

CHILD JOURNEYS USE CASE – OUTPUT OF USER RESEARCH PROCESS OCTOBER 2018

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# THE FIRST PART OF THE PROJECT WAS PREDOMINANTLY USER RESEARCH

### **Workstream**

### **Key Question**

1. User Research Which decisions require better information about child journeys? What are current child journeys, how is data used, and what are the blind spots?



Of the longlist of User Needs identified during user research, which are the priority needs to focus on in Phase 2?



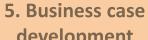
3. Solution design

What would a tool, report or analysis look like that could support better decision-making?



4. Technical feasibility

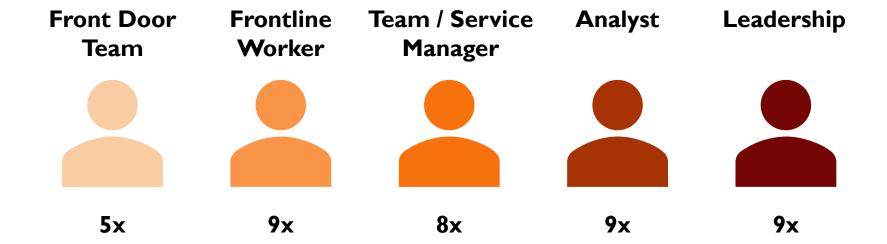
What data would a tool draw on? Is it technically feasible to build and what are the constraints (e.g. to replicability)?



Is there a strong case for developing an initial prototype of a child journey mapping tool?

development

# WE HELD SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEWS WITH 40 USERS ACROSS WIGAN AND CWAC



### We asked people....

Q1: What is your role and that of your team / service within the child and family system?

Q2: What are the key **blind spots** currently in terms of child journeys?

Q3: What are the key **decisions** you make along a child's journey through services?

Q4: How would data about child journeys add value when making these decisions?



## WE SUMMARISED THE RICH FEEDBACK FROM INTERVIEWS USER RESEARCH IN TWO WAYS

Detailed notes from interviews and workshops

> Summary of user research

Next phase: Business case(s) for possible solutions



### 5 **Personas** to summarise the needs and pain points of staff roles

### Team / Service Manager



Responsible for the performance and management of a team of frontline workers

- Child in Care Provider Services
- SEND
- Targeted Youth Services Early Years

"We need information about a child's previous engagement with services, to avoid doing the same thing over and over" "Social workers spend their lives chained to the desk"

"Practitioners only know what happened in a case... if they have an emotional interest and deliberately follow up'

To understand a child journey you have to know the data system inside out"

### As a Service Manager I need.

- A view of a child's journey through the system, as a proxy for understanding outcomes
- To know all key individuals and agencies in touch with a child at any time to make holistic decisions and plans
- An understanding of child outcomes after services, to track performance, track specific populations, and inform commissioning

### II User Needs which we could focus on in the next phase



Details of all the agencies in touch with a child / family now and previously, in order to pull together a holistic TAF or make fully informed decisions when creating plans

Problem(s) Solved

- · Frontline staff spend time tracking down information and creating child chronologies
- Frontline staff may miss important information and not include key professionals (e.g. Youth Service) in important case decisions
- Better input into planning decisions ensures all stakeholders are around Value Add the table to make important case and plan decisions
- Better outcomes for children support plans are more effective and Impact for Children / Families more likely to achieve behaviour change when made holistically
  - · Social Workers, Family Support Workers, SEND teams, Targeted Youth
    - · Social Care Assessment, Early Help and other planning (e.g. EHC Plan)
- User(s) Decision point in the system
- Note: See Section 4 for detailed Personas and User Needs.

## WEVALIDATED PERSONAS AND USER NEEDS WITH INTERVIEWEES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS, AND PRIORITISED USER NEEDS

