

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PREVENTATIVE SUPPORT



Local Area Coordination: a relational approach that builds on what is strong in people's lives and communities.

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Why Local Area Coordination?

In an increasingly disconnected society, building and nurturing connection has never been more important. With growing health inequalities, complexity of need and demand upon our health and care systems, new approaches to neighbourhood-based, preventative support are needed.

Local Area Coordination offers a whole family and community approach that is strengths and prevention focused.

The benefits of Local Area Coordination



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It prevents people and families falling into crises by providing early support.

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Communities have a bridge to the wider service system.



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It results in increased personal wellbeing, independence and confidence which reduces social isolation and service dependency.

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It reforms the 'front door' of the local public system, helping people to avoid, delay and reduce reliance on formal services and support.



How it works

Local Area Coordinators are employed by councils and based in the local community they serve.



Local Area Coordinators work without referral pathways, criteria or assessments processes. Instead, they start with an introduction and a conversation with people who need support, where trust begins to form.

Local Area Coordinators walk alongside people, encouraging them to recognise their own capabilities, gifts, community networks and the practical resources they already have around them before considering more formal supports and services.



How to get started



We will have an exploratory chat with you about your local context and the Local Area Coordinator model.

From there, we can help with making the business case and can connect you with other areas to find out more.

The evidence it works

Councils investing in Local Area Coordination (LAC) range from London boroughs and city councils across England, to county councils covering mixed rural and urban areas. [Read more about these areas.](#)

Independent evaluations have shown a wide range of benefits to services with typical return on investment (ROI) of **£3.5 - £4 for every £1 invested.**

17 evaluations over 15 years have shown LAC prevents support needs, builds community and saves money.

View the [independent academic evaluations](#) of LAC in England and Wales.

Stories of impact



[View the stories](#) of the difference Local Area Coordination makes to people's lives.

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