

# User-led innovation - a community based perspective

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# Topline on us: our purpose

We are the UK's national strategic body for design. We inspire and enable the best use of design to make the UK a more competitive, creative and sustainable nation. We are government backed but independent of government.



#### **Current projects include:**

**Business:** SME support, technology transfer.

Healthcare: patient dignity, preventative

services, infectious diseases.

Security: crime prevention, neighborhood cohesion, hot product theft, alcohol related crime.

Communities: adult social care, children's services, welfare to work, urban regeneration. Environment: sustainable water consumption, transport, waste, sustainable living.

**Skills:** good design practice, design challenge for schools.



# Topline on us: our approach





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Do



## **Design?**



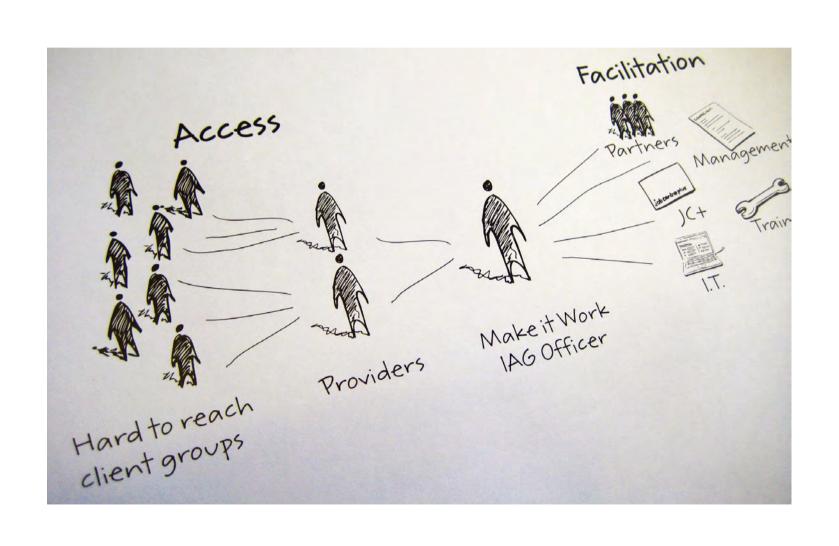


## People focused





#### **Visual**



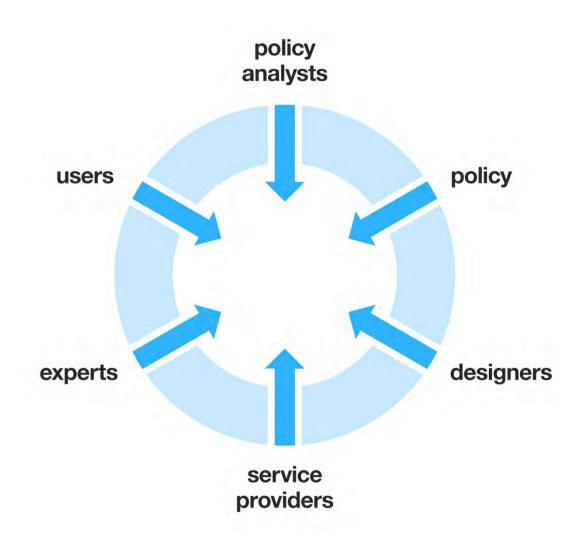


### **Prototypes solutions in context**



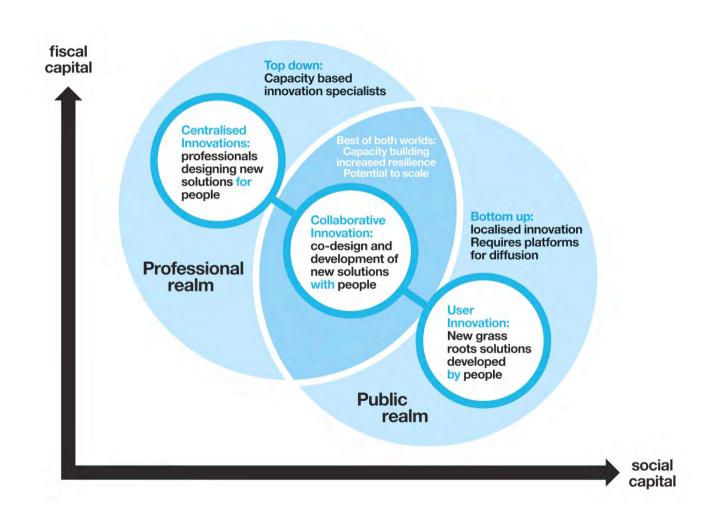


### Our approach





#### Design for, with and by people





## Case Study – Alzheimer's 100

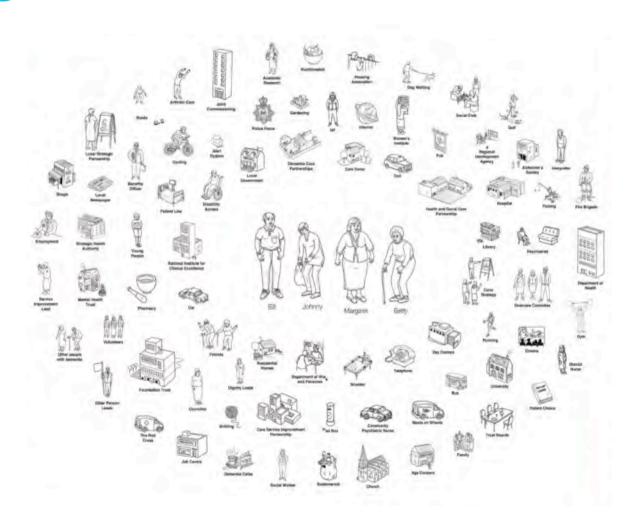
Background: Dementia already affects 750,000 people in the UK and it is anticipated that within 40 years it could affect 2 million people. Carers spend in the region of 80 hours a week providing care

Why: Relationships between patients and their carers, as well as the individual needs of both, are seldom a primary consideration in the development of healthcare systems

Aim: To develop practical steps to improve daily life for people with dementia and their carers



## **Diagnose**





#### **Discover**





#### **Define**





#### Key challenges identified

Difficulty in navigating the wide array of support services

The long hours worked by carers on their own and without support

Lack of public awareness and the stigma attached to the subject

Social isolation, both of people with dementia and their carers

The tendency of carers and services to be over-protective of people with dementia



## **Develop**





#### **Detail**





### **Design methodology**





## Design tools – what works well

**Discover:** observe, interview and record. A picture or video is worth a thousand words.

Define: the user, the stakeholders and the experience. User journey mapping works well as it makes touch points visual and allows designers and stakeholders to 'see the same picture'.

**Develop:** explore many ideas, co-create. Involve users and service providers.

**Deliver:** Test using small scale prototypes. Helps turn the tested ideas into a service blueprint.



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## **Independence Matters**



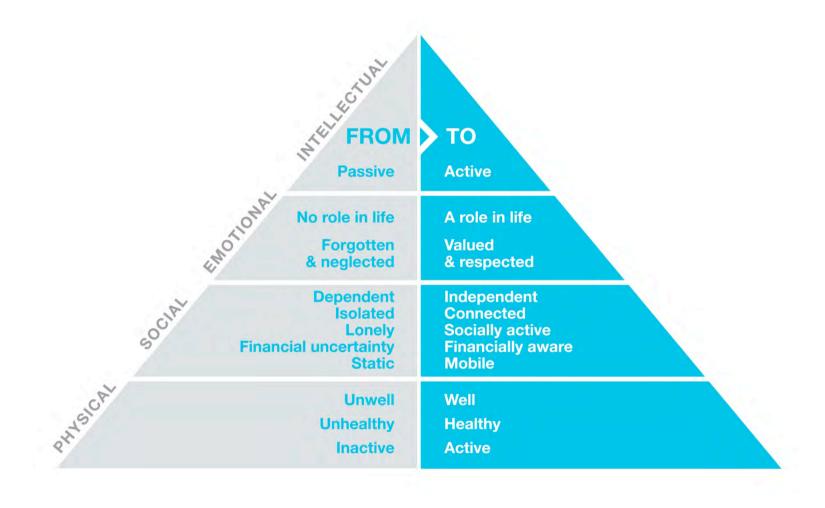


## Involving users and other stakeholders from the start





#### The 'Needs' Journey





### **Keeping Connected**

Technologies and services to combat isolation and loneliness

Intergenerational and peer-to-peer connectivity

Volunteer systems and networks





#### **Home and Away**

Empowering and enabling older people to do things for themselves.

Facilitating older people's safe mobility in the community.

Ensuring that food remains at the centre of health and wellbeing.





## Involve people throughout the process; not just at the start or end.





#### Be both passionate and practical;

Focus your effort on what is desirable as well as what is technically possible.





Trust the process; you can't get to new destinations by old paths. Ambiguity is an essential part of reframing questions.





#### Get out;

Design in the real world; it is an infinite source of inspiration, opportunity and fun.





#### Get it going;

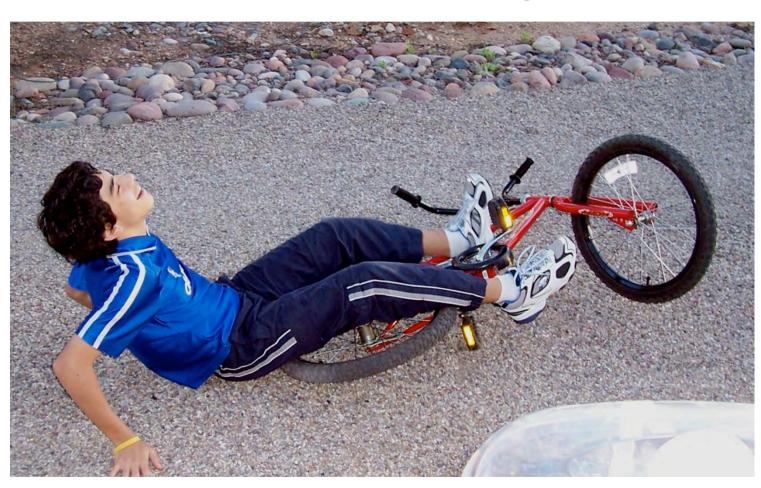
it is not enough to have a great idea, it is more important to start to make it happen.





#### Get it wrong;

in the current climate it is more important to fail fast than succeed slowly.





#### Thanks – Q&A