



ExChange

Building Better Social Care
in Wales

Adeiladu Gofal Cymdeithasol
Gwell yng Nghymru



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What is ExChange?

- A new community of practitioners, researchers, and current/former service users aiming to build better social care in Wales
- All-Wales social care organisation that enables practitioners, service users, and researchers to share expertise and experience.
- ExChange is facilitated and organised by practice-focused social care academics from CASCADE
- <http://www.exchangewales.org> & <http://www.exchangecymru.org>
- @ExChangeWales

ExChange Links and Partners

Linked with the new all-Wales School for Social Care, part-hosted by CASCADE

Co-ordination with Swansea, Bangor and Glyndwr around the CPEL programme

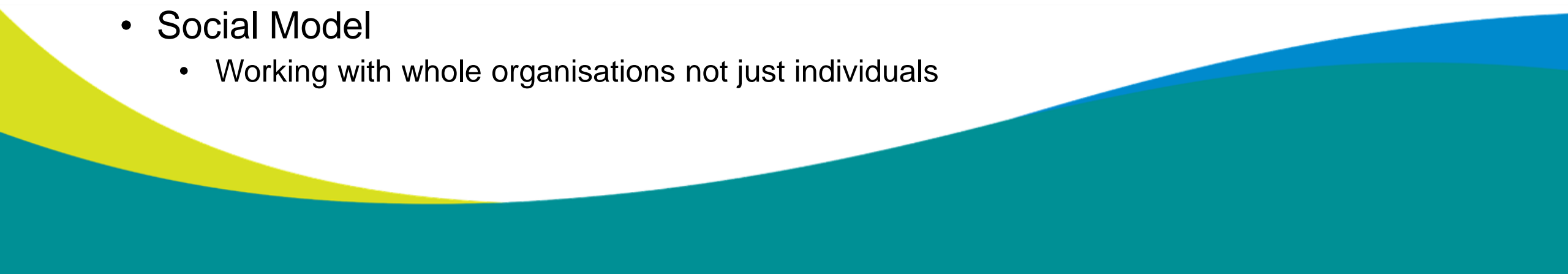


Building links with IRISS in Scotland and Making Research Count in England

Strong relationship with Social Care Wales and HCRW through CASCADE

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A Relationships-Based Approach

- **Strengths Model**
 - Expertise of practitioners, leaders, researchers AND those who use services
 - **Complexity**
 - Recognising complexity but aiming to create change through sustained relationships
 - **Dialogue**
 - Between experts with different knowledge
 - **Inclusive**
 - Putting those with direct experience at the heart
 - **Social Model**
 - Working with whole organisations not just individuals
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What does ExChange do?

Knowledge exchange (obviously!)

An all-Wales social care organisation that enables practitioners, service users, and researchers to share expertise and experience

Research resources for practice

Research collation and practical summary on key topics; hosting practice tools (eg. workshop materials)

Events (free to practitioners)

Monthly issue-focused workshops for practitioners; biannual leadership workshops for service heads and other senior staff; Biannual conference

A community for change

The creation of topic-specific 'knowledge hubs' for practitioners and researchers to inform practice and policy

Upcoming ExChange Events

May 2017

Practitioner Workshop: **Pregnancy and Parenthood for young people in and leaving state care**

Jun 2017

Practitioner Workshop: **Restorative approaches**

Jun 2017

Practitioner Workshop: **Video Interaction Guidance**

Jul 2017

Practitioner Workshop: **Making positive relationships matter in residential care**

Aug 2017

Practitioner Workshop: **Child Sexual Exploitation**

> You can book FREE TICKETS for events on the ExChange website!

ExChange: Care and Education

- A 'community of practice'
- A collaborative, co-productive, relationships-based approach to expertise and experience
- An online hub where practitioners, academics, policy makers and other key stakeholders can share resources, exchange cases of best practice and keep up-to-date with developments in the field

Together we are stronger!

ExChange: Care and Education



Website tour!

Next steps...

- Further development of website
- Ongoing blogging; research summaries
- Welsh version to be available in next few weeks

- We need you to help the community grow!
- Share your contributions via the form on the website or by emailing us at contact@exchangewales.org

Thank you!



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