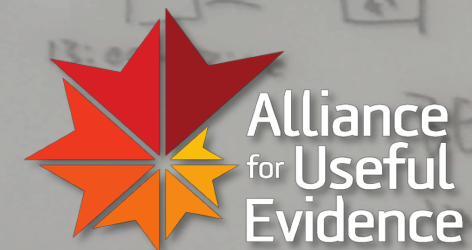


Delivering What Works: Transitioning to a What Works Centre Approach

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- UK What Works Centre for Children's Social Care
- EPPI Centre, University of London
- US What Works Clearing House
- NICE Collaborative
- DEFRA scoping WW Centre
- DWP Internal WW Centre
- ESRC Centre for Evidence-based Policy
- Australian Institute of Family Studies
- Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University
- Center for State Welfare Data, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago.
- Oxford Migration Observatory
- Learning disabilities Observatory
- Wales Observatory on Human Rights of Children and Young People
- Third Sector Research Centre
- N8 Research Policing Partnership
- CELCIS, University of Strathclyde
- Research in Practice
- Project Oracle
- Education Data Lab
- Justice Data Lab

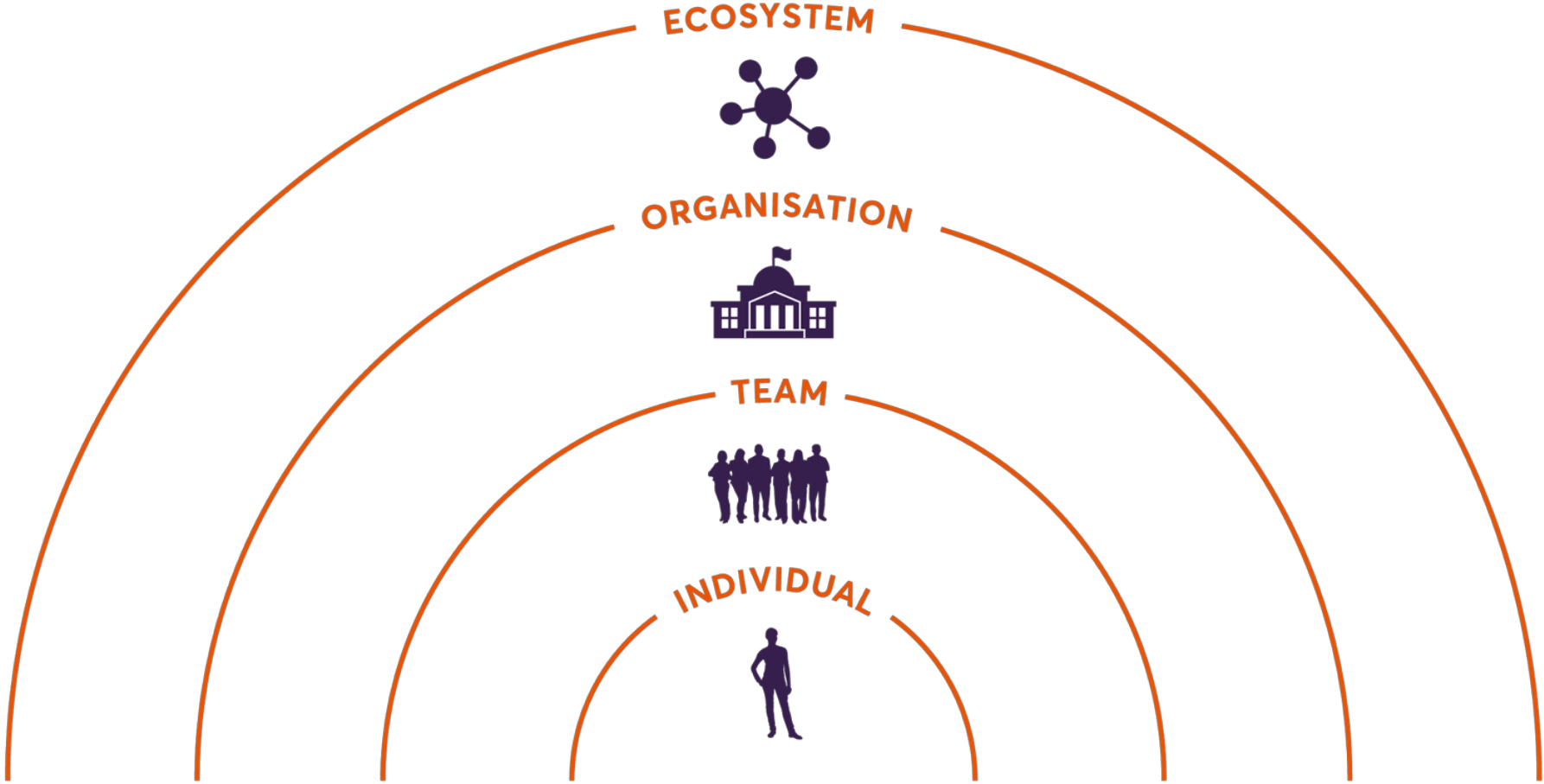
UK What Works (WW) Centres:

- Centre for Ageing Better
- Early Intervention Foundation
- Education Endowment Foundation
- NICE
- Wales Centre for Public Policy
- What Works Scotland
- What Works Centre for Local Economic Growth
- What Works Wellbeing
- What Works Centre for Crime Reduction

1. Mobilize *your* knowledge

***"If you build it, they will [NOT]
come"***





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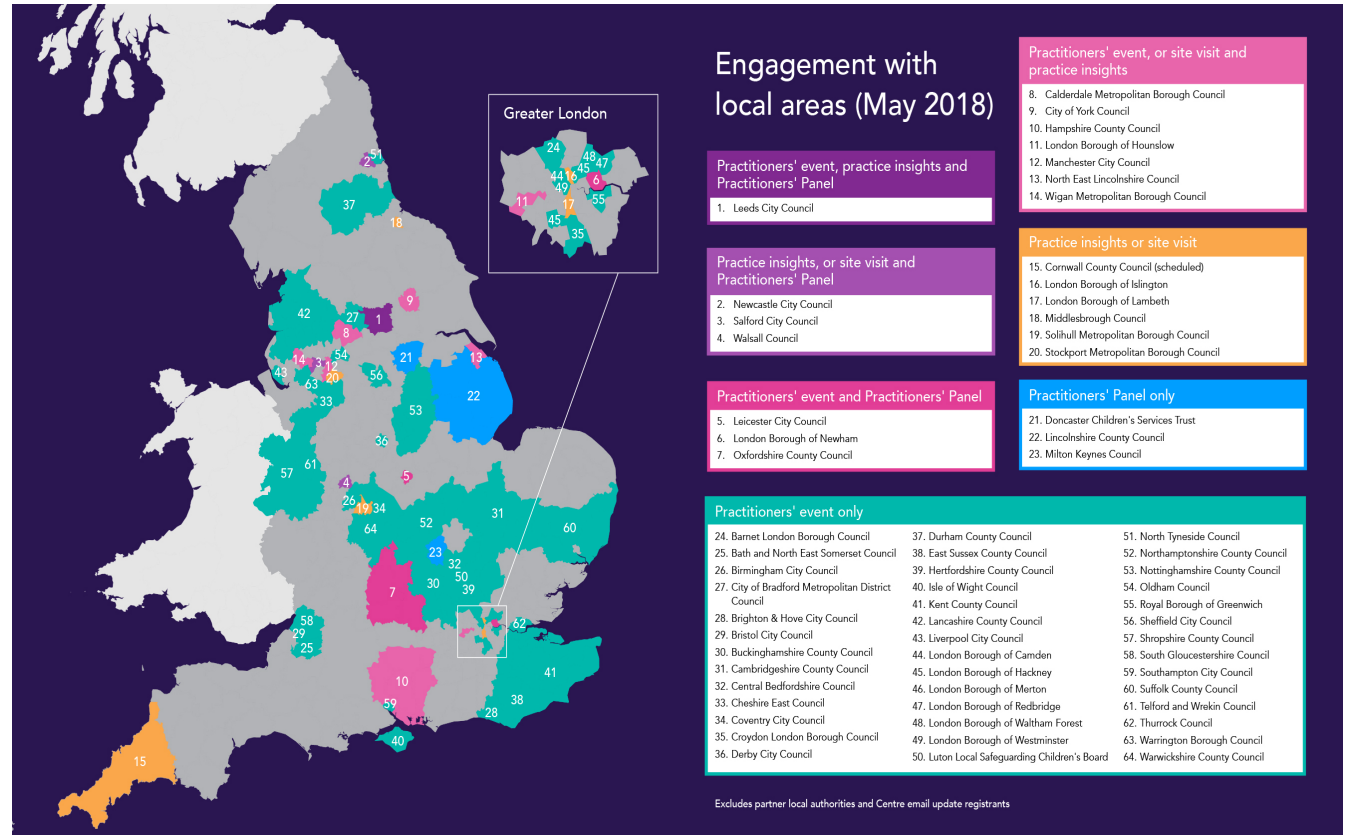
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A What Works Centre incubator: local engagement

Engagement with 77 local authorities:

- Practice insights research
- Site visits
- 10 'change' projects
- 6 Prototypes in 12 local authorities



What are we prototyping?

Promising approach	Purpose	Partner LAs
Helping children's services directorates become more evidence-minded	Using a diagnostic tool to enable LAs to assess how well they are using evidence to inform operations and practice with children and families	Walsall, Greenwich; Doncaster, Leeds and Oxfordshire
DIY evaluation tool	To enable local authorities to undertake their own evaluations of projects, by developing a self-evaluation tool	Wigan
Helping children's services better use data	Helping local authorities draw richer insights from their existing data sources	Bracknell Forest; Bradford, Newcastle, Surrey
Evidence store	Making sure the evidence we produce is accessible to CSW professionals	Coventry and West Sussex
Peer-to-peer Networking	Supporting CSW professionals to network with each other, and to use each other's expertise	Cambridgeshire
Evidence Masterclasses	Helping local authorities develop their skills in using evidence	Bristol, Buckinghamshire, Calderdale

2. Use the best evidence

Not enough evidence to synthesise?

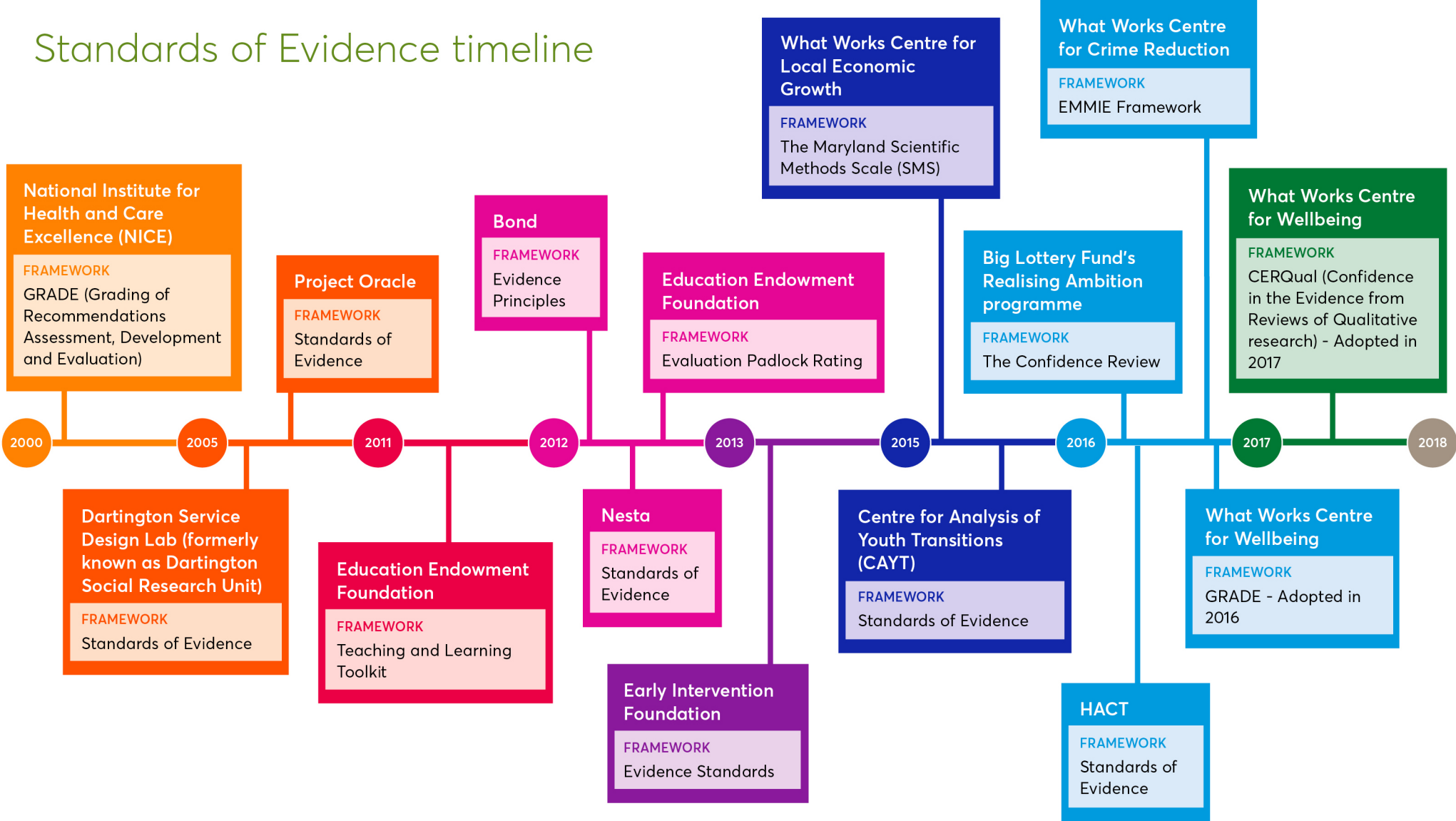


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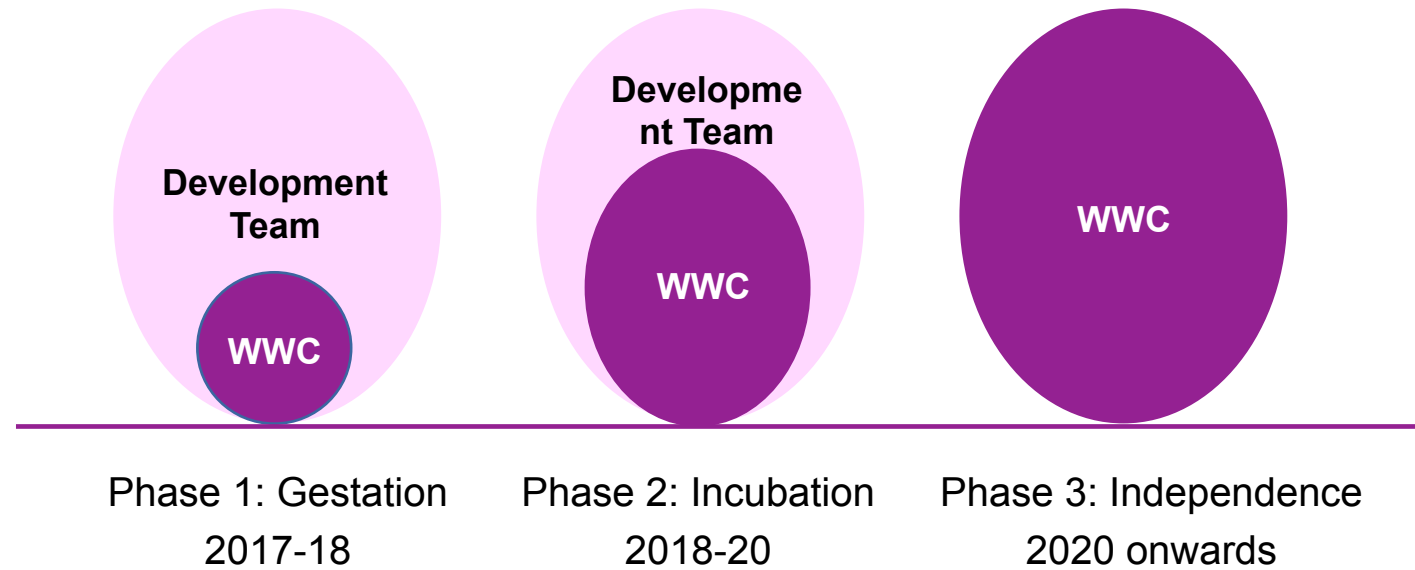


Standards of Evidence timeline



3. Find sustainable funding

Incubator: phases to creating the Centre



4. *Avoid academic capture*

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ESRC UK Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice

The proposal is to extend for a further twelve months the ESRC's initial investment in creating the ESRC UK Centre for Evidence Based Policy and Practice. Established as a research resource, the Centre works to develop a cohesive constituency of interest in the more effective utilisation of the existing body of social research by government and non-governmental bodies, specifically through identifying and retrieving that research, and developing proven routines for reviewing it and communicating its findings. Much of the Centre's work is promotional, and particular attention will be given, if this application is successful, to international promotion. The Centre also devotes considerable attention to training researchers and research users in the specific disciplines and techniques of 'Evidence for Policy'. The Centre is located at the hub of an ESRC-funded network, and a primary task is to support the other grant-holders (the Nodes) in their work.

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Grant holder

Professor Ken Young

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Developing evidence-based practice in the professions

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Continuing professional development and evidence-informed practice

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5. Hire brilliant staff

Leadership



5 lessons

1. Prioritise Knowledge mobilisation
2. Use the best evidence
3. Find sustainable funding
4. Avoid academic capture
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