

# Seizing the opportunity for new collaborative working in health: an example of Community Foundations in England

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“ We hold £2million of grants for CCGs in the City

*Leeds Community Foundation*

We're managing an endowed fund from the Local Authority

*Essex Community Foundation*

Our relationship with health has changed...we're into social prescribing and Integrated Care ”

*Devon Community Foundation*

## Background

To get 'upstream' and provide community-level intervention, health needs to work with the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS).

## What we did

Mapped the relationships between community Foundations and health organisations – interviews and survey

## How do they work together?

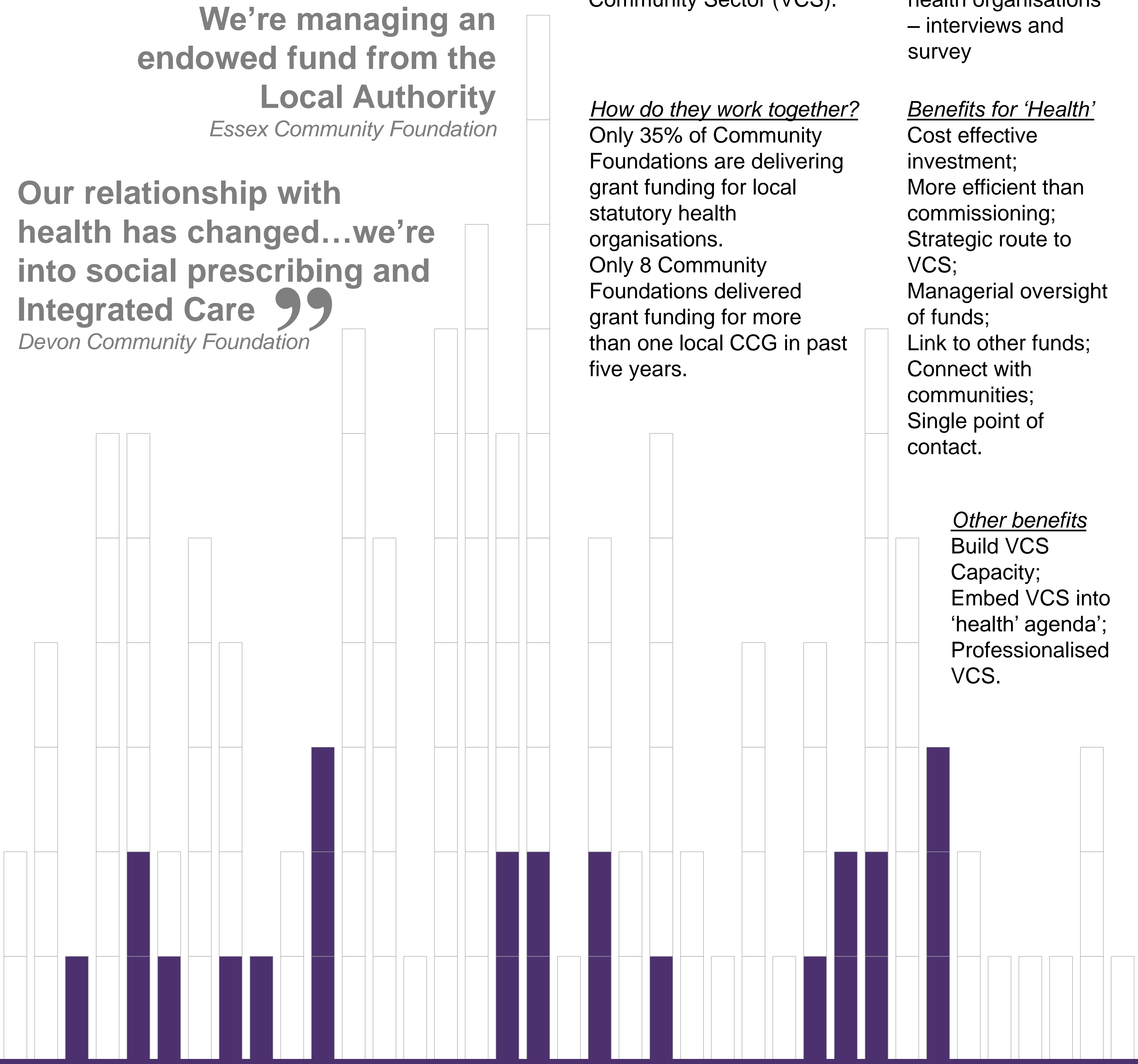
Only 35% of Community Foundations are delivering grant funding for local statutory health organisations.  
Only 8 Community Foundations delivered grant funding for more than one local CCG in past five years.

## Benefits for 'Health'

Cost effective investment;  
More efficient than commissioning;  
Strategic route to VCS;  
Managerial oversight of funds;  
Link to other funds;  
Connect with communities;  
Single point of contact.

## Other benefits

Build VCS Capacity;  
Embed VCS into 'health' agenda';  
Professionalised VCS.



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