**NATIONAL SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT COLLABORATION**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**Purpose**

National stakeholders collaborate with each other across Scotland on improvement activities for Self-directed Support to ensure that people with lived experience and unpaid carers can fully exercise choice and control in their support and care. The National Collaboration also provides a means to channel the voice of national stakeholders to influence Scottish Government developments around Self-directed Support.

National stakeholders understand that there are many complex elements required to be in place and aligned for Self-directed Support to function as intended. National partners have expertise in individual pieces of the jigsaw; collectively their contributions can be enhanced and duplication of effort reduced. The National Collaboration is a voluntary collective, and does not have governance over any organisation’s work.

**Remit**

**Collaboration**

* 1. The National Collaboration brings together Self-directed Support stakeholders in order to promote Self-directed Support policy and to support organisations to align and realign their work with national SDS priorities.
  2. The National Collaboration will collaborate on activities in line with National Care Service and related developments, and will recommend to Scottish Government where ‘Once for Scotland’ activities could be considered to avoid duplication and streamline implementation.
  3. The National Collaboration will identify challenges to implementation, work with a variety of implementation and improvement tools to develop a shared perspective on Self-directed Support as practice and as system, and identify what needs to happen (the enabling context) for Self-directed Support to be successful in improving the lives of people accessing care and support.
  4. The National Collaboration will contribute to the ongoing development and improvement of the SDS Standards.
  5. The National Collaboration approach will fully include people with lived experience and carers.
  6. National Collaboration members will receive regular feedback on national and local developments in SDS.

**Influence**

* 1. The National Collaboration will seek to influence emerging national policy, practice and governance, and influence and support the practicalities of how local partnerships and organisations can best deliver SDS in the context of the National Care Service (including the National Social Work Agency).
  2. In line with the Independent Review of Adult Social Care, the National Collaboration will work with Scottish Government to ensure that policy, legislation and funding streams facilitate a human rights-based approach to Self-directed Support and social care; and will contribute to development of National Care Service and delivery of key objectives.
  3. With Scottish Government support, members of the National Collaboration will access and attend key meetings on the design and development of the National Care Service, contributing to make the system conducive to successful Self-directed Support delivery.

**Membership and chair**

1. The chair of the National Collaboration will rotate on a quarterly basis.
2. Members represent organisations who have a role in enabling and supporting the delivery of Self-directed Support, including organisations reflecting the voice of people with lived experience of accessing social care support and unpaid carers, and organisations reflecting the voice of the paid workforce. Members agree to contribute to the work of the National Collaboration. Membership is provided at **Annex A**. Members agree to share their contact details with other members.

**Meeting arrangements and schedule**

1. The National Collaboration will meet on the first Wednesday of each month in the first instance. Meeting frequency will be kept under review.
2. Subgroups will be set up as required to progress agreed work.
3. The role and remit of the National Collaboration will be kept under review, in discussion with members.

**Admin arrangements and secretariat support**

1. The SDS project team of Social Work Scotland will undertake administration and secretariat arrangements for the National Collaboration. Update reports will be provided for members against collaborative work activities.
2. Meetings will take place online using Microsoft Teams for the foreseeable future.

**ANNEX A**

**Membership of SDS National Collaboration**

The membership of the SDS National Collaboration includes all national stakeholders undertaking improvement activity in relation to SDS. Membership is as follows:

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