

Community-Led Adult Social Care in Southmead Project

What is the aim of project?

To find ways of supporting people with adult social care needs in a personal, tailored way.

How?

- 1) Listening and chatting to people within the neighbourhood to find out the strengths and challenges around adult social care.
- 2) Coming up with a plan with a group from the community to better support these people.
- 3) Get this plan approved.
- 4) Appoint a Project Manager and other staff to run this project.

What is this CPCE jargon I've been hearing about?

It stands for 'Combining Personalisation and Community Empowerment' but basically means working with the community to come up with more tailored support for people.

Who came up with this idea?

An organisation called [Developing and Empowering Resources in Communities](#) (DERiC) who are the ones fronting the money for the Project Manager etc but the Council are underwriting this loan.

Why would they underwrite it?

The crux of the idea is that while providing a better service for people, we also save the Council money. They then pay us some of this money, which we use to pay back the loan. When the loan is paid back, the Council continues to pay some money, which comes back to the community group in Southmead

Has this been done anywhere else?

Yes, in 5/6 places around the country. The projects all look different and at most have been running for about 2/3 years. [CLARE](#) in Belfast is an example.