

what works
centre for

**CHILDREN'S
SOCIAL
CARE**

Local partners – Wave 1, July – December 2018

Summary description

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Local authority/trust	Co-designing and testing products or services	Generating evidence proposals: research themes
1. Bath and North East Somerset Council		The front door (initial response to safeguarding concerns) Explore how the 'front door' is currently managed and generate ideas for how it might be managed differently and more effectively to better meet the needs of children and families in a timely way.
2. Birmingham Children's Trust		Workforce well-being Explore what support makes the most difference for social workers and other social care staff, what changes might be made to improve recruitment, retention and well-being and how more effective support systems for workers make a difference to children and families.
3. Bracknell Forest Borough Council	Digital tools for more effective use of data Explore how data is currently accessed and used, and test tools to support faster analysis – including comparisons across local authorities, and how to integrate analysis into decision making.	
4. City of Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council	Digital tools for more effective use of data (see above)	

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5. Bristol City Council	Evidence masterclasses Co-design and trial masterclasses to enable practice leaders and others to assess and use evidence and research.	Safely reducing the need for children to enter care Explore how current approaches are working to safely reduce the need for children to enter care and what further interventions might make a difference, including edge-of-care support but also thinking more widely about the system as a whole and the place and potential of different approaches to family support.
6. Buckinghamshire County Council	Evidence masterclasses (See above)	
7. Metropolitan Borough of Calderdale	Evidence masterclasses (See above)	
8. Cambridgeshire County Council	Peer to peer networking Co-design and test a digital peer-to-peer platform to support sharing of reliable evidence more widely amongst peers.	Effective supervision and decision-making Explore what makes for good supervision and what different it makes for children and families, including how best to support informed decision-making and how different approaches to supervision support (or inhibit) different approaches in practice.
9. Central Bedfordshire Council		Effective supervision and decision-making (See above)
10. Coventry City Council	Online evidence store Co-design an online evidence store to support access to evidence.	
11. Doncaster Children's Services Trust	Reference partner - Diagnostic tool to assess an organisation's use of evidence Provide insights and advice based on their experience of using evidence, to partners developing the tool.	
12. Royal Borough of Greenwich	Reference partner - Diagnostic tool to assess an organisation's use of evidence Provide insights and advice based on their experience of using evidence, to partners developing the tool.	
13. Hartlepool Borough Council		Safely reducing the need for children to enter care (See above)

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14. Leeds City Council	Reference partner - Diagnostic tool to assess an organisation's use of evidence Provide insights and advice based on their experience of using evidence, to partners developing the tool.	
15. Newcastle City Council	Reference partner - Digital tools for more effective use of data Provide insights and advice based on experience of using data, to partners testing the tools.	
16. Oxfordshire County Council	Reference partner - Diagnostic tool to assess an organisation's use of evidence Provide insights and advice based on their experience of using evidence, to partners developing the tool.	
17. Surrey County Council	Reference partner - Digital tools for more effective use of data Provide insights and advice based on experience of use of data, to partners testing the tools.	
18. Three boroughs: Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	Reference partner - Diagnostic tool to assess an organisation's use of evidence Provide insights and advice based on their experience of using evidence, to partners developing the tool.	
19. Metropolitan Borough of Walsall	Diagnostic tool to assess an organisation's use of evidence Co-design and test a diagnostic tool to identify strengths and weakness in current use of evidence, and areas for improvement.	
20. West Sussex County Council	Online evidence store Co-designing an online evidence store to support access to evidence.	
21. Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council	Self-evaluation tool Design a self-evaluation tool and how it could be used, through a series of workshops and interviews.	