

What Works Centre for Children's Social Care

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Welcome to the latest update on the development of the What Works Centre for Children's Social Care.

Local authorities invited to become Pioneer Partners:

We are seeking three to six local authorities ('Pioneer Partners') to co-develop and test a range of promising approaches to generating and sharing evidence with us during the period July to December 2018, with the possibility of further work up to March 2020.

Partners will be expected to help co-develop and test at least one promising tool and/or service that aims to:

- Make evidence more accessible
- Make evidence more relevant
- Help people to use evidence well and/or
- Help practice leaders to foster cultures in which effective evidence use is the norm

Applications need to be led by a local authority, but we welcome collaborations with other children's social care partners. A second call for additional Partner LAs will be issued later in the year.

(Please note, the application form has been removed from the website as the closing date has now passed).

Closing date: 5pm, 1 June 2018

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Latest blog:

Pioneering new approaches to generating and sharing evidence in children's social care, Ewan King

In children's social care - a sector that faces huge challenges, not least the lack of time people have to keep up-to-date with the latest evidence - you could definitely be called a pioneer if you were able to successfully build a sustainable, evidence-informed culture within your local authority. It's that tough a task.

Research survey underway:

This week, we have invited every local authority in England to complete a short survey on services and systems that aim to safely reduce the need for children to enter the care system. It includes questions about what evidence local authorities currently have about effectiveness. **For more information see the [CASCADE website](#).**

Join the What Works Centre Development Team:

We have three opportunities to join the team as we move onto the next critical stage of development. (Note as closing dates have now all passed, links to the job descriptions have been removed).

Prototyping Workstream Lead (based at Nesta)

This role will lead on developing and delivering the prototyping programme; testing and designing different approaches to creating, understanding and using evidence. This work will be undertaken in partnership with the partner local authorities (as mentioned above), the rest of the Development Team, and our Research Partner.

Terms: 6 month contract with possible extension, part-time up to 3 days per week as required. Competitive salary.

Closing date: 5pm, 28 May 2018

Practice Development Manager – Senior Social Worker (based at SCIE)

This role will support stakeholder engagement activities relating to the development of the new Centre, including: prototyping, contributing to the Centre's Practitioners' Panel and leading other engagements with children, young people and families.

Terms: Contract to March 2019, with possible extension, part-time up to 2 days per week (negotiable).

Salary: £50,000 - £55,000 pa pro rata

Closing date: Midnight, 20 May 2018

Practice Development Manager – Social Worker (based at SCIE)

This role will support engagement work including working with the range of panels we have

established, and work with the Prototyping Workstream Lead.

Terms: Contract to March 2019, with possible extension, part-time or full-time (negotiable).

Salary: £30,000 - £36,000 pa pro rata

Closing date: Midnight, 20 May 2018