Local Area Coordination
People, Places, Possibilities

Helping People Stay Strong
Building Inclusive, Supportive Communities
Reforming Services
In practice...

• A single, local, accessible point of contact in populations of 10—15,000
• Co-productive recruitment – by the people, for the people
• Get to know people (children & adults), families/carers & local community well – help people stay strong

• Level 1 support: ‘Light touch’
• Level 2 support: More intensive 1:1 (50-65 people)
Asking the right question....

• Instead of asking
  – “what services and money do people need?”

• Local Area Coordination is about asking:
  – “what makes a good life for each person and what are the different ways we can get there?”
How is this different?

• Children and adults & across ‘service types’
• Combines traditionally separate roles in one, single point of contact
• Focusses on
  – Prevention -- building individual, family and community capacity and resilience.
  – Supporting people to find practical, no cost, local solutions to problems
• Applies strengths based thinking to supporting people and improving systems and services
Key ideas...

- Strengths not deficits
- Everyone has skills & can make a contribution
- Independence, choice & control
- Relationships keep people strong and safe
- Nurturing resilient, inclusive communities
Key ideas...cont’d

• Formal services as a back-up, not first response
• Local solutions are more sustainable
• Prevention is key
• Holistic, all-age approach
• Single point of contact keeps things simple
Local Area Coordination in Sketty, Sketty Park, Derwn Fawr & Tycoch

Jon Franklin
George’s Story
Don't be a waster!

DISCOVERY SVS - FOOD SWANSEA

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

9th November & 7th December – Using surplus food to bring together the community

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Partnering differing agendas...
to tackle loneliness
Sketty Friendship club
structured, dependent, costly, v
natural, interdependent, low cost/no cost
Local Area Coordination in Gorseinon, Loughor, Kingsbridge & Garden Village

Rónán Ruddy
Identifying Community Assets

Map can be found at: http://bit.ly/2fHJFw8
Socialising in the community

Common interests
Common ties
Common conditions
Common experiences
Joining in with local events

Local Knowledge: Newspapers, online, word of mouth, notice boards
Working in Partnership
Facilitating and Supporting

Listening to the community
Identifying gaps
Looking for common themes
Support, encouragement, knowledge, connections
Barbara’s Story
Thank You