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### Services contribution

Faith groups provide health care and community services worth £3bn a year, according to a report from the Cinnamon Network.

Their research found that there are more than 3,500 churches and 200,000 volunteers working on health and social care initiatives.

The Bishop of London Sarah Mullally said: "The NHS is under considerable pressure — increasing public expectation, increasing life expectancy, improvements in technology and limited resources.

"If we are able to improve our health and the health of the community, we can contribute to the better use of those limited resources.

"This report is an important contribution to understanding how the voluntary sector and specifically the church and faith-based projects can promote health and create community and belonging."