

***Agile Solutions***  
***Building Community Capacity***

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# ***Building Community Capacity***

- For older people in Leeds now;
  - 37 Local Organisations run by and for older people
  - Funded by £2.2M investment by the Local Authority/NHS (8 year contract currently in place) – this enables the organisations to generate an additional (current) £3M from other sources to support their work
  - Since 1993 – a long term growth strategy by the Local Authority starting with just one group.
  - Support more than 17,000 older people
  - Providing befriending services to more than 2,500 isolated older people
  - Relying on more than 5000 volunteers
- For Older People in Leeds in the Future?

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- Community Organisations as Support Brokers
  - Harnessing community resources to maximize the potential of Individual Budgets
  - Maximising the potential of Volunteers, Apprentices to Care – as the public sector shrinks...particularly in the North!
  - Utilising the skills of those retiring from the Local Authority/NHS/ wider public sector
- Community Organisations as Enterprises
  - Establishing separate trading arms to market specific services (eg Long Term Condition self management)
  - Expansion into taking over and running former Local Authority facilities
  - Local Experts in providing information, guiding older people and their carers through the complex care system

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- The Leeds Experience.
- Empower and Harness the power of Localities.
- Encourage Enterprising organisations to move into space vacated by a shrinking public sector.
  - Care Management
  - Support brokerage
  - Volunteer deployment and co-ordination
  - Carer support
  - Personal Assistant matching
- People are prepared to self-care and self manage long term conditions if they are provided with appropriate support.
- Local clinicians are prepared to invest in local support models.
- Starting to re-shape and re-define social work in communities