



ARC England Learning Disability Research Unit

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ARC England supports learning disability and autism **social care providers**. ARC stands for Association for Real Change.



A **social care provider** is a business that helps people. The providers have joined ARC as members. They are a big group.



ARC England are starting a new research programme. They will look at learning disability and autism social care services. This will help services provide the best care for people.



A group called the Research Steering Group will help run the research programme. They will decide what research to do. The group will also pay for the research to be done.



The group will be **chaired** by ARC England.

Chaired means they will run the programme. They will help to plan the work. They will make sure the work is done.



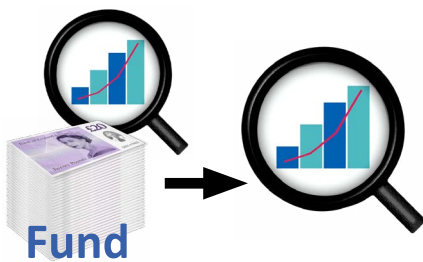
The group will be able to talk through problems.
They will find ways of working together.



One project we will talk about looks at how services are doing through the year.



The group will meet for the first time on 11th August 2022. They will agree what research needs to be done in the first year.



We have also set up a new research fund.
People or organisations can donate money. This will help us to do more useful research.



Clive Parry, ARC England Director, says:

We need this information to improve social care for people with learning disability and autism. This research will also help people to understand more about the important work that is being done.



Becky Hamilton, Director of Windward Day Services and Research Steering Group member, says:

We support people who have lived experience of learning disability and of autism. We, and the people we work with, can use what we know to help with the research. This will help us all to improve people's lives.