

local area coordination **NEWS** network

Winter 2015/16



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Welcome to the Winter 2015 Local Area Coordination Network News Update.

2015 has flown by, but it has been a really positive year for learning, building relationships and hearing inspiring stories.

My thanks to everyone who has been involved in and contributed to Local Area Coordination over the last 12 months.

It has been a real privilege to work alongside people doing great things, sharing ideas and experiences and meeting amazing people in our local communities.



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It's been hard work, but really good fun too!

We have also seen a number of new areas start the Local Area Coordination and reform journey, as well as other areas starting to expand, building great partnerships with service and community partners and carrying on the culture of evaluation, accountability and ongoing learning and improvement.

Here is a brief update of what has happened over the past few months and some plans for 2016.

Wishing everyone a fabulous time over the Festive Period - see you in 2016.



1. New Reports and Resources

1. People, Places, Possibilities - New national report on Local Area Coordination in England and Wales.

The report was published by Centre for Welfare Reform and reflects on the development of Local Area Coordination nationally, outcomes for individuals/families/communities and systems. You can access it via

<http://lacnetwork.org/the-new-report-on-local-area-coordination-published-by-centre-for-welfare-reform-is-out-now/>

2. New Social Return on Investment Evaluation of Local Area Coordination in Thurrock. Hannah Marsh from Kingfishers (Project Management Ltd) led the independent SROI evaluation of Local Area Coordination in Thurrock. It is now available via <http://lacnetwork.org/social-value-of-local-area-coordination-in-thurrock/>
3. Swansea and Thurrock Local Area Coordination Film Clips
Check out the new film clips from Swansea and Thurrock, sharing some stories about the difference a very “human” approach” can make. <http://lacnetwork.org/news/video-library/>
4. New Report on Collaborative Care showing how community approaches can help people live a good healthy life and make good use of public money is out now. <http://lacnetwork.org/new-report-on-collaborative-care-has-been-published-today/>

2. People

Local people choosing their Local Area Coordinators

We had a year of wonderful opportunities to support local people to recruit their first Local Area Coordinators in Derbyshire, Suffolk, Isle of Wight and Swansea, as well as recruiting further Local Area Coordinators in Derby City and Thurrock Councils



Local Area Coordinators Coming Together to Share Learning

A key aspect of the nation Network, is to provide opportunities for Local Area Coordinators to connect, get to know each other, share skills/ideas, solve problems and ..have fun too.

Earlier this year new Local Area Coordinators from Swansea and Isle of Wight met up with colleagues in Derby City. A great day.....we must do more. SO important to maintain our own support networks.



National Evaluation Developments

Leaders from across Local Area Coordination areas have come together with research partners from Institute of Life Sciences (Swansea University), Southampton Solent University, University of Birmingham and Kingfishers to work together to build a community of learning and innovation in evaluation.



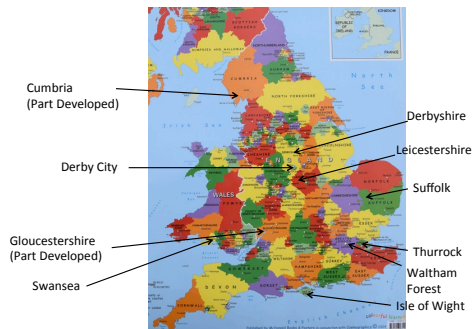
An opportunity to build relationships, share our diverse skills and to learn and share - a focus on ongoing learning and improvement.

We are hugely grateful and inspired by the the contribution, challenge and passion of our research partners - looking forward to 2016.

3. Places - Local Area Coordination is Growing in England and Wales

2015 has seen Local Area Coordination growing across England and Wales, with new programmes starting in Swansea, Isle of Wight, Suffolk and Derbyshire, as part of building individual/family/community resilience, positive approaches to delivering the Care Act and SSWB Act (Wales). We are very excited to be having early Local Area Coordination conversations in Waltham Forest - the first London Borough.

Local Area Coordination in England and Wales



A number of other new areas are now preparing to start the important design, development and inclusion phase of build Local Area Coordination.

4. Possibilities - Coming Up in 2016

Areas Growing Their Local Area Coordination Teams

Very excited to see Isle of Wight and Suffolk preparing to begin to grow Local Area Coordination across their areas.

1st National Local Area Coordination Network Conference.

Plans are underway for the first national conference - tentatively planned for March 2016 - more to follow!!

Evaluation

New Derby City Social Return on Investment (SROI) evaluation due in January 2016.

New Areas! New areas about to start - watch this space!!

*See you in 2016
Have a wonderful Christmas/Festive Period*