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DHSC's Accelerating Reform Fund – Overview; application process and key questions

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Department
of Health &
Social Care



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Welcome

Kathryn Smith, CEO – SCIE

Who we are

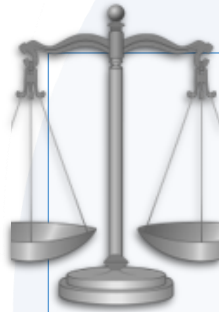
- UK independent charity, founded 2001
- Collaboratively improving social wellbeing for people of all ages
- Evidence-based
- Practice-informed
- Co-producing



SCIE's Vision : Care & support



Maximises choice



Removes inequality



People live fulfilling, safe and healthy lives

Our strategic objectives

Embed co-production

Drive innovation and improvement

Better policy

Improve safeguarding

Working with...

UK Government

ICSs & LAs

Care Providers & Workforce

People with lived experience & carers



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Social Care Vision

**Caroline Gloyne, Head of Innovation and
Improvement Unit – Department of Health &
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DHSC : 10-Year Social Care Vision

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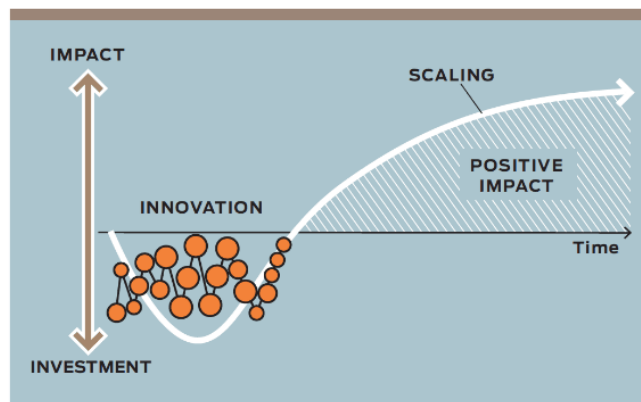
People can access outstanding quality and tailored care and support.

People find adult social care fair and accessible.

Boost quality & accessibility by:
Innovation & scaling

Supporting unpaid carers

Creating Social Impact: Innovation Plus Scaling



Background – DHSC Led

How did we get here?

April 2023

Next Steps to Put People at the Heart of Care published, announcing plans to establish an Innovation and Improvement Unit and recommitting to invest up to £25m to support unpaid carers (total of £42.6m for ARF)

October 2023

11th - The Minister of State for Care wrote to all DASS in local authorities in England to set out the department's [priorities for innovation and scaling](#) in adult social care

24th - [The Accelerating Reform Fund](#) was launched to support the adoption or scaling of projects which deliver on these priorities



July 2023

Sector engagement on the list of priorities including DSCAG and further sector engagement on the fund



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The Fund in more detail

**Chris Dadson, Director of Business Development
and Marketing - SCIE**

DHSC launched 24 October



Total of £42.6 million over 2023 to 2025



Kickstart the development of projects which deliver on a list of 12 priorities aligned to DHSC's 10-year vision for social care



Local authorities form consortia within their integrated care system geography



Expectation to work closely with NHS, care providers, voluntary and community organisations, unpaid carers and people drawing on care and support



Non-competitive process – select two or more projects with one specifically focused on unpaid carers



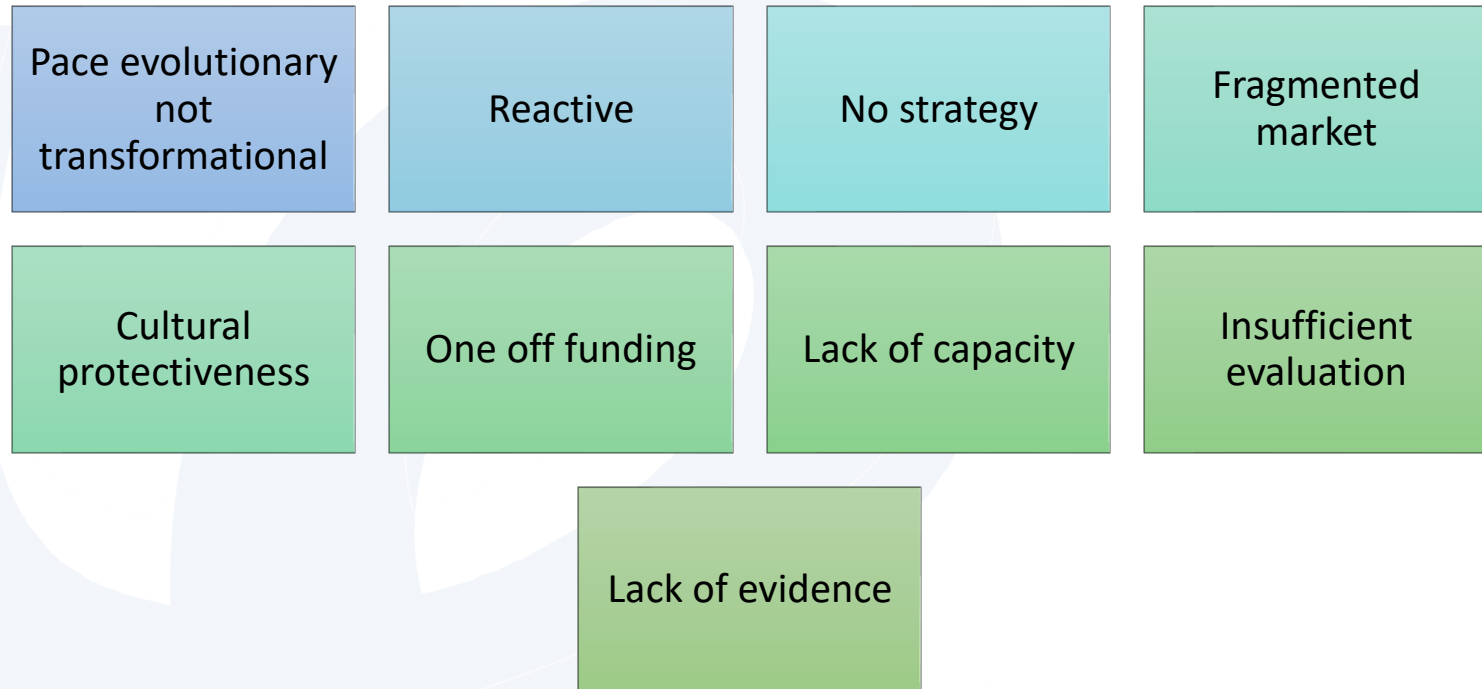
Hands-on support provided by Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE)



Central evaluation partner commissioned by DHSC

Wider context: challenges to scaling innovation

For detail see a SCIE commissioned LSE study ([Scaling innovation in social care | SCIE](#)) and a recent CQC study ([Capturing Innovation to Accelerate Improvement](#)).



DHSC role/SCIE's role



Phase 1 (Oct 23 – Mar 24)

- Fund announcement
- EOI form made available
- Confirms funding
- Signs MOUs

Phase 2 (Apr 24 – Mar 25)

- Funds SCIE support
- collects mid and end grant reports, which will include grant expenditure
- To evaluate the effectiveness of the fund

Evaluation by Evaluation partner
commissioned by DHSC



Phase 1 (Oct 23 – Mar 24)

- Supports with queries on EOI process
- Supports connecting LAs and partners

Phase 2 (Apr 24 – Mar 25)

- Supports project delivery
- Supports project monitoring and QA
- Supports connecting similar projects

Timeline – what happens now?

By 12th January 2024

- ICS consortia to submit an EOI led by a LA (to include at least one unpaid carers project)

From 16th February 2024

- Final funding amounts confirmed (9th Feb)
- MoUs agreed and signed (16th Feb)

November - December 2023

- SCIE webinars and support with EOIs
- NCASC conference – meet the teams
innovation@scie.org.uk

April 2024 - March 2025

Development, scaling, embedding, monitoring and evaluation of the projects

Phase 1: Led by DHSC – Supported by SCIE

Phase 2: Led by SCIE – Reporting to DHSC

Aims of the Fund



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LEARN

To **learn** how to successfully tackle the barriers to scaling up innovation in social care.

BUILD THE CASE

To **build the case** for commissioners to innovate and improve outcomes for people drawing on care and support, and their unpaid carers.

DHSC set out a list of 12 priorities aligned to 10-year vision

People have choice, control and support to live independent lives



Community-based care models such as shared living arrangements



Supporting people to have greater control over their care options, such as by using digital tools to self-direct support or communicate needs and preferences



Investment in local area networks or communities to support prevention and promote wellbeing, enabling people to age well in their communities



Ways to support unpaid carers to have breaks which are tailored to their needs

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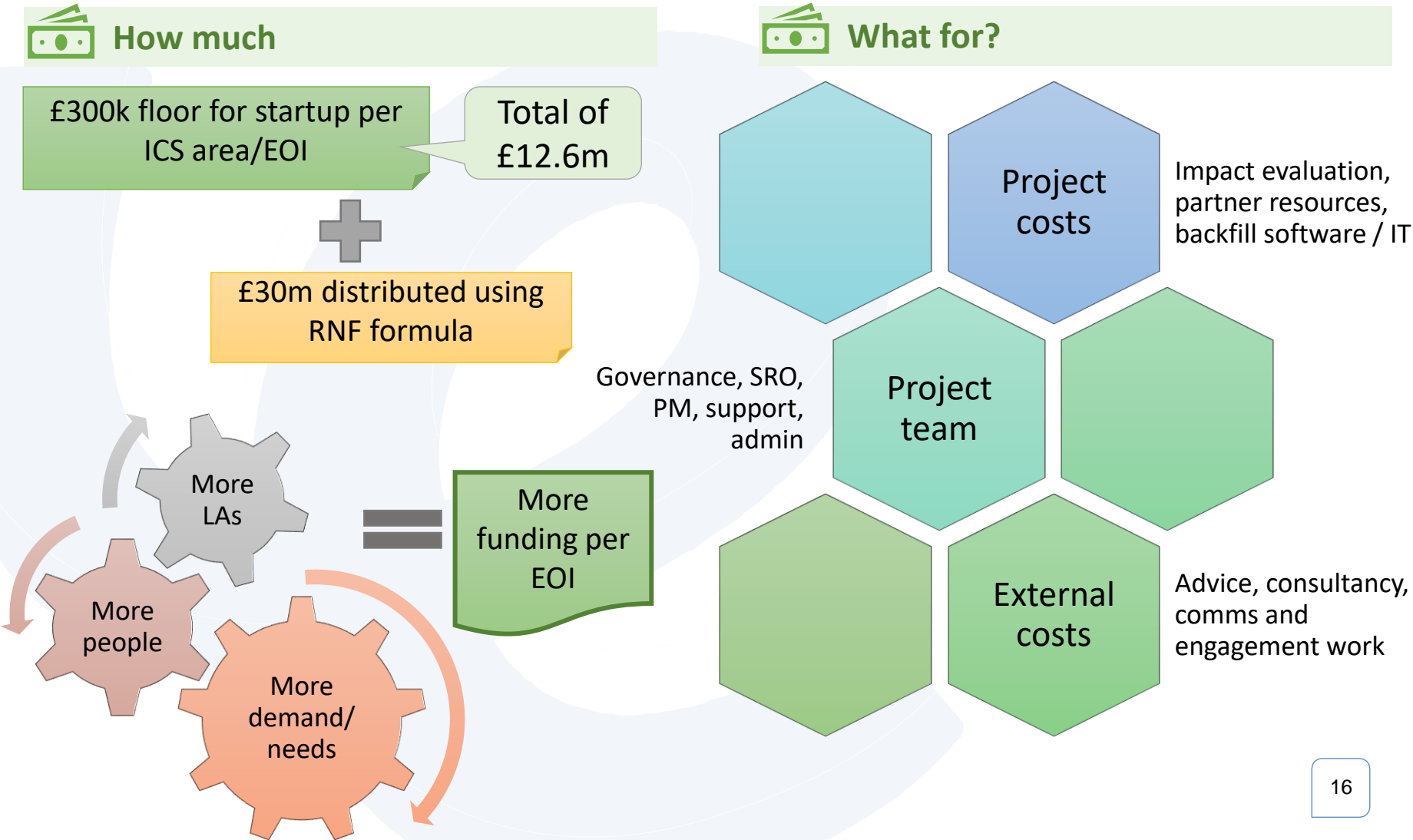
Ways to better identify unpaid carers in local areas



Ways to encourage people to recognise themselves as carers and promote access to carer services

List developed in consultation with the sector - If you'd like to share an example of good practice or innovation, **please get in touch - ascinnovationimprovementunit@dhsc.gov.uk**

Expression of interest – The money



Example funding allocation - ICS consortium with all 4 local authorities opting in



How much

Share of £12.6m
start up costs

Share of remaining
£30m allocated via RNF

£300k floor for startup costs

LA 1 –
£77,000

LA 2 –
£108,000

LA 3 –
£98,000

LA 4 –
£113,000

TOTAL AVAILABLE = £696,000

Example funding allocation - ICS consortium with all 4 out of 5 local authorities opting in



How much

Share of £12.6m
start up costs

Share of remaining
£30m allocated via RNF

£300k floor for startup costs

LA 1 –
£287,000

LA 2 –
£115,000

LA 3 –
£232,000

LA 4 –
£413,000

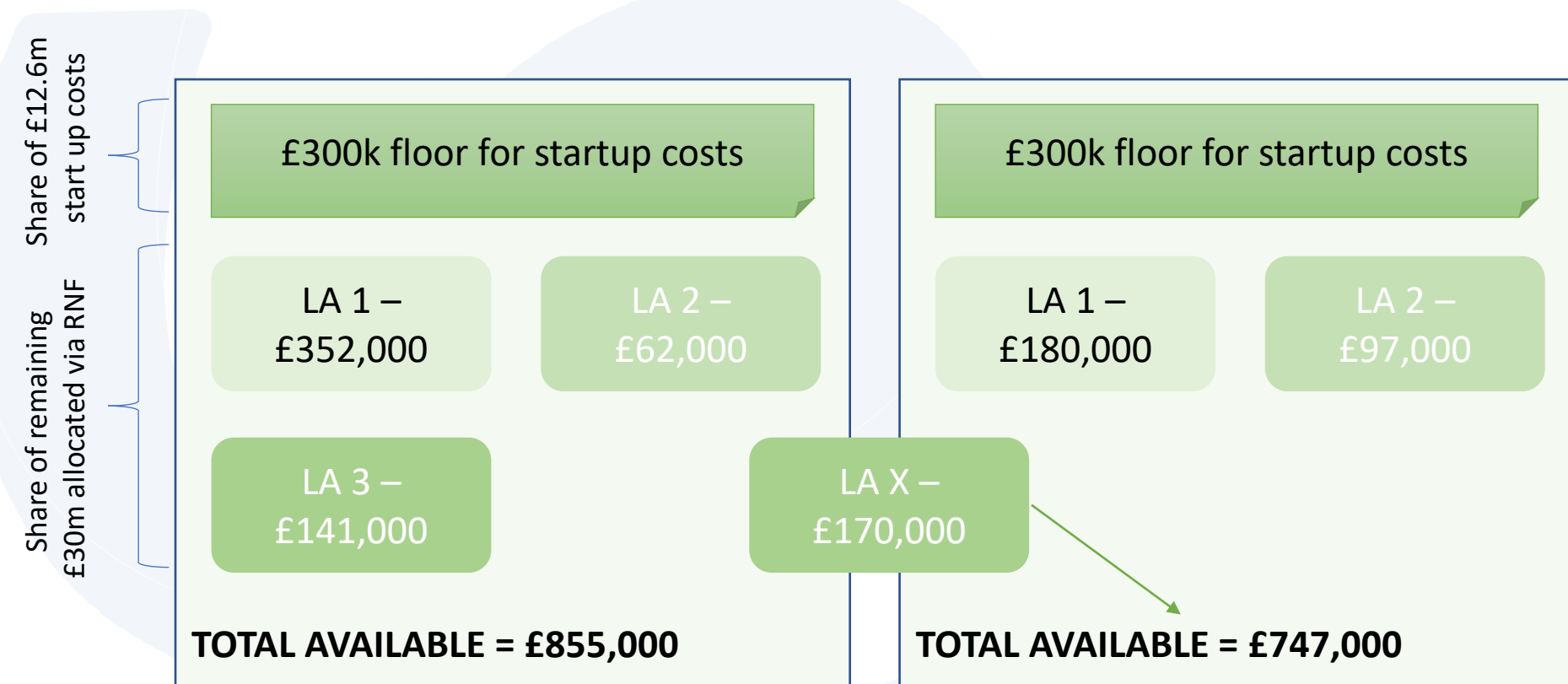
LA 5 –
not opting in

TOTAL AVAILABLE = £1,347,000

Example funding allocation – 2 ICS consortia, with 1 LA straddling ICS boundaries



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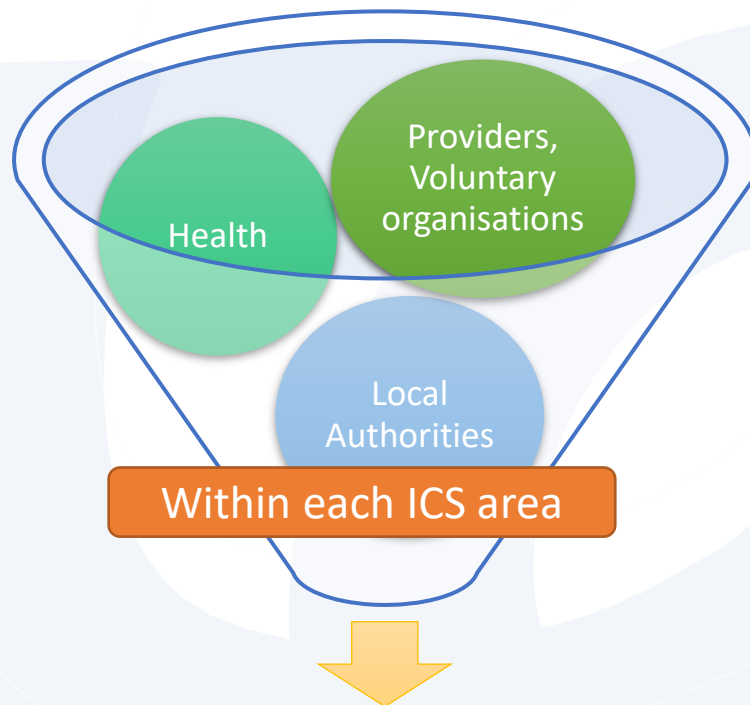


Expression of interest – the who

EOI Section 1



Who



EOI Section 2
Question 13

LAs within the ICS area
come together

Other partners are identified:
NHS, providers, etc

Projects related to the 12
priorities are identified

EOI submitted

Section 1: Contact Details

Leading local authority contact details

- 1.Name of lead local authority submitting the application
- 2.Name of the responsible officer
- 3.Job title or position in lead local authority
- 4.Telephone number
- 5.Address and postcode
- 6.Email address

ICS area covered by the consortium

- 7.Please specify which ICS area the consortium represents
- 8.List of local authorities taking part in the consortium

**One CHOICE (project / programme)
can relate to more than one priority**

Section 2: Expression of Interest

Please list the priorities you have chosen and answer the following questions:

CHOICE 1

You are expected to select multiple projects and one of these must be one of the Unpaid Carers focussed priorities (priority numbers 4, 7, 8, 11 or 12 from the list of priorities for innovation and scaling)

9. Enter the number and title of the priority you have chosen.

10. Your proposal: Describe the new or additional work you will deliver under this option to address local need? Please provide a brief description of the project and its aims. You should include whether this is a new or existing workpiece, the evidence supporting the project and how it relates to local strategic priorities. (approx. 300 words)

11. Please outline your project governance, including listing the Senior Responsible Owner, Project Manager, Project Support, project workstream leads, and any other points to note (such as an advisory panel or co-production group).

12. Delivery of your proposal - Which part of your proposal will this funding pay for? What are the key activities and high-level delivery milestones for your proposal? (approx. 200 words)

Section 2: Expression of Interest

13. Which care providers, NHS and voluntary and community groups and ICS partners, have been involved in developing this proposal? - Please also reference how you have co-produced this proposal with people drawing on care and support, family members, unpaid carers and front-line staff where possible. (approx. 200 words)

14. What are the biggest challenges you foresee in delivering your proposal and why? (approx. 200 words)

15. What kind of support would help overcome these challenges? (approx. 200 words)

16. What are the key outputs of your work and how will you know that your work has been successful? (approx. 200 words)

17. Post-grant sustainability: What lasting impact will this project achieve? - Please outline how innovations will be supported going forward beyond the grant funding and/or have a lasting impact. This could include opportunities for further scaling, how the project will be learned from or implemented within existing structures. (approx. 200 words)

Expression of interest – In summary

? What

2 or more projects
per EOI; at least 1
for unpaid carers

EOI Form: 3 choices

EOI Section 2
Questions 9
to 12, 14 - 17

Reach out to SCIE and DHSC if you
need support planning how to
evaluate the impact of projects

Project in relation to priorities

Governance arrangements

Outputs

Key activities

Key challenges

Support needed

Sustainability arrangements

Declaration

1. I am aware that the consortium will be required to provide reporting to the Department of Health and Social Care and/or an Evaluation Partner (as shall be identified by DHSC and notified in due course) on progress of delivery and funding spend through a mid-point and end point report.
2. I am aware that the consortium will be expected to work with the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE). SCIE will provide support and guidance on creating proposals and delivering projects, as well as work with consortia to collate reporting and develop learning.
3. I am aware that the consortia will be expected to draft a post grant sustainability plan identifying (i) how existing innovations will be supported, further scaled or learned from, (ii) how innovation becomes implemented within existing structures, and (iii) how future investment (either public funds or commercial investment) could be leveraged to continue scaling up innovation.
4. I have the authority to submit the above application in respect of the Accelerating Reform Fund on behalf of the consortium described in Section 1 of this application.

36. Title and Organisation

37. Signature

38. Date

39. The Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) is providing practical support to local areas on this work. To help SCIE to tailor their support and to provide you with information on their work, please confirm if you are content for DHSC to share your contact details and EOI form with SCIE?

I agree

I disagree

Shared Lives Plus

Priority one: Community-based models such as shared living arrangements



Shared Lives Plus

- UK membership charity for people working and living in shared living arrangements
- This year we supported 145 Shared Lives schemes, 6,222 Shared Lives carers, and 22 Homeshare organisations
- We are the only organisation helping local organisations to improve, develop and grow Shared Lives and Homeshare
- Expertise and deep sector knowledge which we use to support local schemes to grow



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Why Homeshare?



- Homeshare – mutual benefits for older and younger people
- Older people live independently in their own homes for longer
- Provides affordable accommodation for younger people
- Shared Lives Plus can support local consortia to understand the local potential for Homeshare and help you set up programme/support already local established programme to grow



Foundations for success



Options for growth – Shared Lives

Focus of growth	Areas to Accelerate Growth
Adults with learning disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transitions (Foster Care) • Older parents caring for their children with disabilities • People in residential care and supported living
Day support and respite for people with dementia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Finance Pilots provide template • Potential to grow in dementia and older people's support
Care Leavers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster care transitions / alternative form of accommodation
Mental Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis support • Hospital discharge
Digital solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tech for Better Care Pilot



Shared Lives ambassador Heather



Acceleration reform fund

How Shared Lives Plus can help you

Submissions

- Templates Support convening
- Provide guidance/advice on shared living models

Info sessions

- Answer questions to assist you in the application process
Provide further information on innovation opportunities within Shared Lives

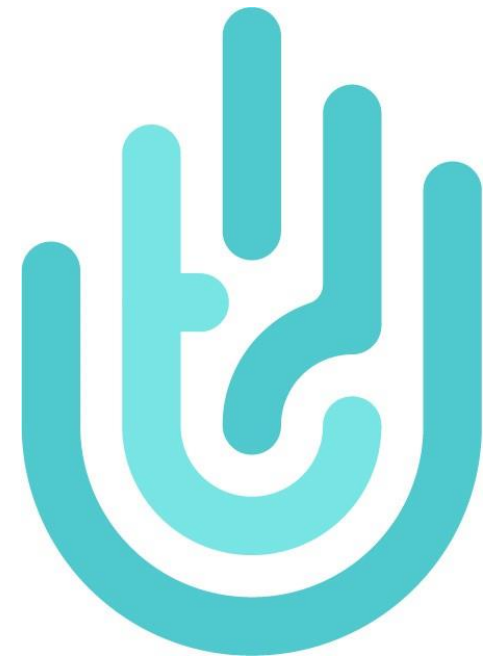
Support package

- Prepping a support package once you've secured funding for shared living arrangements
- Includes: business needs analysis, growth, training, recruitment, mentoring and marketing support

Shared Lives Plus and Tribe

Along with Carers UK, Shared Lives and Homeshare are also part of the Tribe Project Consortium. 'Tribe is a case study for the DHSC Innovation & Scaling Priority list'. Tribe connects and helps to grow the support, relationships and opportunities that permit everyone, everywhere to live safe and well in the place we call home.

To find out more contact Alex Knapp:
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Contact details



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Carers Trust

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CARERS TRUST

- Carers Trust is the infrastructure body for local carer organisation
- Carers Trust partners with its network of local carer organisations to provide funding and support, deliver innovative and evidence-based programmes and raise awareness and influence policy
- Circa 1 million carers supported, through 125 local carer organisations, covering 85% of Local Authorities



- **Local carer organisations provide specialist support to carers**
- **Carers can shape services**
- **Worked closely with DHSC on Menu of Innovative Priorities**
 - **Carers Support West Sussex: Hospital discharge**
 - **Carers in Herts: Carer identification**
 - **Carers Trust Mid Yorkshire and Kirklees: Carer breaks**
- **Important to work with local carer organisations and carers to shape projects**
- **To connect with your local carers organisations in your area please get in touch with Carers Trust's Policy Team**



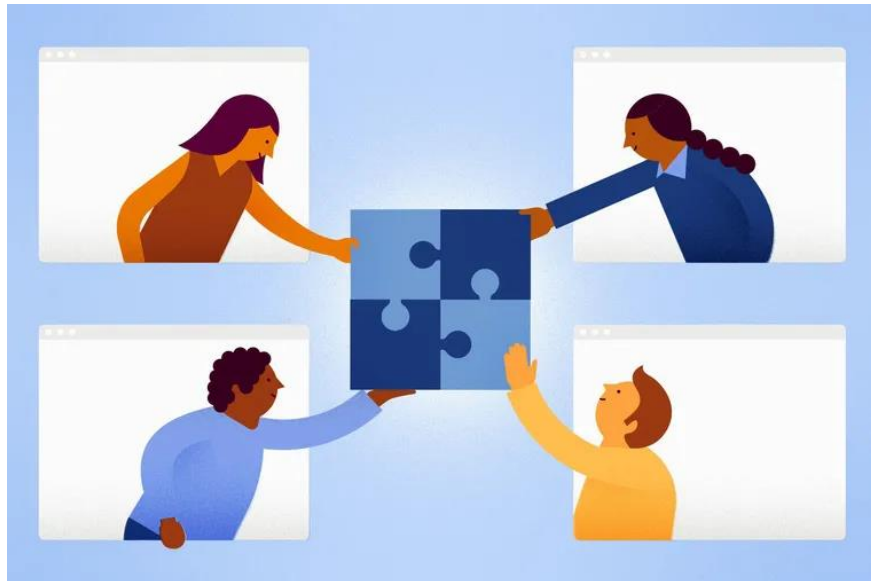
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Carers Strategy Manager

Kirklees Council



Carers Breaks in Kirklees



Coproduction and Codesign

The service has been designed to reflect the needs of local carers

Designed by both Kirklees Council and Carers Trust Mid Yorkshire, as well as carers

**CARERS
TRUST**
Mid Yorkshire

 **Kirklees**
COUNCIL

We're
Kirklees



An important aspect

Carers access breaks after having a statutory carer's assessment and where carers breaks are needed the carer is referred to Carers Trust Mid Yorkshire's breaks service

This assessment does not set out the length or details of break that the carer needs; only that the carer needs a breaks service

Carers Trust Mid Yorkshire meet the carer and cared-for and decide how the break will be provided; the length of break, the activities, the location, etc.





Trust

Carers Trust Mid Yorkshire effectively allocate resources on behalf of the council – this is within an overall framework

Details of the breaks provision, including how much of a service is needed, is decided at the front line as close to the carer as possible

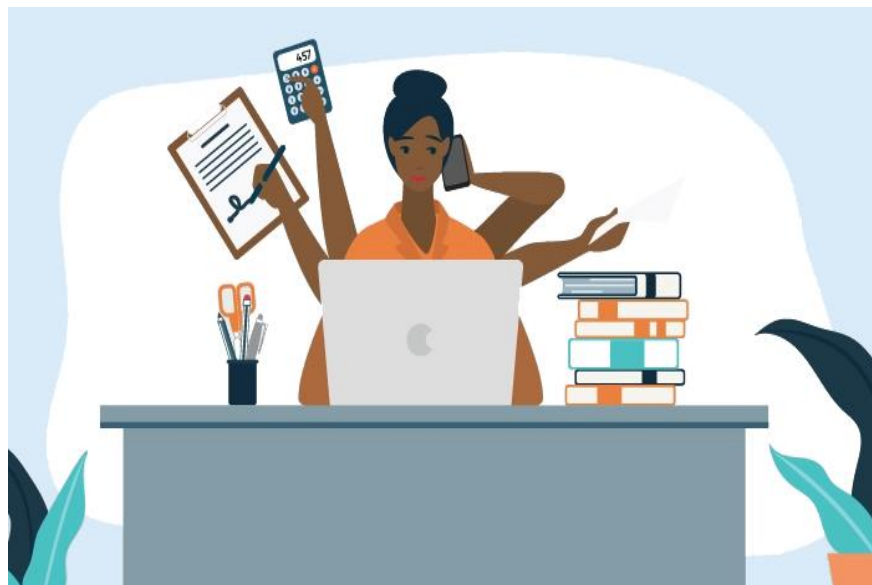


...and responsibility

The autonomy and freedom given to those at the frontline mean the breaks are tailored to the needs of the carer.

This autonomy also means that when we're facing difficult decisions and demand pressures (which is all the time!) then both the council and Carers Trust Mid Yorkshire work together to look at how to manage these pressures. Both partners need to step up

A strong, trusted partnership relationship built over many years is vital. Commissioning processes could get in the way if you were to let them – but they don't have to





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Q&A

Caroline Gloyne - DHSC & Chris Dadson - SCIE



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what's next?

Lead LAs
submit EOI
(by 12 Jan)

DHSC agrees
funding (by 9
Feb)

MOUs
signed (by 16
Feb)

SCIE will be
in touch with
LAs (March
2024)

Further information, links and contacts



27th November Webinar two



SCIE support innovation@scie.org.uk



NCAS



W/C 11th December online regional events to connect to people in your area and ask further questions



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[Innovation projects in adult social care receive £42.6 million boost - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Case Study example Organisations	Email address
Care Finder App	Yolanda.Dennehy@bexley.gov.uk ;
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Carers Breaks - Carers Trust	Rsuleiman@carerstrust.org rchapman@carers.org
Carers	rchapman@carers.org ; dcarter@carers.org emily.holzhausen@carersuk.org ; Laura.bennett@carersuk.org
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N-Compass : carers Assessments	asher.ayres@n-compass.org.uk
Shared Lives	ewan.king@sharedlivesplus.org.uk
Tribe Project	hello@tribeproject.org
Volunteer led discharge pathway	help@helpforce.community



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