

# National Priorities Programme for Adult Social Care and Social Work (IPASC)

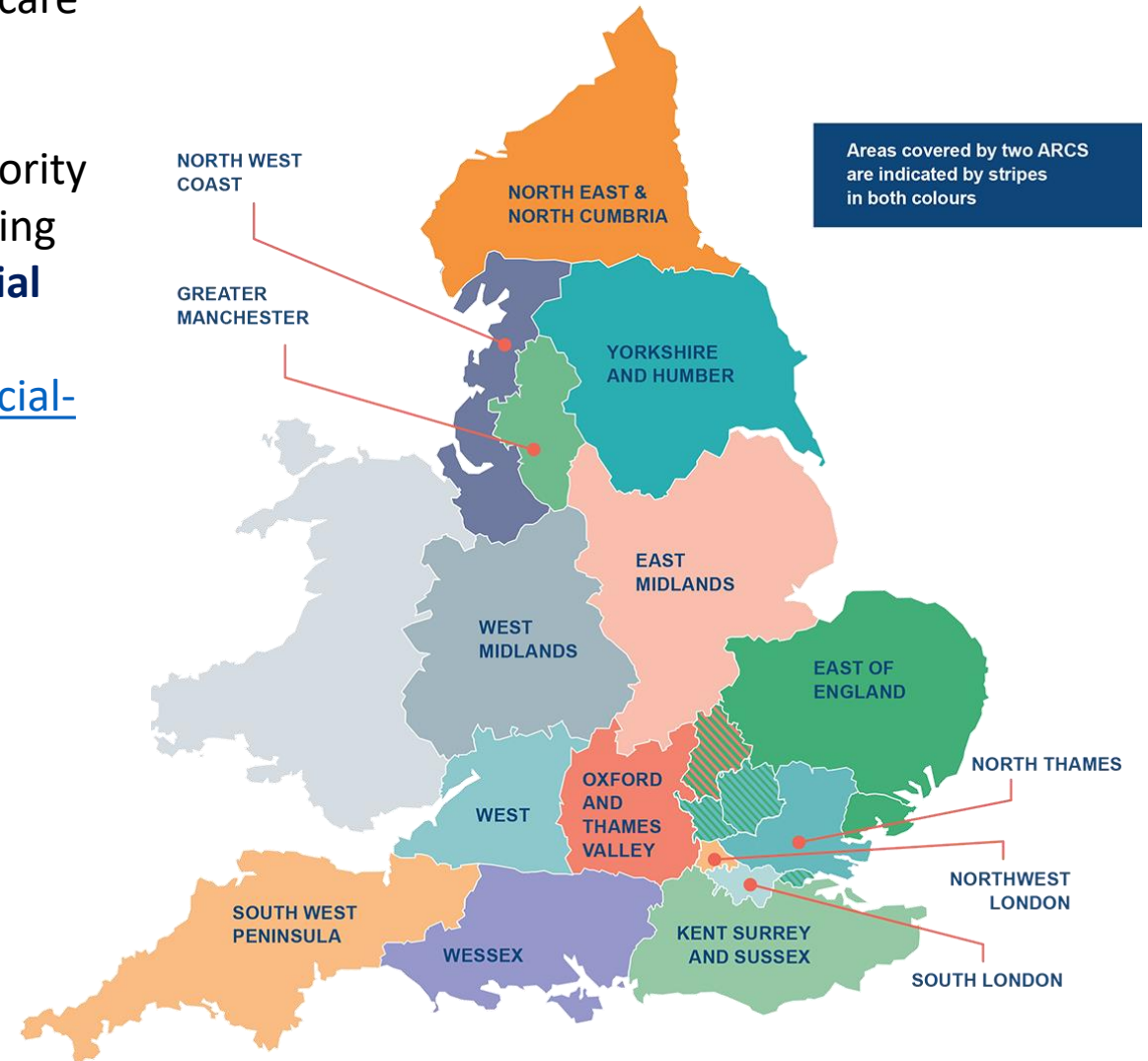
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*on behalf of the IPASC Consortium*

NIHR has funded 15 Applied Research Collaborations (ARCs) to support applied health and care research that responds to, and meets, the needs of local populations and local health and care systems.

The ARCs are working together on a number of national priority areas and the Kent Surrey and Sussex ARC (ARC KSS) is leading the **national priorities collaboration on social care and social work**. <https://arc-kss.nihr.ac.uk/research-and-implementation/national-priorities-programme-in-adult-social-care-and-social-work>

**Our Consortium** *led by Prof Julien Forder*

- **ARC Kent Surrey and Sussex**
- **ARC Oxford and Thames Valley**
- **ARC East of England**
- **ARC West**
- **ARC West Midlands**
- **ARC North East and North Cumbria**
- **ARC North Thames**
- **ARC South London**
- **ARC North West Coast**



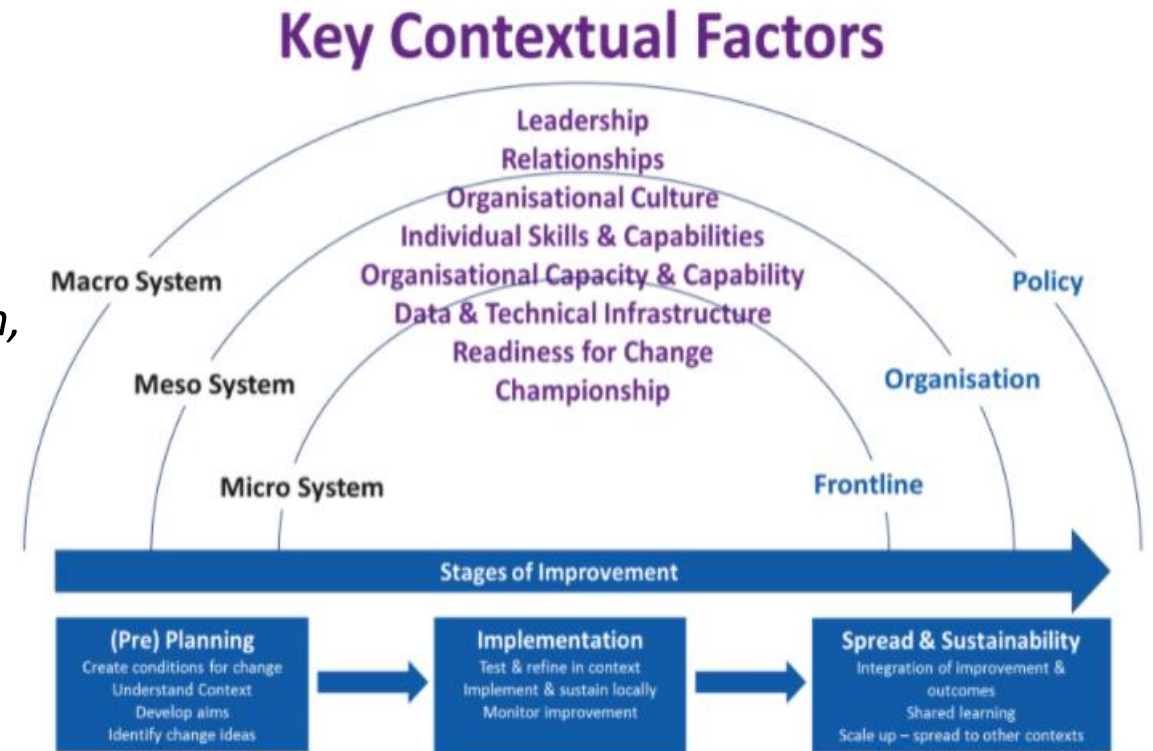
# IPASC aims and objectives

To support and stimulate the implementation of evidence-based (evaluated) service change at national and/or supra-regional level in adult social care

❖ to identify social care activities and innovations that would benefit from (further) evaluation and support with (wider) implementation.

*(Phase 1)*


❖ to explore the facilitators and barriers to improving the evidence base and implementation, by understanding how well innovative models of service delivery work, for whom, and under what circumstances. *(Phase 2)*



# Developing consensus about the Implementation Priorities for Adult Social Care and Social Work

- The core group of the 9 ARCs scoped regional implementation projects/opportunities in their networks and have discussed potential topic areas for the collaboration to take forward.
- The collaboration have identified a **longlist of 10 topics**, with the aim of selecting approx. **3 or 4 topic areas**, which will be the initial focus areas for the national programme.
- To incorporate the views from policy makers/practitioners and public contributors, prioritisation of themes/projects consisted of consultation with:
  - ❖ **policy makers/practitioners panel**
  - ❖ **public members panel**

Projects Shortlisted for Prioritisation	
<b>Topic 1</b>	<i>Outcomes and need indicator tools for care planning and risk assessment (in care homes)</i>
<b>Topic 2</b>	<i>Digital technologies and social care</i>
<b>Topic 3</b>	<i>Integrated health and social care - discharge-to-assess and <u>reablement</u></i>
<b>Topic 4</b>	<i>Integration and partnership working between health and social care: shared care records</i>
<b>Topic 5</b>	<i>Quality improvement in adult social care through peer challenge</i>
<b>Topic 6</b>	<i>Integrating Adult and Children's Social Care: Responding to the needs of adults and children in families experiencing intimate partner violence and abuse</i>
<b>Topic 7</b>	<i>Implementation and evaluation of welfare rights advice services in social care</i>
<b>Topic 8</b>	<i>Innovations in social care to combat co-occurring deprivation during Covid-19</i>
<b>Topic 9</b>	<i>Using community resources to improve wellbeing – with a focus on its social determinants</i>
<b>Topic 10</b>	<i>Care markets – supporting good quality and sustainable delivery of care</i>

The professional stakeholders panel (N=13)	The public contributors panel (N=14)	Virtual prioritisation process	Feedback triangulation
<p>Members were purposefully selected to include commissioners, providers, user organisations, research groups, and other representative bodies;</p>	<p>An 'Opportunity for Involvement' in the Research Prioritisation Panel was sent to PPI Leads from the 9 ARCs.</p>	<p>Priority/importance rating, based on two criteria:  <i>*How far the social care activity within the topic area will be <b>beneficial</b> in achieving the goals of the care system</i>  <i>*How feasible it is to <b>implement</b> the activity more widely across the care system</i></p>	<p>Analysing and interpreting the <b>quantitative data</b> (ie raw voting scores)</p>
<p>Examples include DHSC, SCIE, ADASS, Carers UK, Royal College of Occupational Therapists or Research in Practice;</p>	<p>People who had an interest in the opportunity were required to send an Expression of Interest, and to complete a short application form to ensure diversity of backgrounds/experiences, aiming for a mix of service users and carers;</p>	<p>For each of the projects/topic areas, participants had to choose from the following options:  <b>*low priority</b> (being less beneficial and implementable)  <b>*medium priority</b>  <b>*high priority</b> (being more beneficial and implementable)</p>	<p>Analysing and interpreting the <b>qualitative data</b> that emerged from the actual discussions and other means of communication (i.e. the chat function on Zoom or other feedback through emails).</p>
		<p><b>Group discussions</b> around each topic including comments to support the ratings</p>	<p><b>Feedback from the Consortium</b> based on local interest &amp; capacity</p> 

# Topic 1

## Outcomes and need indicator tools for care planning and risk assessment (in care homes)

## Topic 2

Digital technologies and social care -  
the use of videoconferencing  
to support the care of residents and  
their families in care homes

## Topic 3

Integrated health and social care -  
discharge-to-assess,  
reablement



## Topic 4

Integration and partnership working  
between health and social  
care: shared care records

## Topic 5

# Quality improvement in adult social care through peer challenge

# Topic 6

Integrating Adult and Children's Social  
Care: Responding to the  
needs of both the adult victim and  
children in families experiencing  
intimate partner violence and abuse

## Topic 7

# Implementation and evaluation of welfare rights advice services in social care

## Topic 8

# Innovations in social care to combat co-occurring deprivation during Covid-19

## Topic 9

Using community resources to improve wellbeing with a focus on its determinants (e.g. loneliness and poor mental health)

# Topic 10

Care markets – supporting good quality  
and sustainable delivery of  
care

# Next steps

- The feedback from the two panels and IPASC consortium will be used to (a) decide the projects will do in the next two years and (b) share the results in the social care research and policy community, to help inform future priorities.
- Our website will also have the facility for social care stakeholders to tell us – via a webform – about adult social care priority areas to implementation, aiming to identify interventions and/or policies that we might wish to support with further research and evaluation going forward.
- <https://arckss.glasscubes.com/form/0ae0381e-04e5-4ea7-9271-c43dabda121d>

Box 1. IPASC survey

- Title of the care activity
- Purpose of the activity
- Who it is aiming to help
- What types of organisations are involved
- In which LA does the activity mainly operate
- Whether the activity has been evaluated
- What further implementation/evaluation would be wanted



<https://arc-kss.nihr.ac.uk/news/public-involvement-in-adult-social-care>

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**CO-PRODUCTION WORKS**  
Supporting Equality and Change in Public Services

***“Equal access to  
the knowledge table”***

**Scoping exercise:  
Public & Community Involvement, Engagement &  
Participation in NIHR Applied Research Collaboration  
National Priority Consortium for  
Adult Social Care and Social Work**

***Summary of the main themes and recommendations***

*Pete Fleischmann, Magdalena Skrybant,  
Sophie Staniszewska & Robin Miller*



**Thank  
You**

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