

Informal carers and research impact outside of academia

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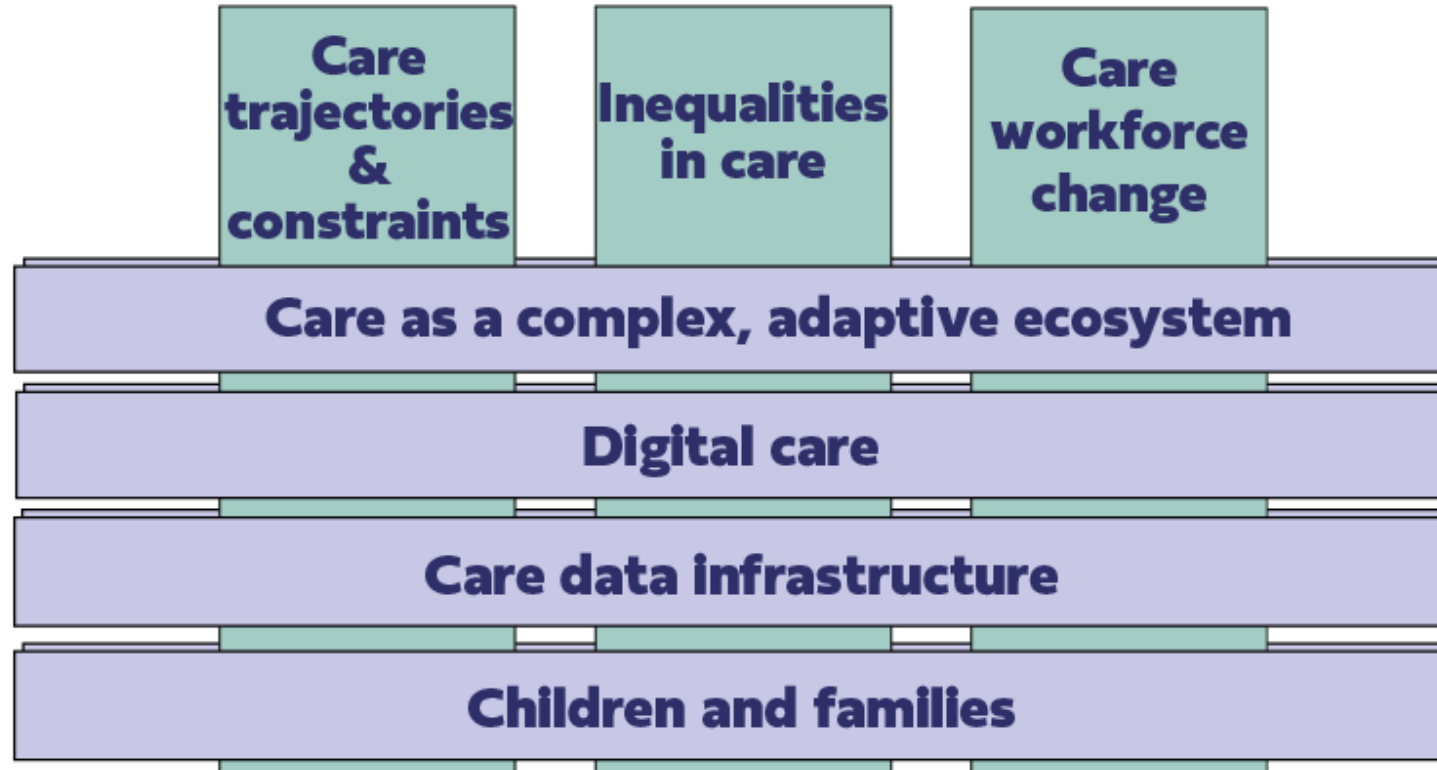


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RESEARCH GROUPS

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Policy &
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Impact Strategy



Impact budget



Impact Leadership Group



Local partnership



Knowledge exchange



Calls for evidence



Evidence briefings



Liaison with Members of Parliament



Policy breakfast events



Understanding 'impact'

Knowledge Exchange

Activity that increases the chance of impact.

A two way process: sharing our work with external partners, people, organisations outside of academia.

Gaining insight and knowledge from our partners stimulates the research we do, fueling innovation and keeping our research in touch with the real questions and challenges faced by modern society.



Impact

The **change**, influence or benefit that occurs outside academia from research. It occurs when organisations, policymakers, communities or individuals use research to improve public discourse and policies, benefit health and wellbeing, increase cultural capital, impact the economy or help the environment.

Local impact and influencing:

Local Government: Sheffield City Council Adult Social Care

Sheffield City Council Adult Social Care Partnership Board

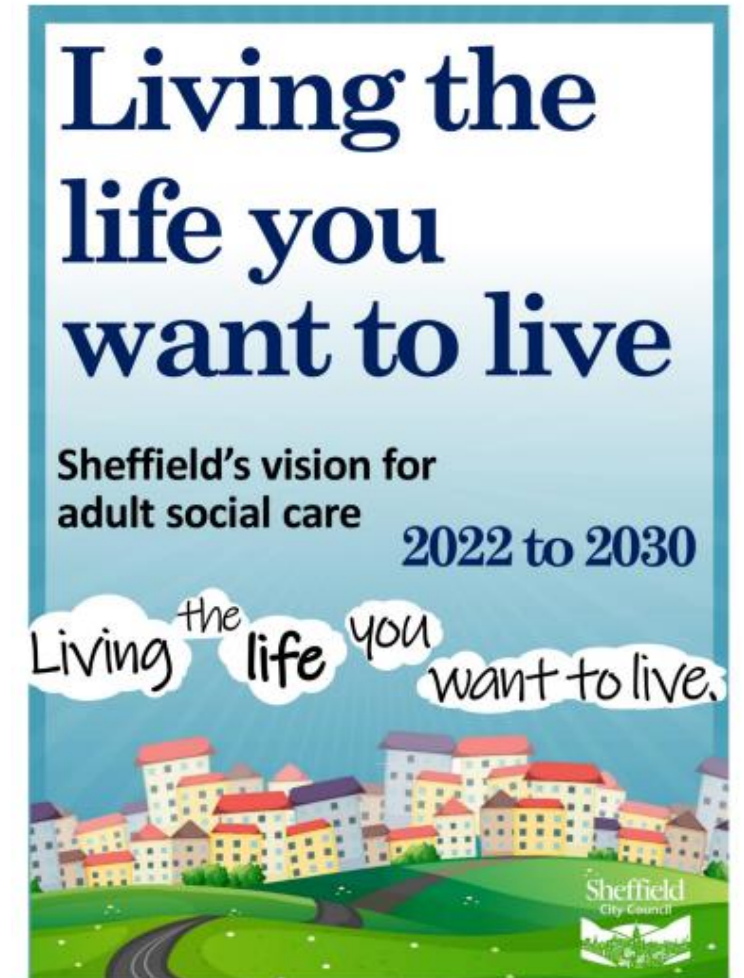
Attended by senior leaders and commissions in Adult Social Care, Care providers, Voluntary Sector partners

A series of monthly, topic focussed workshops

- Care Workforce
- Unpaid Care
- Prevention
- Sustainability and climate friendly care
- Next steps

Showcase Event in May 2025 with local politicians

Call for support and action



Unpaid Care Stats

Excel
PowerPoint

District
All

Year
2021

Care Status
Unpaid Carer (carer) + ...

Sex
All

Age
All

Welcome

Help

Quick Stats

Unpaid Care

Demographics

Health

Education

Employment

Compare

Selected Filters:

District: Not Selected
Year: 2021
Care Status (Hours): Under 19
Sex: Not Selected
Age:

Carers Demographics

58%	23%
Carers Female	Carers out of Work
14%	18%
Carers Non-White	Carers Under 35

Number and Value of Carers

5.0M	59,453,000	8.4%
Carers	Population	Providing Care
£162,576	£32,588	£2,735
Care Value (£m)	Value Per Carer	Value Per Capita

4%

Carers in Poor Health

23%

Carers with a Disability

51%

Caring > 20 Hours

30%

Caring > 50 Hours

4%

Carers LGBTQIA+

55%

Carers Married

15%

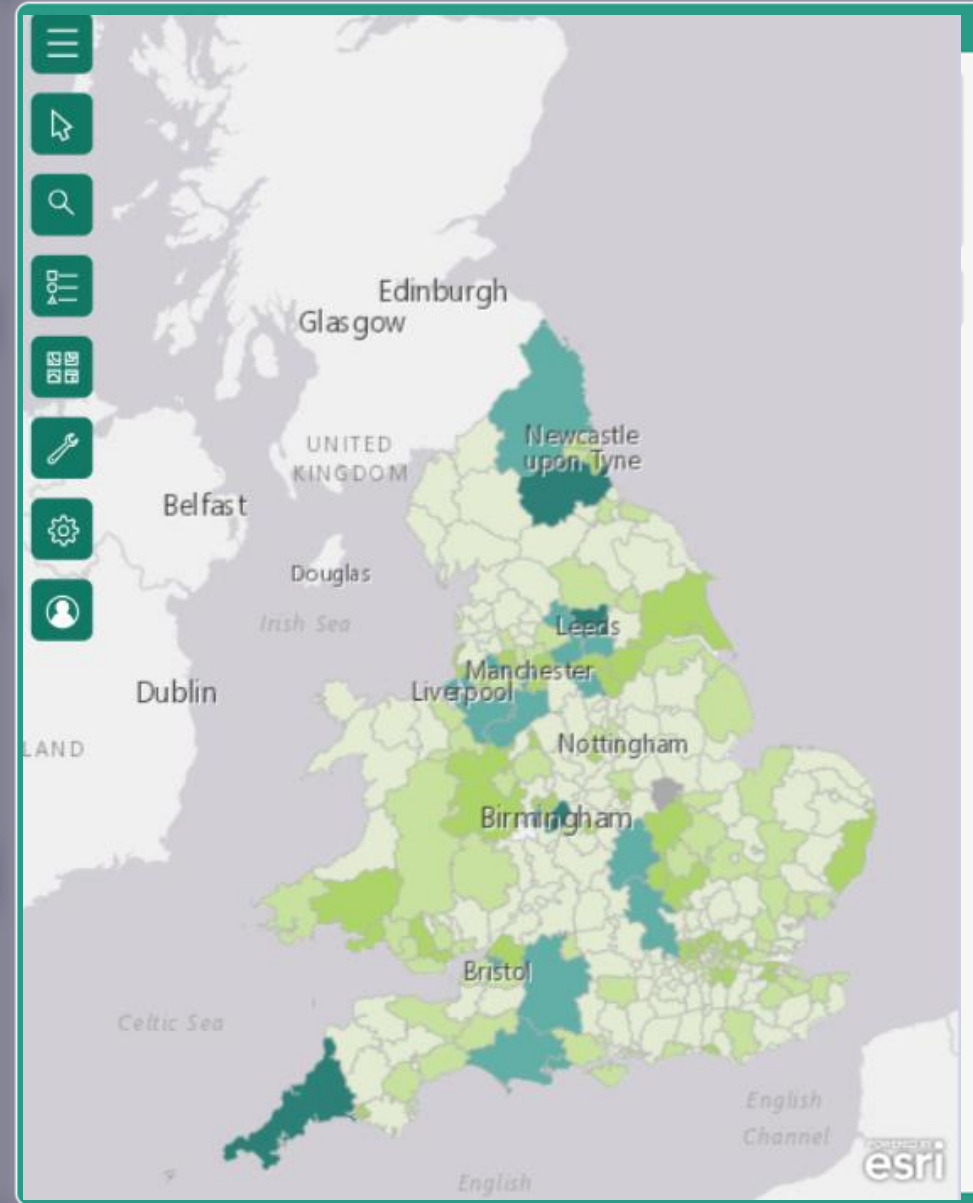
Carers work in Production

80%

Carers work in Services

Carers by Highest Qualification

10%	14%
Level 1 Qualified	Level 2 Qualified
19%	40%
Level 3 Qualified	Level 4 Qualified



National impact: Calls for evidence and evidence briefings

Report Summary:

The effects of UK immigration, asylum, and refugee policy on poverty

A joint inquiry by the APPG on Migration and the APPG on Poverty

Nobody in the UK should face destitution, and destitution should be designed out of social security and immigration systems. There is a shared interest in ensuring people who settle in the UK can thrive. However, we have found that the UK's migration policy causes destitution by design, leaves people vulnerable to exploitation and crime, and increases the costs paid by society. All of us would benefit from changing this approach; ending destitution by design and creating a fairer, more effective immigration system.

Our inquiry received almost 200 submissions from experts with professional or lived experience of the immigration system. This testimony was crucial to our findings and recommendations.

Findings & Recommendations



POSTnote 725

By Hannah Romanowski,
Clare Lally
5 August 2024

THE 'GOOD JOBS' EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS BILL

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

JULY 2024

Digital disengagement and impacts on exclusion

Overview

- Digital disengagement refers to people that have limited access to the internet or digital devices for motivational or personal reasons, rather than other forms of digital exclusion, such as access or affordability barriers. However, reasons behind digital exclusion can be inter-related.
- Digital disengagement and other forms of digital exclusion are negatively associated with social, health, employment, and financial inequalities, and can compound existing inequalities.
- In 2024, Ofcom estimated that 6% (1.7 million) of UK households did not have the internet at home. It is not clear how many are disengaged due to motivational reasons. However, multiple surveys indicate that lack of

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NIHR National Institute for Health and Care Research
UKRI Economic and Social Research Council

Research Summary / August 2024

Social care and prevention

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Social care and productivity

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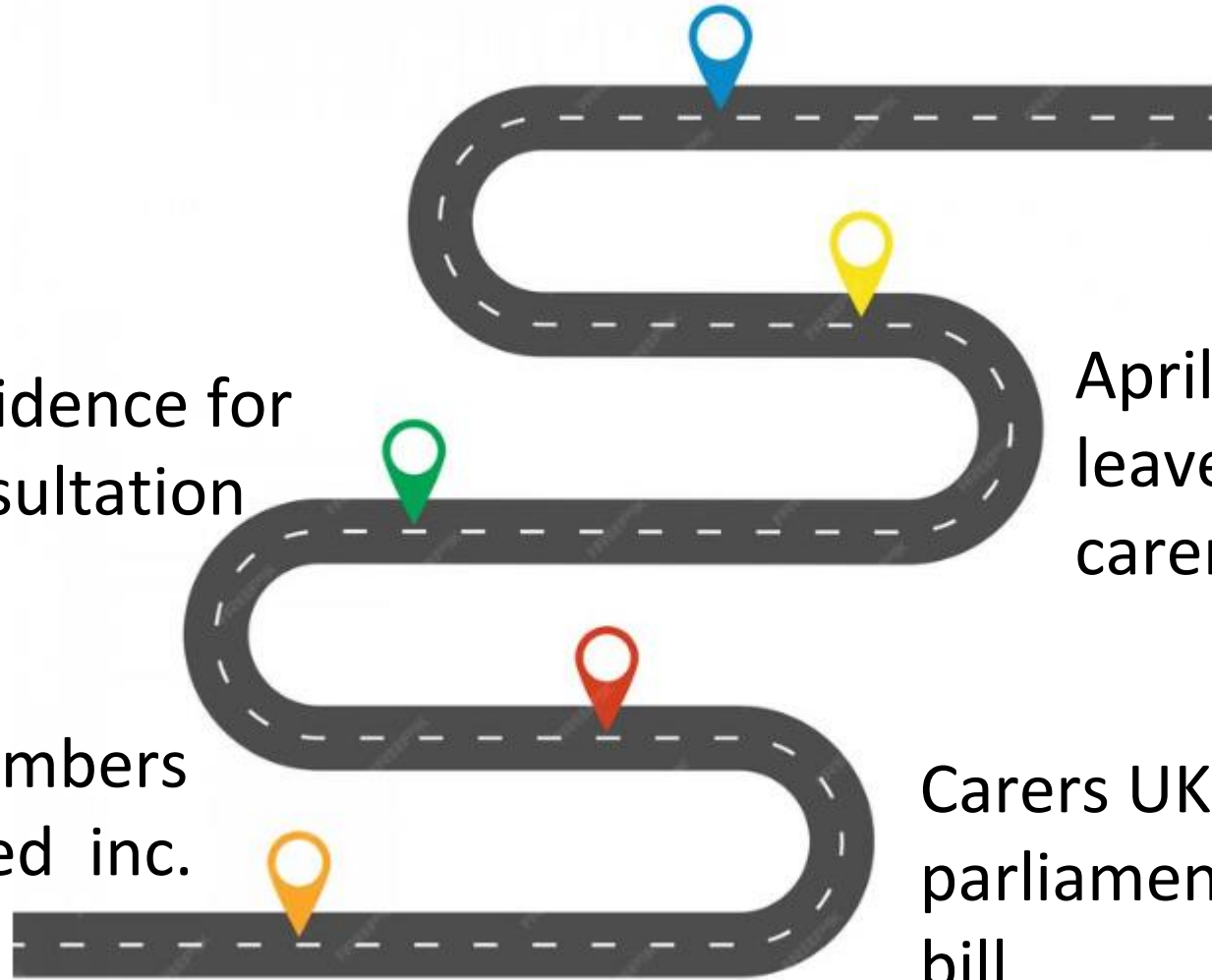
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The Campaign for carers leave

CfC submitted evidence for Government consultation

2022: Private members bill: Research cited inc. Cost of unpaid care: £162 billion



Carers UK working closely with parliamentarians to support the bill

April 2024: 5 days unpaid leave for unpaid working carers

Employment Rights Bill: government sponsored.
Campaigning to amend to become paid leave

Policy breakfast events: unpaid care

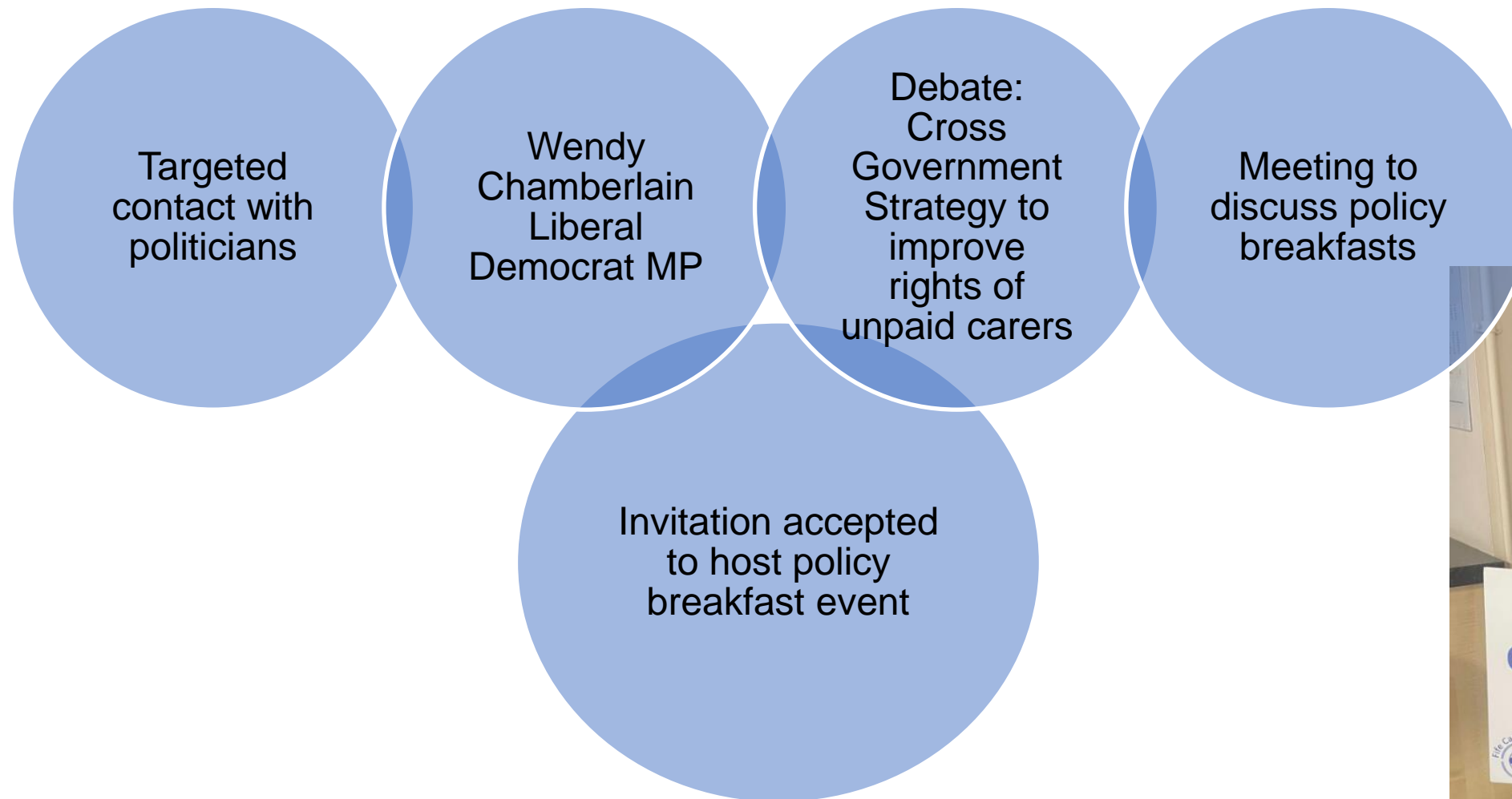
Aims of the events:

- To facilitate ***mutually beneficial knowledge exchange*** with our new and existing stakeholders.
- To ***build our relationships*** and provide opportunities for networking and bringing the community together.
- To ***share our research***, including emerging themes and recommendations based on this evidence.
- To develop a ***shared vision for change***, and agree a series of priorities and actions with our partners.
- To ***influence specific policies, or achieve consensus or develop a series of options on a particular issue, or to showcase evidence / promising practice***.
- To ***raise the profile of the Centre for Care***, positioning ourselves as key knowledge brokers in discussion about care.

Policy breakfast

Topic	Aims	Audience
<i>1). The need for urgent reform to modernise Carer's Allowance (CA)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Discuss design flaws inherent in CA currently and their impact - including disincentive to work effects, overlapping benefits rule.● Share and discuss possible ways of modernising this benefit, drawing on learning from other countries	DWP - carers policy teams; Minister Stephen Timms; Parliamentarians with interests in carers, benefits reform and poverty; voluntary sector focused on poverty / benefits reform; people with lived experience of issues with CA.
<i>2). Support for working carers to balance caring responsibilities with paid employment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To share evidence on best practice measures to support working carers (and experience of employers who have already done so)● Strong focus on the case for paid carer's leave - building on unpaid leave introduced in 2024.	DBT - carers policy leads; Parliamentarians with strong interest in carers and the employment rights bill; trade unions; Employers for Carers forum - key members (e.g. Centrica); HR professionals bodies.
<i>3). Investing in a preventative approach to carers' health and wellbeing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● To discuss opportunities and challenges to investing in prevention for carers (as intended in the Care Act) - how can we build the case and make this real for carers?	DHSC, MHCLG - carers and prevention policy leads; Access Social Care; SCIE; Local government representatives e.g. ADASS, LGA, CCN; NHS England - carers strategy leads; voluntary sector organisations providing holistic support to carers.

Building relationships with Parliamentarians



Learning so far

Target
policy
actors
with the 3
I's:
Interest,
Influence,
Impact

Be
strategic:
Frame the
debate

Explore
local and
national
changes

Be
realistic

Resilience



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**Thank you for listening,
Any questions?**