



Ministry of Housing,
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Changing Futures: changing systems to support adults experiencing multiple disadvantage

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The programme

Changing Futures is a £64 million, 3 year programme, jointly funded by Government and The National Lottery Community Fund, the largest funder of community activity in the UK.

- Funds local organisations working in partnership to better support those who experience multiple disadvantage.
- Builds on a large body of work, much of it driven by non Government organisations – not least the National Lottery Community Fund’s “Fulfilling Lives” programme – a £112 million investment over 8 years that focuses on improving support for vulnerable people – and MEAM’s work.
- The areas are varied in location, size and focus

Essex, Westminster, Surrey, Sussex (*East Sussex, West Sussex & Brighton*), Bristol, Plymouth, Nottingham, Stoke-on-Trent, Hull, Sheffield, Leicester, Northumbria (*Northumberland, Newcastle, Gateshead, North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Sunderland*), South Tees (*Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland*), Lancashire (*Blackpool, Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen*), Greater



Beyond funding services

Changing Futures aims to improve outcomes for adults experiencing multiple disadvantage, testing a more joined-up, person-centred approach in local areas and across government.

- **Individual level:** stabilise and improve outcomes for local cohorts of adults experiencing multiple disadvantage.
- **Service level:** greater integration and collaboration across local services to provide a person-centred approach, and reduced demand on 'reactive' services.
- **System level:** Strong multi-agency partnerships, governance and better use of data leads to lasting system change and informs commissioning. Learning from partnership between government and local areas improves cross-government policy.



“We need to look at the individual and help them deal with all of the challenges that they face, rather than sending them to five different places to get each element addressed”

Eddie Hughes MP, Minister for Housing and Rough Sleeping

1. **Work in partnership** across local services and the voluntary and community sector at a strategic and operational level;
2. **Coordinate support**, and better integrate local services to enable a ‘whole person’ approach;
3. **Create flexibility in how local services respond**, taking a system-wide view with shared accountability and ownership and a ‘no wrong door’ approach to support;
4. **Involve people with lived experience** of multiple disadvantage in service design, delivery and evaluation and in governance and decision making;
5. **Take a trauma-informed approach** across local system, services and in the governance of the programme;
6. **Commit to drive lasting system-change**, with long-term sustainable changes to benefit people experiencing multiple disadvantage and commitment to sustain the benefits of the programme beyond the lifetime of the funding.



The success of the programme hangs on how well we bring people together to share learning and build a common language on ambition and approach

- Across government and its agencies
- Across local partnerships – public sector, VCSEs and others
- People with lived experience of multiple disadvantage
- Programme evaluators and wider academic community
- Multiple disadvantage and other sector specialists
- Public service and systems change specialists

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