

ASSET-BASED APPROACHES IN SERVICE SETTINGS:

POINTS FOR THINKING, DISCUSSION AND ACTION



Learning from the research

- The nature of (research and) evidence
 - Legitimising and justifying the approach
 - Evidence base – sticking point to action
- Language and implementation
 - Contentious but a mutual and shared understanding
 - Language of strengths and capabilities
 - Not easily definable – context specific



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- The importance of context
 - Shift – response to directives, organisational or practice decision – improved outcomes
 - Margins rather than mainstream, projects rather than services?
- Delivering differently
 - Context of reductions, change, increasing pressures
 - Role of asset-based approaches?

Finally...

- A progressive step – but remain ‘far from the way we do things’
- Demonstrate how approach is being delivered – supports literature and principles
- Positive relationships, partnerships, sensitivity, inclusion, leadership and culture
- Reflect a commitment to work in a different way

- 5 areas for further consideration

Looking forward: thinking, discussion and action

1. Towards a shared understanding
2. Influencing policy and practice



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3. Refocussing the workforce

4. Exploring economic aspects

5. Building the evidence base

