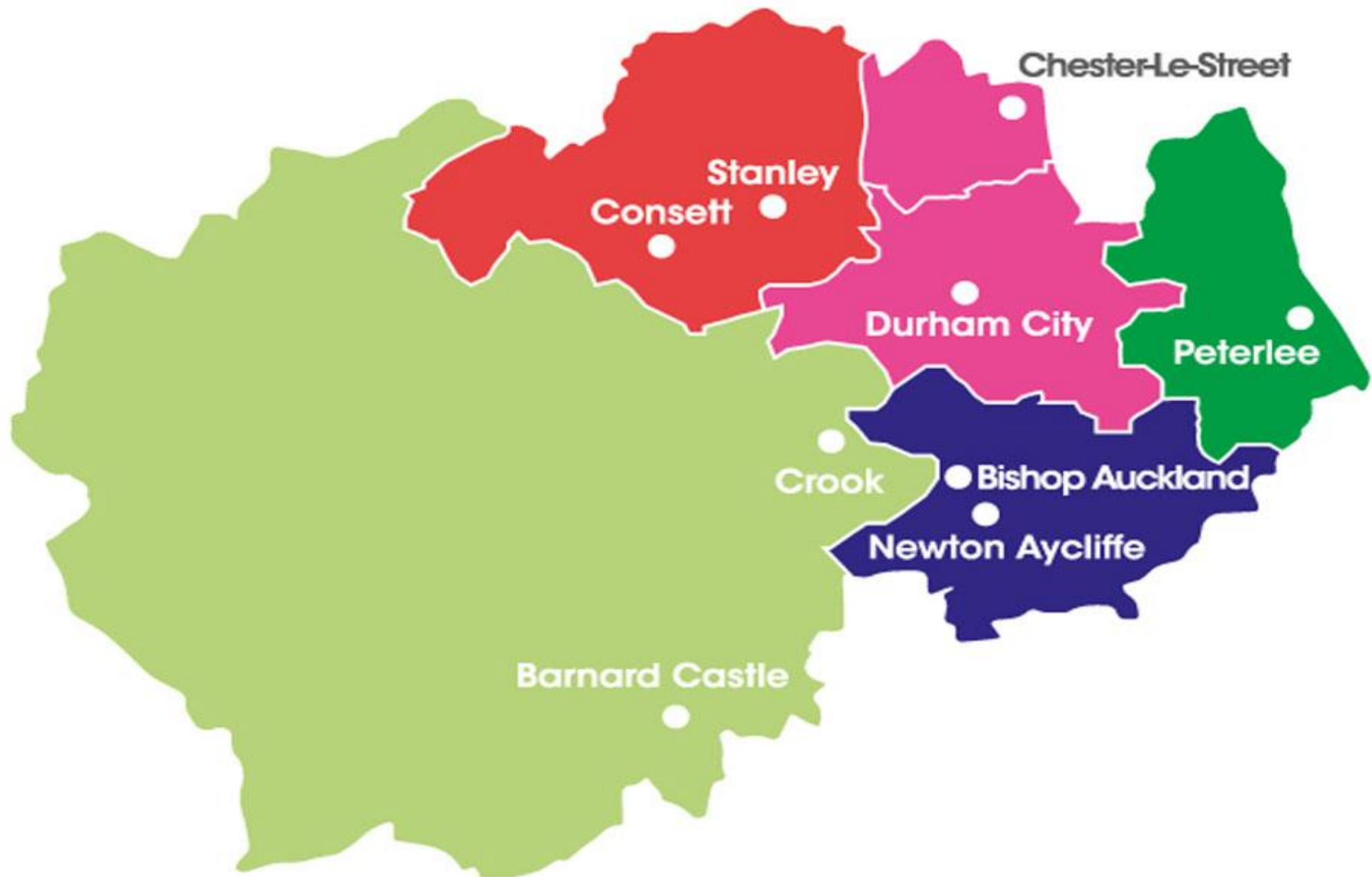


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Rural Regeneration in County Durham

County Durham





Place and Culture

Durham Dales: Teesdale, Weardale

Gateways to Cumbria & North Yorkshire

South West: Newton Aycliffe, Bishop Auckland

Gateways to Dales, North Yorkshire, Teesside

East: Peterlee, Seaham

Post Industrial rural. Gateways to Sunderland & Teesside

North: Consett, Stanley, Chester le Street, Derwent Valley

Commuter Fringes. Gateways to Newcastle, Gateshead & Northumberland

VISION



More and Better Jobs

Young People: Education, training & employment

Employment sites: Low carbon Economy

Tourism: culture led regeneration.

People Living Long and Independent Lives

Healthy start: Children & young people

Physical environment

Positive mental health & healthy behaviours

Independence

Connected Communities

Housing & affordable homes

Village & Town centres

Access to support.

Partnership Infrastructure



DCA's Role: Influencing & Enabling



Infrastructure: *Social capital, local assets, environment, food:*

Share & Learn, Durham Food, Environment Thematic Partnership

Economy & Business: *SMEs, Rural supply chains, family :*

Economic Partnership, LEADER, EU Investment Task Group/s, Social Enterprise (research & support), Information, Advice & Guidance

Communities: *Resilience, capacity, volunteering, engagement, social networks:*

Centre for Volunteering & Volunteer Coordinator's Network

Town & Parish Councils, Community Planning, Training, Area Action Partnerships

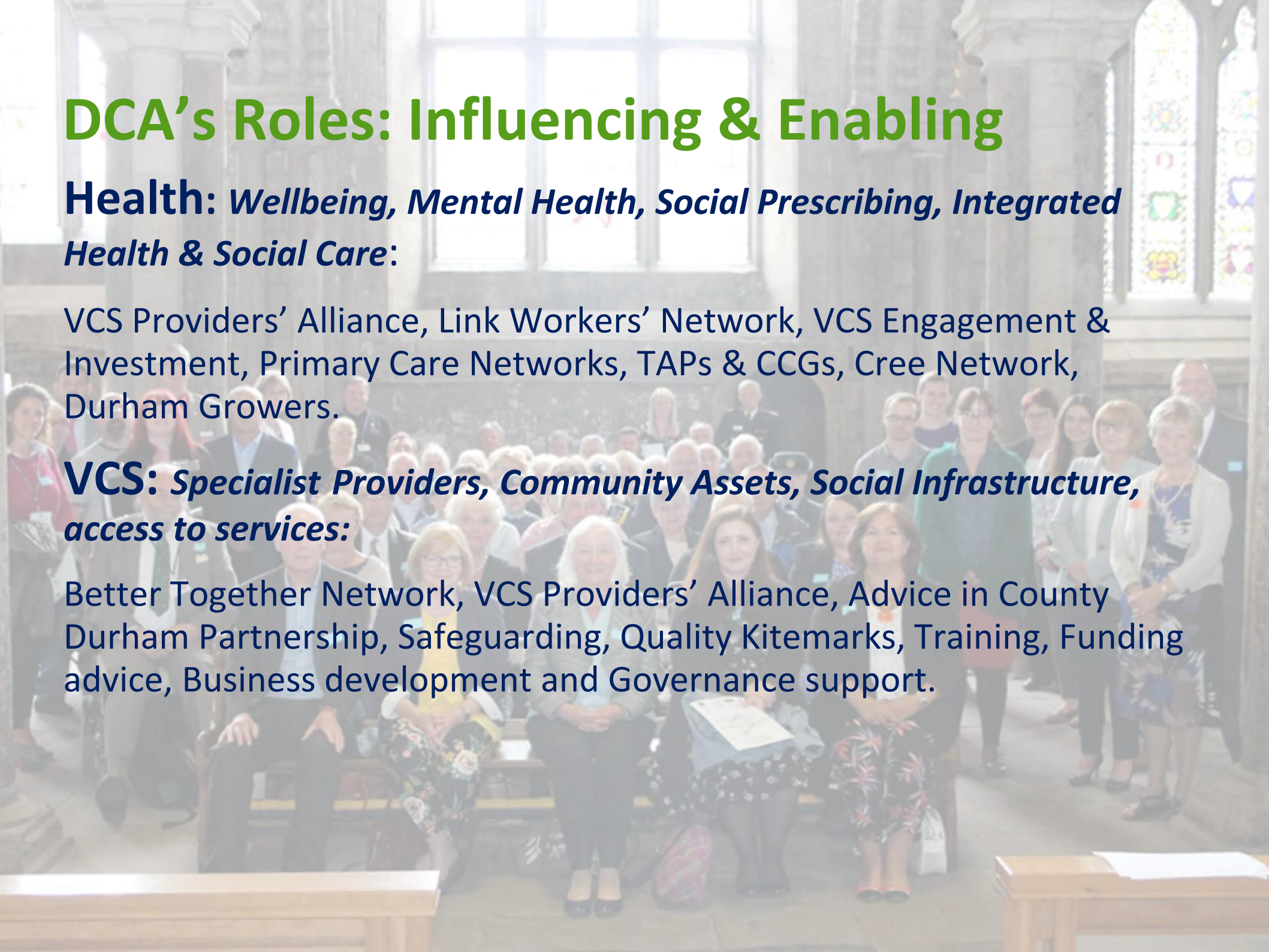
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Health: *Wellbeing, Mental Health, Social Prescribing, Integrated Health & Social Care:*

VCS Providers' Alliance, Link Workers' Network, VCS Engagement & Investment, Primary Care Networks, TAPs & CCGs, Cree Network, Durham Growers.

VCS: *Specialist Providers, Community Assets, Social Infrastructure, access to services:*

Better Together Network, VCS Providers' Alliance, Advice in County Durham Partnership, Safeguarding, Quality Kitemarks, Training, Funding advice, Business development and Governance support.



Models /Examples

Specialist provider networks e.g.
Crees, Advice, Mental Health

Single Point of Contact

Social Prescribing

Joint Investment Partnership
(Commissioning)



Thinking Points



Rural Proofing: Respecting places, and enabling consistencies in infrastructure and services

Don't forget the value of culture to social & economic growth.

Devolution : Funding, power and policy. Who decides?

Investment: Policy for investing into communities as part of the solution: consistency and growth. Commissioning : In complexity

Recommendations

Invest in partnerships as professional co-producers in systems approaches

We need to see alliance based, joint commissioning and a cross sector thematic partnership which is focused on investment: not just the money but also how and where it should be targeted to get best results.

Take some of the politics out of devolution!

Incentivise better cross region working on the rural agendas and invest in the partnerships to provide a test bed for innovation.



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