

The Vision

All people live in welcoming communities that provide friendship, mutual support, equity and opportunities for everyone.

Local Area Coordinators are rooted in our communities and take introductions from anyone. They do not work under set criteria, time restraints or targets - only to help someone achieve their vision of 'a good life'.

They bring together local people, primarily building on neighbourly connections with services as a back-up.

Local Area Coordination works collaboratively with the whole system. It requires cross system commitment, investment and strong leadership to succeed. People are always at the centre of this asset-based approach.

The Impact of Local Area Coordination

People and families – It helps people achieve multiple outcomes / better lives.

Communities – It supports inclusive, strong and welcoming communities.

Services – It provides learning for system change and co-production, and reduces and diverts costs (£4 return for every £1 invested).

Local Area Coordination at 3 levels...

..... Preventing

Identifying people not yet known to services to build resilience and remain part of their community.

..... Delaying

Supporting people at risk of becoming dependent on services to remain strong in their own community, diverting the need for "formal service" responses.

Reducing

Supporting people already dependent on services to become less dependent and more resilient in their own community.

Why Local Area Coordination?

The Local Area Coordination goes beyond the siloes of Health and Social Care. We make the service as accessible as possible to anyone living within a community with a Coordinator.

Introductions are not limited to being made by healthcare or other service professionals. Instead they are unrestricted and can come from family and friends, even direct from the person themselves.

Local Area Coordinators are visible in communities and can be found in local cafes, community hubs, libraries etc, rather than in an office behind closed doors.

This integrated approach makes it stand out from other conventional services, by removing barriers to accessibility. The aim is that Local Area Coordination is available to all - everyone deserves to achieve their vision of a good life.