

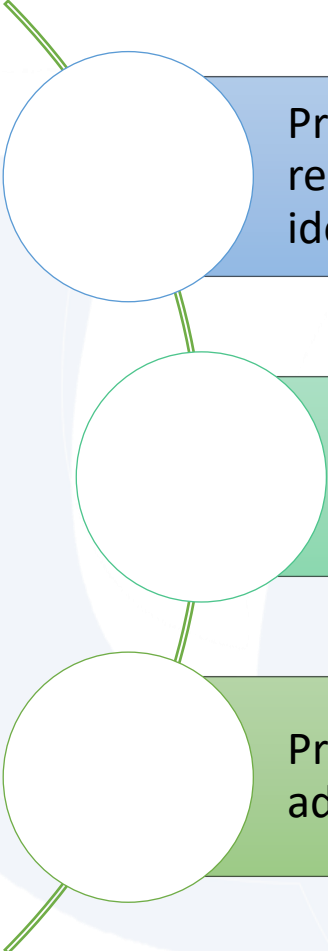


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Common risks/challenges in projects related to: Assessment of needs, carers assessment and carers identification

Accelerated Reform Fund (ARF)
Online learning workshop - July 2024

Today's workshop will....



Present the key risks and challenges identified for all ARF projects related to Assessment of Needs, carers assessment and carers identification

Facilitate shared learning amongst attendees on how to address / deal with those risks and challenges

Provide information on existing tools, examples, guidance to address the identified risks and challenges

Before we start...

Introductory video to the ARF

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Accelerating Reform Fund

The Department for Health and Social Care (DHSC) has launched a £42.6 million Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF) to boost the quality and accessibility of adult social care by supporting innovation and scaling, and kickstarting a change in services to support unpaid carers.

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About the fund

The Accelerating Reform Fund (ARF) focuses on embedding and scaling approaches to transform care and support including for unpaid carers, who play such a vital, selfless role in our society. This will accelerate progress towards the government's social care vision where people have choice, control and support to live independent lives, and where care and support is of outstanding quality and is provided in a fair, accessible way.

Local authorities have registered their interest with the DHSC, in partnership with others, in their integrated care systems, to fund local innovation projects. They are expected to work collaboratively with others such as the NHS, care providers, voluntary and community sector groups, including unpaid carers. The ARF is supporting at least two projects per region, one of which will focus on unpaid carers, and consider co-production with both care recipients and unpaid carers, ensuring they are inclusive of local diverse needs.



**What do we mean by
Assessment of needs, carers
assessment and carers
identification?**

Initiatives under this theme involve assessments of needs and/or carers assessments in a face to face, online, etc. format and including self-assessments of needs and for cares. It also includes initiatives to identify unpaid carers in the community.

Here are some project examples...

Developing digital tools to deliver supportive self-assessments for carers

Increase level of engagement from carers, with the aim of supporting diverse communities to self-identify as carers

Connect more carers with a range of services across the third sector via effective referral channels and digital tools

Connect with partners across the sector to increase earlier identification of carers to reduce the likelihood of carers becoming known primarily in times of crisis

1. Care Act 2014 Compliance

An identified risk across nearly all projects was the challenge of ensuring that your projects were care act compliant, whilst implementing innovative solutions and projects.

2. Resources

Nearly all projects raised concerns of managing resource and the potential increase to demand if a significant number of carers were identified.

Some projects spoke of the challenges of integrating the demand within current services. Others spoke of the level of service support available to meet the potential demand.

3. Reaching carers – diversity, experience and geography

Many projects spoke of the challenges of reaching carers from diverse backgrounds and a wider representation of carer experiences. For some projects, reaching carers residing in rural areas was a concern.

4. Co-production

Co-production was clearly defined in some projects but appeared to be a challenge for some or had not been defined at that stage of the project.

Some had clearly defined partnership engagement and were utilising historical co-production engagement to support the ARF project.

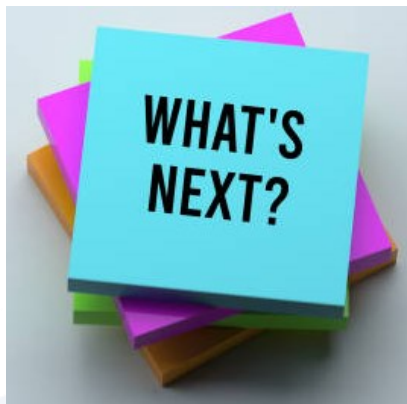
Mitigations, management of those risks

/challenges identified

- Recruitment of new staff to support project delivery
- Developing specialist posts
- Effective evaluation and communications
- Link up with other projects across the organisation
- Robust project planning

What else?





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SCIE – We will send a survey to understand what has gone well and what we can do better

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Ipsos - Ipsos will be conducting surveys and interviews with relevant stakeholders to evaluate the programme's processes and emerging impacts.

The slides, key message and identified tools will be uploaded to SCIE's website



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