



What is the Research?

The **Supporting Adult Social Care Innovation** or SASCI research study is a 5-year study looking at innovation in Adult Social Care. It is led by the Care Policy and Evaluation Centre at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), and includes partners from Care England, Islington Council, King's College London, Kingston University London, Local Government Association (Care and Health Improvement Programme), Shared Lives, Social Finance, Thurrock Council, Turning Point, and University of York.

The term 'adult social care' refers to practical care and support to improve wellbeing for people who need this support because of their age, illness, cognition, disability or other circumstances. It also includes support for family members or other unpaid carers.

We know that there are lots of people and organisations doing things differently in adult social care, yet many of these new approaches do not spread rapidly or do not become part of mainstream practice. The study will be looking at the process of innovation in greater detail to build evidence about how to support the adult social care sector to start-up, put in place and spread affordable innovations that work well for everyone

We want the research to help policymakers, managers and practitioners make decisions that will enable adult social care innovations to flourish so that

- more people benefit from the innovations that are improving lives
- the adult social care sector can respond to current and future challenges in a sustainable way.

Involvement of people with lived experience in SASCI

People with lived experience of adult social care are important partners for the project team as members of the project Advisory Group and as advisors to the research process. We expect people with lived experience to help us shape the direction of the project and ensure it has a positive impact on people's lives.

Membership of the Advisory Group

We are looking for three people to be members of the SASCI Advisory Group. The Advisory Group will meet face-to-face in London, at the London School of Economics and Political Science, every 12 to 18 months, with virtual meetings in-between. Membership will be for the five years of the project, but members may withdraw from their role at any time.

Preparation for meetings will include reading and reviewing papers, but the research team may contact you about your expertise outside of meetings. You will be expected to provide support to the research

team and to the project. You will take part in discussions on subjects such as research design and the implications of findings. You will help by advising the research team on how findings should be presented and disseminated so that they influence future practice. You will be asked to use your own networks to publicise the study and its findings.

All reasonable expenses will be reimbursed and people with lived experience and carers will be paid an allowance to thank you for their time¹. We can also arrange for support or training to be provided to help you to take part if you feel you need it.

Would you like to join the SASCI Advisory Group?

SASCI's work covers England therefore we are looking for applications from people resident in England. We are looking for carers of or people with lived experience of Adult Social Care. We are looking for people with an interest in research who, ideally, have been involved in research or have experience of being part of advisory groups for other research studies. The following criteria will be assessed through application (and should we have a large number of applications by a short interview).

	Essential	Desirable
Experience	Understanding and lived experience of adult social care. Experience of working in a team, meetings or being on a committee.	Experience of public involvement in research or policy advisory groups. Connections with health/social care community networks, associations and societies.
Skills	Ability to use email, internet and Microsoft Word. Good interpersonal skills.	
Knowledge	An interest in innovation in adult social care. An interest in public involvement in adult social care research. Willingness to learn about adult social care innovation, policy, practice and research.	An understanding of research An understanding of innovation in adult social care.
Personal qualities	Enthusiasm An approachable manner Ability to listen to others and express own views in a constructive way. Ability to work respectfully and effectively with people from diverse backgrounds, perspectives and experiences.	

¹ We pay £75 for half-days and £150 for full day

How to apply?

If you are interested in being part of the SASCI Advisory Group please contact: sasci@lse.ac.uk by 5pm on 9th March 2020.

When you contact the SASCI team, please can you also provide a short summary about yourself, explaining how you meet the person criteria outlined above. Please cover the following in your email:

- Why you'd like to be on the Advisory Group for the SASCI study
- What experience you have that you think would be helpful for the study
- An outline of your previous experience of research and advisory groups

Please put "expression of interest in being an advisory group member" in the subject line of your email.

We will select three people to be members of the Advisory Group from those who apply. If we have lots of applicants with similar experience we may hold a short informal interview to get to know you better and to help us make a decision. Interviews will be held in March 2020.

If you are not chosen to be a member of the SASCI Advisory Group but would like to be involved in the study, for example in workshops exploring the direction for the project, then please let us know in your email.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the role or would like more information, please contact Dr Juliette Malley by email, j.n.malley@lse.ac.uk, or telephone, 020 7955 6134.