**Independent evaluation of IMPACT: IMProving Adult Care Together**

**Questions and answers from information call**

# ***Friday 28 June 2021, 10.00 – 10.45***

**Q: Do you anticipate the centre-led evaluation and independent evaluation overlapping or duplicating?**

A: The centre-led evaluation is formative, providing a feedback loop focusing on IMPACT’s own activities in real time, to test its ways of working and allow the team to pivot and adjust in specific areas as necessary.

The independent evaluation, on the other hand, will mainly be summative, looking at the overall impact of the centre against its four main aims, and incorporating into that the effectiveness of the centre’s formative evaluation feedback model.

The focus of the summative evaluation is very much an independent overview of how the funding has created (or not created) the space for IMPACT’s work; how effective the formative evaluation’s feedback loop has been for IMPACT’s activities and outputs; and understanding what the role and the impact of funding this work has had on the adult social care sector as a whole.

The independent evaluator will need to work closely with both the funders and the IMPACT Centre to reduce the risk of duplication of outputs, and any data collected by the centre may be usefully fed into the summative evaluation.

**Q: Is there a different audience for the centre-led and the independent summative evaluation?**

A: Yes, the primary audience for the independent evaluation include the funders, the Programme Management Board, Programme Advisory Group, and the Programme Coordination Group.

The primary audience for the centre-led evaluation will be the IMPACT Centre itself: its leadership team, and its various stakeholders.

There will be some overlap with secondary audiences and with wider stakeholders interested in the two evaluations and their findings.

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