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

27th November 2023

Welcome

Chris Dadson, Director of Business Development and Marketing - SCIE

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SCIE - Our aims

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 & Social Care

DHSC : 10-Year Social Care Vision

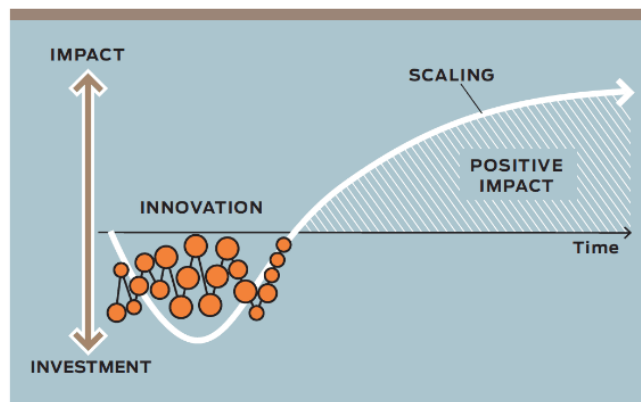People have choice, control and support to live independent lives.

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People find adult social care fair and accessible.

Boost quality & accessibility by:

Innovation & scaling

Supporting unpaid carers

The Fund in more detail

Chris Dadson,Director of Business Development and Marketing - SCIE

Accelerator Reform Fund (ARF)

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

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

Pace evolutionary not transformational	Reactive	No strategy	Fragmented market
Cultural protectiveness	One off funding	Lack of capacity	Insufficient evaluation
	Lack of evidence		

IMPACT Improving Adult Care Together

https://impact.bham.ac.uk/news-and-media-2/

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

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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

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.

Priorities

DHSC set out a <u>list of 12 priorities</u> aligned to 10-year vision

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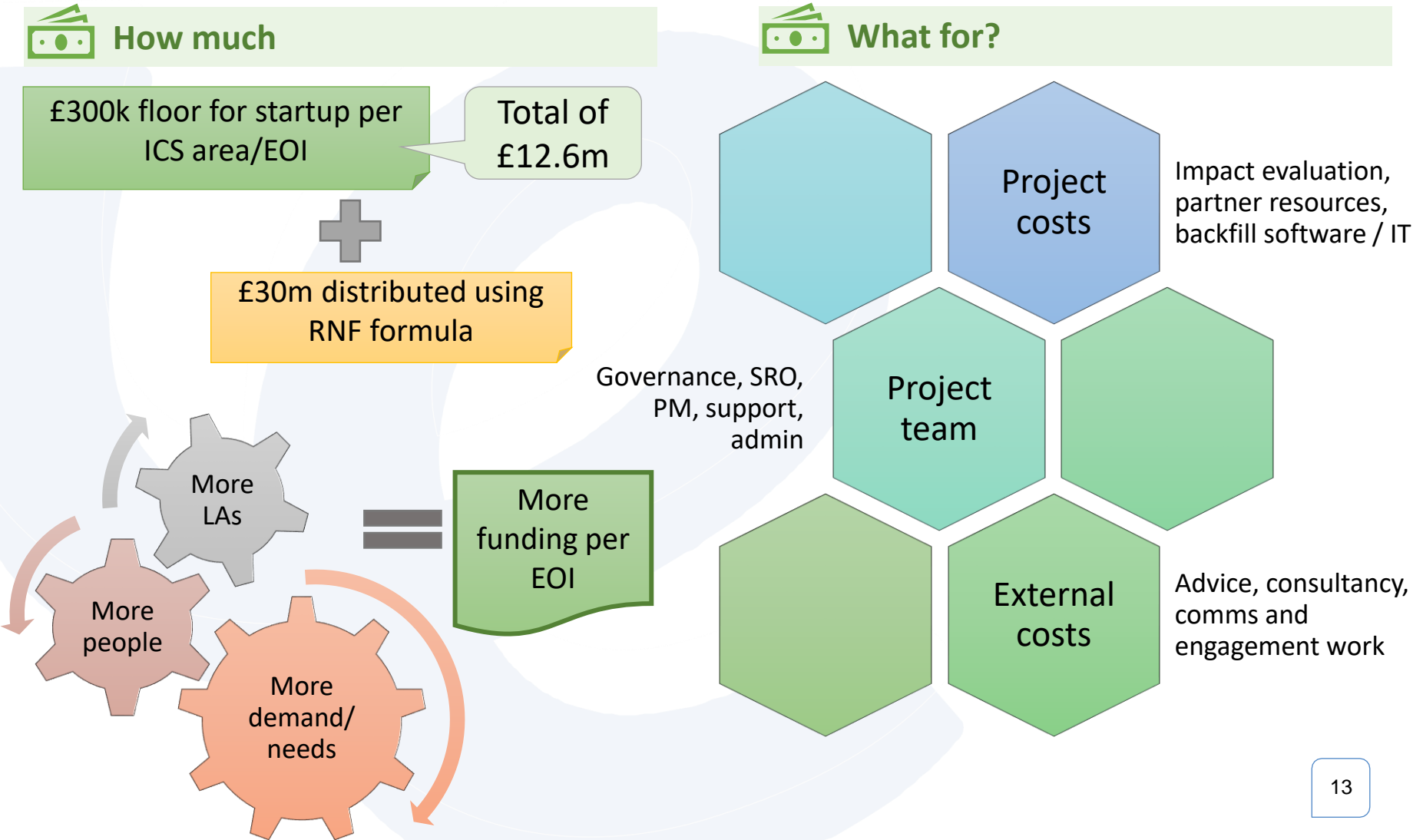
Ways to better identify unpaid carers in local areas

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

How much

£300k floor for startup per ICS area/EOI

Total of £12.6m

+

£30m distributed using RNF formula

More LAs

More people

More demand/ needs

=

More funding per EOI

What for?

Project costs — Impact evaluation, partner resources, backfill software / IT

Governance, SRO, PM, support, admin — Project team

External costs — Advice, consultancy, comms and engagement work

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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

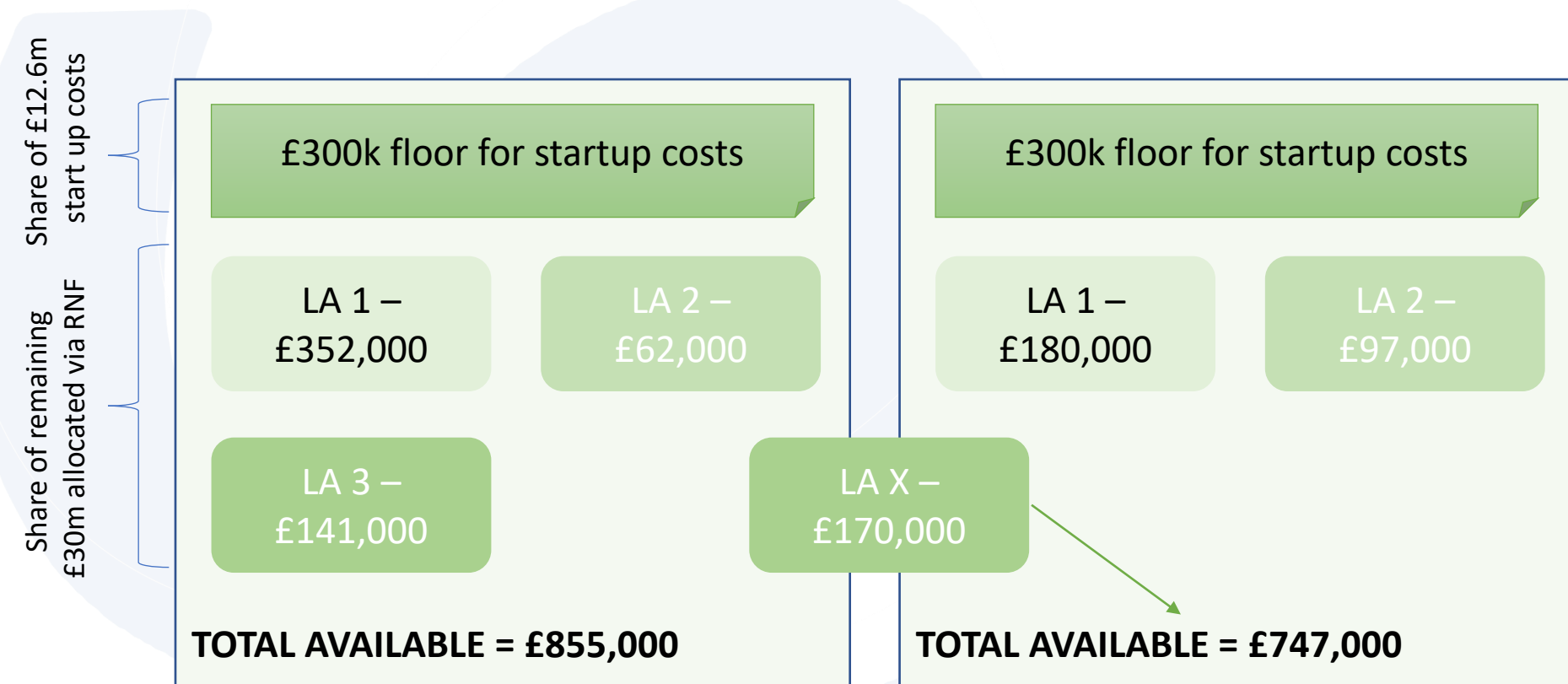LA 1 – £77,000

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

How much

Share of £12.6m start up costs

Share of remaining £30m allocated via RNF

£300k floor for startup costs	£300k floor for startup costs

LA 1 – £352,000	LA 2 – £62,000	LA 1 – £180,000	LA 2 – £97,000

LA 3 – £141,000	LA X – £170,000

TOTAL AVAILABLE = £855,000

TOTAL AVAILABLE = £747,000

Funding Q&A

Caroline Gloyne - DHSC & Chris Dadson - SCIE

Expression of interest – the who

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Who

Health

Providers, Voluntary organisations

Local Authorities

Within each ICS area
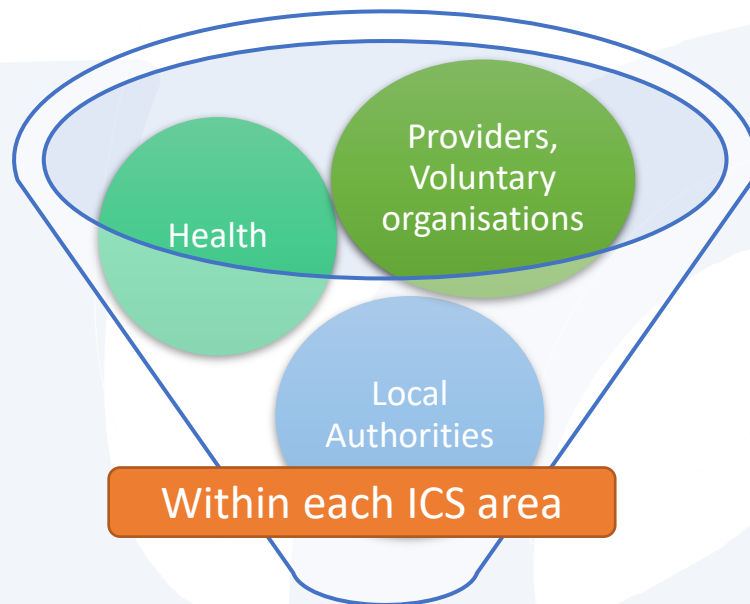
EOI Section 2
Question 13

Lead LA completes EOI

LAs within the ICS area come together

Other partners are identified: NHS, providers, etc

Projects related to the 12 priorities are identified

EOI submitted

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EOI

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

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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)

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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

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? 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

EOI

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

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Case studies:

Tribe Project & Carers UK

Alex Knapp/Richard Howells – Tribe Project & Madeleine Starr/Emily Holzhausen – Carers UK

tribe

We help to grow, map and connect diverse community capacity

Tribe, Essex
Case Study

Q&A Time

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Open floor Q&A

Caroline Gloyne - DHSC & Chris Dadson - SCIE

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

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)

Case Study example Organisations	Email address
Care Finder App	Yolanda.Dennehy@bexley.gov.uk;
Care Friends - employee referral App	neil@carefriends.co.uk
Carers Breaks - Carers Trust	Rsuleiman@carerstrust.org rchapman@carers.org d.carter@carers.org
Carers UK	emily.holzhausen@carersuk.org; Laura.bennett@carersuk.org
Holbeck Together Network	OPCommissioning@leeds.gov.uk
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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