

Supporting the support sector

Building a sustainable support sector



What did we find?

Organisations often have to:

- take considerable risks in starting up – examples of founders investing own money
- compete for short, fixed-term funding – lack of core funding
- rely heavily on donations, fundraising and volunteers
- remain adaptable to diverse client base and needs

Over-reliance on particular individuals, and lack of transition planning

Commissioners struggling to support day opportunity initiatives and market development due to demands of prioritising statutory services

What learning is involved?

Organisations can benefit from developing a learning environment in which people work together to reflect on and solve problems

Learning opportunities were often missed or narrowed when transformation in organisations was not user-led



It's about using all our resources the best way we can to ensure our sustainability.

What more can be done?

Organisations could:

- create social enterprise to make money – services, products etc.
- incorporate training and education – new funding opportunities

Local authorities could:

- provide business development opportunities for organisations

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