# What data and why?



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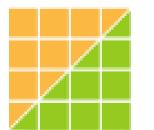
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The main thing to remember is that, which ever measurement tools you decide on the it is only as good as the information you record there. We will concentrate on the 3 main tools we are using to measure our impact within the volunteer centre and why we do it this way.

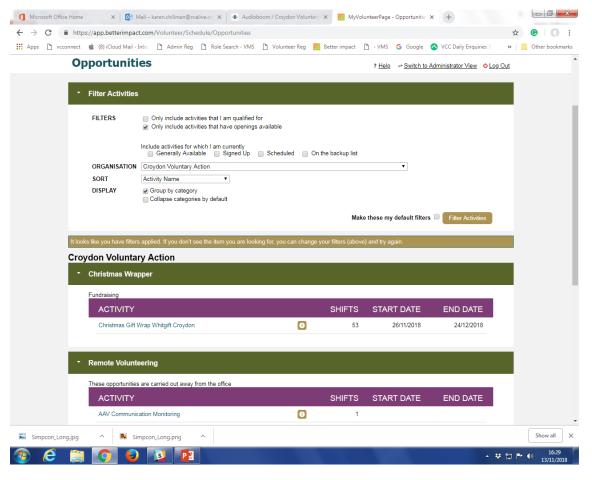
Better Impact for managing internal volunteers Volunteer Connect matching volunteers/Brokerage Connect Well Croydon – activities/social prescribing



# BETTER IMPACT

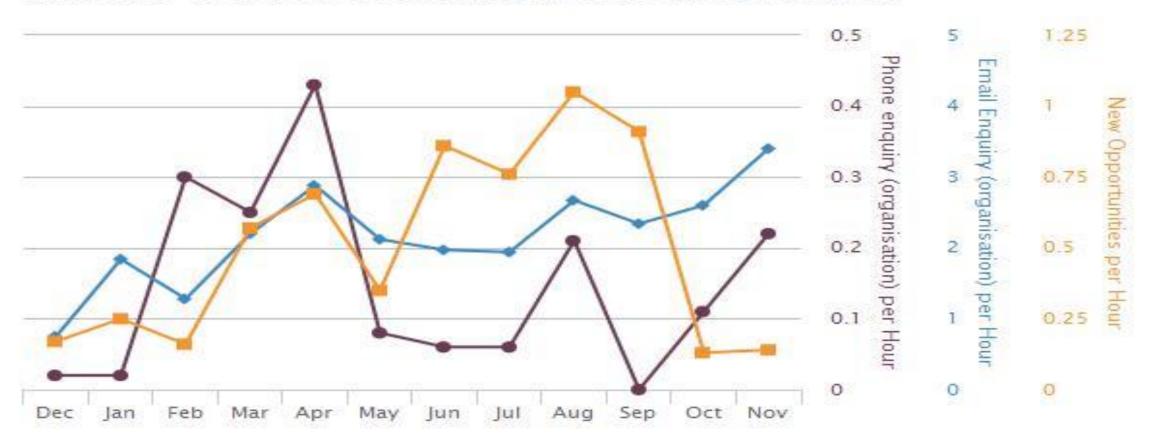
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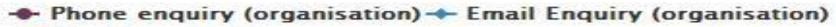






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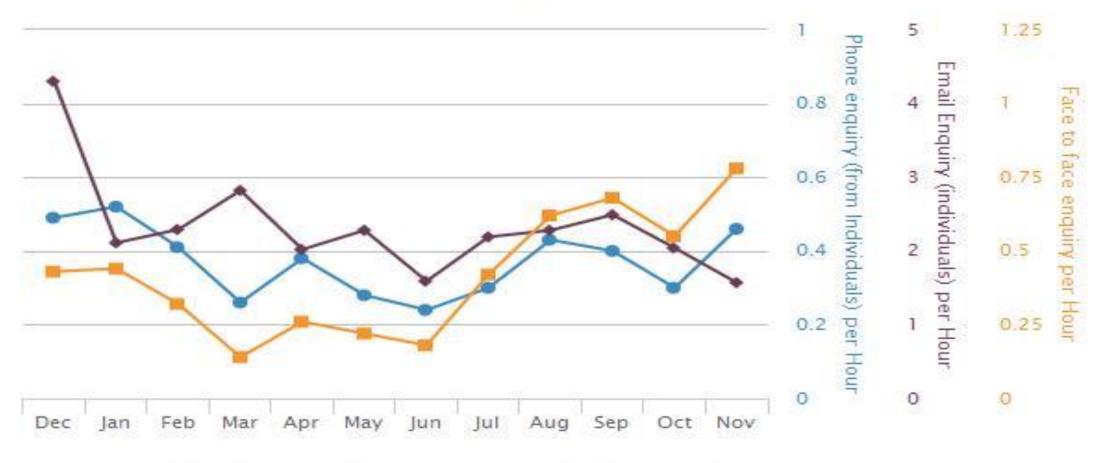




- New Opportunities



### Numeric Feedback Efficiency over the past year





- Face to face enquiry



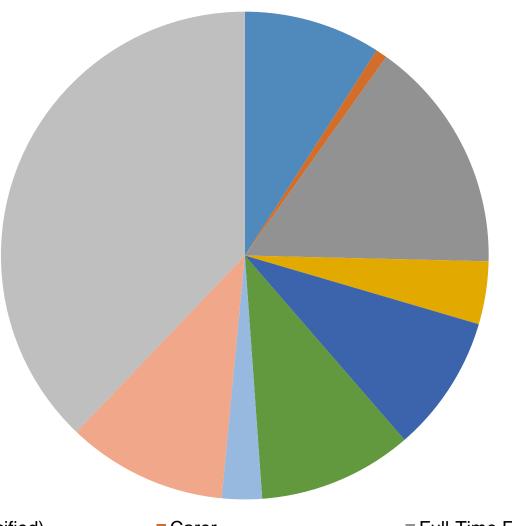




## Volunteer Analysis by Demographics - Analysis by EmploymentStatus

As with all organisations we need to know that we need know our customer base.

We use Volunteer Connect as our main brokerage tool but also upload to Team London Speed Volunteering; <a href="https://www.do-it.org.uk"><u>WWW.do-it.org.uk</u></a>





(Not Specified)

Homemaker

Self Employed

Carer

■ Part-Time Employed

Student

■ Full-Time Employed

Retired

Unemployed/Jobseeking

### The reason we use Volunteer Connect

It gives us more flexibility and information which are able to use to pin point need and adjust our services

There has been assumption for some time that it is only the unemployed that come to volunteer centres but as we can see from last month break down

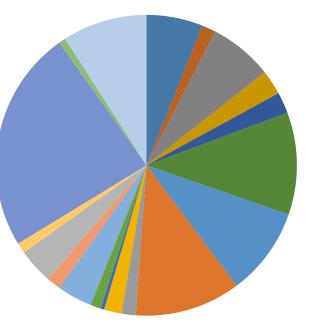
16% were in fulltime employment 9% part-time employment 3% self-employed This has lead us to opening on a Saturday to capture this willingness to volunteer.

10% retired

11% students

## Volunteer Analysis by Demographics - Analysis by Ethnicity





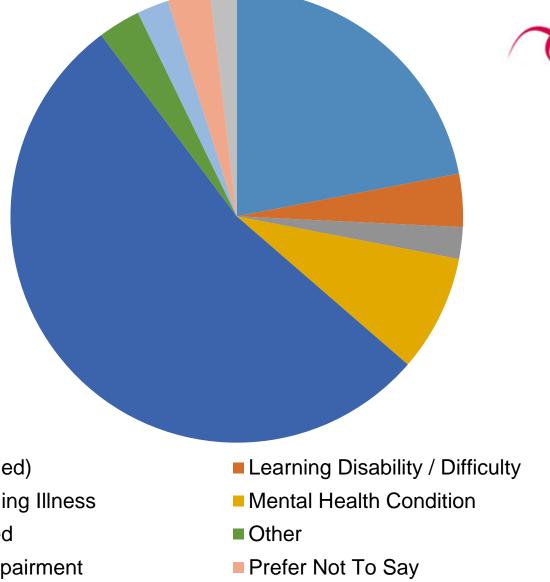


- Asian Indian
- Asian Pakistani
- Black British
- Chinese
- Mixed White & Asian
- Mixed White & Black Caribbean
- Prefer Not To Say
- White British
- White Other



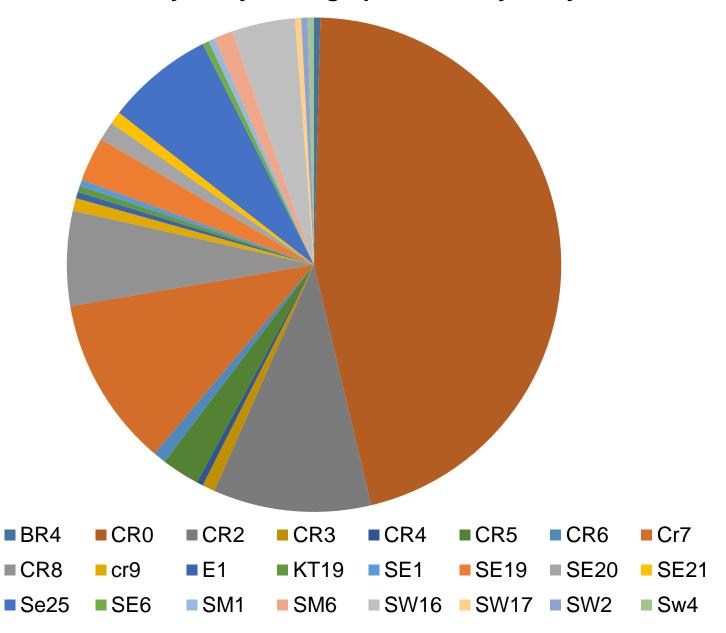


- Long-Standing Illness
- Not Disabled
- Physical Impairment
- Unknown



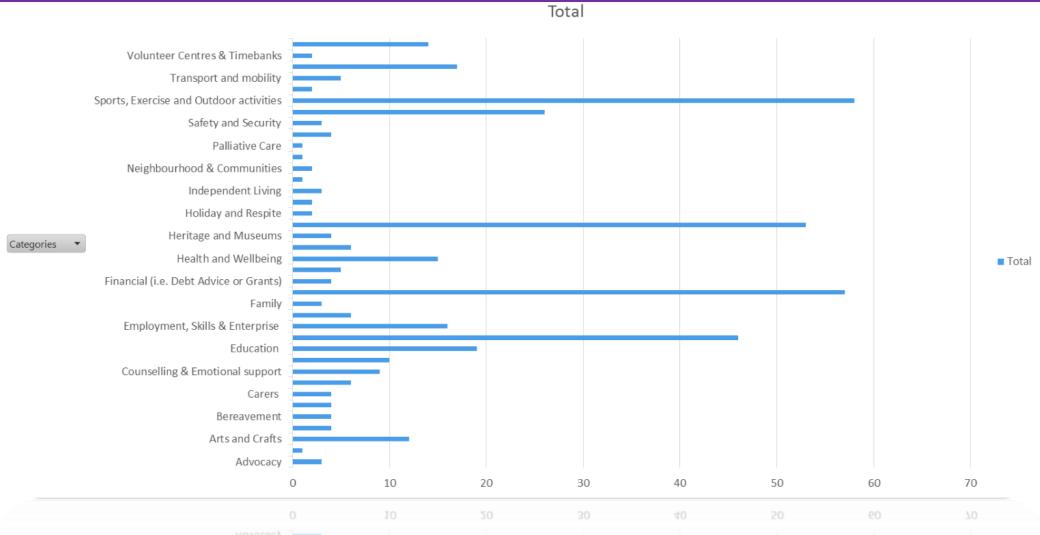


#### **Volunteer Analysis by Demographics - Analysis by PostalArea**





## There approximately 400 activities listed





Activities include, Knit and Natter, IT session, Death Café, reading groups, eye condition group, eat with us (free meal), wheelchair basketball, stroke meet up group etc



## Connect Well Croydon

We had audit of the 1300 orgs registered on directory we realised we knew what the organisation were set up for but not much about there activities, we asked how we can help, most wanted a way to promote their activities as well a their volunteering roles. They also needed a way of referring their customers to other activities that supported their health and wellbeing. Again we were asked to do another mapping exercise, we looked at the past mapping done by us and other orgs and wonder if it would be better to take a different approach, which linked very well with the social prescribing agenda

Looking at the spread of activities we would then ask our information seeker volunteers to search out specific activates or postal areas





VCConnect platform is being used in 19 boroughs some with small projects some like us a volunteer centre, some information (in their own words):

- 11,500 organisations London wide registered on the platform
- 57% of these organisations, are active volunteering-involving organisations
- 6,500 organisations currently using Volunteer Connect to recruit volunteers
- 25,000 approved volunteers London wide
- 4,200 live opportunities currently being advertised across London



