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Commissioning for a Better Future

Learning from the Social Care Innovation Network and wider work during Covid-19

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What is the Social Care Innovation Network?



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Asset-based area 2.0

Social Care Innovation Network - Phase II

Social Care Innovation Network
 A network to help local areas take innovative approaches to social care and support. Providing answers to the challenge of scaling up primarily small, community-focused examples of innovation.

New report: Getting under the skin of the social care innovation network
 A report on the first phase and learning from the network committed to creating a new and better form of social care.

About the network
 Read about the Innovation Network bringing together innovative providers, commissioners and others to share learning.

Advisory group
 An advisory group is supporting the ongoing development of the Network.

Webinar recording
 Access a webinar recording from April 2019, looking at the Innovation Network.

Useful resources
 A continually growing list of published resources on developing innovation in social care.

Innovations Directory
 Explore Think Local Act Personal's directory of innovative models of health and social care.

Related SCIE content
 SCIE acts as an improvement partner to local areas. New consultancy support.

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Re-designing commissioning

- In SCIN phase 2 people with lived experience, families, commissioners and innovative support providers looked at what changes to commissioning in adult social care might help localities move towards the Social Care Future vision
- We started to build a possible framework to support changes to commissioning in order to make this shift.
- We are sharing it as a practical product from SCIN along with a short guide to relevant materials and resources



A new framework for thinking about commissioning

- **Establishing a clear strategic direction starting from the goal of playing a part in improving lives and communities.**
- **A determination to release all local assets**
- **A starting aim to use public service resources to support, enable, build from and add to citizen and community initiative and action.**
- **Co-produce and deliver a range of activity to support wellbeing and sustainability.**



Making the Shift

- **Bristol City Council** are in process of co-designing a new outcome based home care specification with local CICs and equalities organisation
- The **London Borough of Camden** has co-designed commissioning plans with people with lived experience in order to develop long term outcome based contracts for supported living
- **Hammersmith and Fulham** have developed a commissioning strategy for accommodation based on the work of their Coproduction panel.
- **Thurrock Council** is developing an asset based commissioning approach to rebalancing accommodation



Learning from the COVID-19 Response

- Innovative and flexible support services responded well
- VCS and mutual aid groups need to be central to the planning for recovery as well as the longer term
- Positive relationships and supportive communication with providers resulted in more solution-focused ways of working
- Strong local decision-making grounded in co-production saved lives via e.g. responsiveness, local testing
- People and communities galvanised around rights, social justice and equalities.
- Communities can deliver – people, groups & businesses want to be involved. Improving lives rather than replacing paid roles
- Highlighted and compounded existing issues