Social Care Digital Innovation Programme 2019-21

Selection of Discovery Phase Councils

21 March 2019

Express of Interest Process

Following the Local Investment Programme (LIP) 2017-18 and the Social Care Digital Innovation Programme (SCDIP) 2018-19, the third wave of the digital innovation programme takes place after two years starting in April 2019. £30,000 is available for councils to carry out a discovery phase. The call for expression of interest went out to councils on 30 January.

The scoring panel, consisting of representatives from the Local Government Association and NHS Digital were looking for the following key elements in the expression of interest:

- examples of genuine innovation that have significant benefits for the sector.
- good links with social care providers and other stakeholders
- had users at the centre of the discovery phase

By the 7 March deadline 57 councils had applied. The quality of the applications had increased with 32% of applications scoring 65% and above as opposed to 16% the year before.

Shortlisted projects

Given the higher quality of the applications the scoring panel decided to fund 12 projects as opposed to the originally planned 10. The projects selected are tackling a range of issues with some projects looking to build on existing work in previously funded programmes. **Essex** and **Southwark** are tackling falls prevention as well as falls management which was explored by Stockport (SCDIP). **Cambridgeshire** will explore technology in transitions taking the work of Barnet (LIP) a step further. Luton and Central Bedfordshire and Plymouth (both LIP) looked to integrate health and social care information into social care provider systems. **Leeds** will advance this digital integration work starting in two care homes. **North East Lincolnshire** will build on the work of the Nottingham (SCDIP) to create home care efficiencies as well as an outcome focused service.

Other projects are tackling new areas. **North Somerset** are exploring hydration in care homes. **Newcastle** are looking to create a more efficient community equipment service and **Derbyshire** are similarly investigating installation of minor and major adaptations. Continuing on the efficiency theme, **Norfolk** will develop a more responsive face to face social care service. **Camden** are exploring using technology to improve travel solutions to aid the independence of their residents. **Richmond and Wandsworth** would like to use technology to improve their offer for informal carers. Finally, **Kirkless** are grappling with a social care problem many councils are looking - citizen access to social care information.

Nine of the 12 councils have not been funded in previous LGA and NHS Digital funded programmes, encouraging the spread of the digital service design approach in new areas.

Please see a summary of the selected councils overleaf.

Council	Region	Theme	Summary
Cambridgeshire County Council	East of England	Efficiency and strength-based approaches	Enhancing the independence of those with learning disabilities in the community during their transition to adult social care
London Borough of Camden	London	Efficiency and strength-based approaches	Using technology to provide travel assistance and establish long term independent travel
Derbyshire County Council	East Midlands	Efficiency and strength-based approaches	Designing and testing a remote assessment process for some adaptations in domestic environments
Essex County Council	East of England	Sustainable / integrated care & health systems	Exploring real-time prediction and/or monitoring of falls testing technology used in other fields
Kirklees Council	Yorkshire and Humber	Efficiency and strength-based approaches	Providing direct citizen access to real-time information held about care needs and services
Leeds City Council	Yorkshire and Humber	Sustainable / integrated care & health systems	Digitally integrating care homes into the health and care system to ensure personalised, joined up care
Newcastle City Council	North East	Sustainable / integrated care & health systems	Exploring how community equipment provided at the right time to maximise independence
Norfolk County Council	East of England	Efficiency and strength-based approaches	A new process for booking and allocating appointments for social workers, care managers and therapists
North East Lincolnshire Council	Yorkshire and Humber	Managing Markets and Commissioning	Improving home care communications, rostering, tracking of visits, outcomes and costs
North Somerset Council	South West	Managing Markets and Commissioning	Using technology to support identifying and proactively manage hydration in care homes
Richmond and Wandsworth Councils	London	Efficiency and strength-based approaches	Identifying informal carers and developing awareness of the local offer of support and services
London Borough of Southwark	London	Sustainable / integrated care & health systems	Exploring better management and prevention of falls