90% of respondents had used a charitable or voluntary service in the past twelve months. This equates to 1,326,722 people in Northern Ireland aged 16 and over.

Usage cut across all major demographics including age, gender, marital status, location and social class.

83% all respondents believed that they have gained a benefit from a using a charitable or voluntary service.

Benefits were most felt amongst higher income groups [...] and in the southern region of Northern Ireland (88%) and Belfast City (87%).

One in eight* said that VCSE services are ‘essential to their lives’

63% said that VCSE services are “important to their lives”

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45% Believe that the community and voluntary organisations are the most informed to speak out about issues facing society.

Just under three-quarters of all respondents, believe that the sector is informed to speak out about the issues facing society.

*total mentions

A representative sample of 1,009 adults in Northern Ireland aged 16 and over were interviewed in August 2017 by Kantar Millward Brown. For more information contact NICVA on (028) 9087 7777.