












Feedback from the Circle Discussions on the Breakthrough Manifesto

Delegates were asked to discuss the Manifesto and to tell us:

- What they like/dislike
- What's missing?
- How could it be improved?
- Any unresolved questions?

The various comments from the groups are listed below. The number of flowers denotes similar responses received from different groups.

Manifesto is a much needed framework due to current uncertainties	
More pressure on Scottish Government to increase resources – not impressed by numbers	
Ensure new funds deliver results – monitoring and accountability will be key	
Need to define 'partners'	
Need to specifically mention Community Planning & Health as key partners	
Need to aim for Cross Party Support	
Need to aim for a more joined up approach - bringing together assessment, provision, regulators, providers etc.	
How do we ensure equity across Scotland – avoid post code lottery of services	
How will transformation funds be managed – separate or subsumed into LA budgets?	
What happens to carers in those areas that choose not to go for transformation funding?	
Could this be a joint manifesto with others leading to a campaign?	
Need to provide clear guidance on local audits to ensure the right information is collected.	
Minimum entitlement – how will this work in practice? How will this be implemented fairly without raising eligibility criteria, i.e. benefiting only those at crisis point?	
How do we engage with the many carers who remain 'outside the system'?	
Carer/S.User involvement is critical but must be meaningful, they must have confidence their contribution will be valued, and people must be given support to help them be involved.	
Short Breaks Bureau provides one point of contact where all types of respite are explained and people can be helped to make choices. This model of service provision needs to be encouraged.	
Success will depend on everyone working together. Manifesto is perhaps terminology heavy. Plain English and a reduced number of words would improve it.	
Local Carer/S.User scrutiny panels would be useful to monitor progress –	

lead councilor/officials to be involved		
Concerns that level of funding in Transformation Fund would not be enough – significant investment needed to make the difference needed.		
Look at order of bullet points – this could be improved		
Need to recognize good practice		
Manifesto should be used to inform/involve and hold to account		
Bullet point re Carers/S.Users needs to be higher up the manifesto		
Is another audit needed? This information should exist and could be found by looking deeper into existing documentation, services etc		
How do we effectively involve Carers/S.Users in decision making, bearing in mind the diversity of needs and circumstances?		
Communication with Carers/S.Users needs greater emphasis		
Staff training should be included in manifesto		
Need a preamble to manifesto which explains current context and desired vision – picking up on:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost saving via preventative support • Lack of vision and strategy has produced patchwork of development – good & bad practice • Training and advocacy support essential • Work together – coordination and partnership (CHP's Health, Vol. Sector etc. vital) • Strengthen links to existing Guidance; make sure this is being applied. 	
Keep the focus on the Carer		
No mention of Rights		