

# Action Research Fund Webinar



**DSPT**

Better security.  
Better care.



**Better Security, Better Care**

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# About the programme



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- Nationwide support programme
- Free support to care services on data and cyber security issues
- Part of Digital Care Hub – previously known as Digital Social Care

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Run by social care providers for social care providers.

**Digital Care Hub** is the new name for Digital Social Care. We provide free advice and support on data protection, cyber security and using technology.

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Data Protection and  
Cyber Security



Template Policies  
and Resources



Funding  
Opportunities



Connectivity,  
Software &  
Equipment



Skills & Training



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# About the Action Research Fund

- Better Security, Better Care has launched a new research grant fund
- To identify and test new approaches in cyber and data security for Adult Social Care
- Awarding grants to original pilot or ‘discovery’ research projects
- Up to a maximum of £15,000 for each research project
- Evaluation to determine those viable for further investment

# What we are looking for

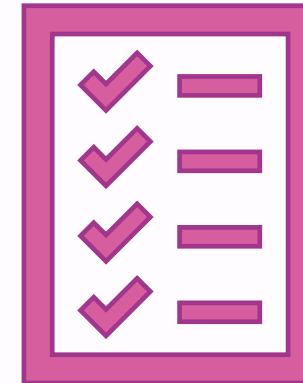


- Improving data security and/or cyber resilience in Adult Social Care
- We are interested in a broad range of topics and welcome innovative ideas
- Align with programme vision or Cyber Security Strategy for Health & Care

# Eligibility criteria



- Submitted by a registered company
- Uses existing resources to deliver within set timescales
- Ethical approval if engaging directly with care users
- New piece of research



# Timescales



Deadline for applications	Midnight 3 November 2023
Panel decision on grant awards	By 23 November 2023
Grant agreements in place	By 30 November 2023
Research projects commence	From 1 December 2023
Steering group - with key stakeholders	5 December 2023 (date tbc)
Steering group - to share draft findings	31 January 2024 (date tbc)
Final research reports complete	By 24 February 2024
Presentation of findings at BSBC Conference	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Research evaluations by Programme Board	6 – 29 March 2024

# Programme vision



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- To help Adult Social Care services manage data and cyber security risks better, enabling the benefits of digital technology to be enjoyed without putting people's confidential information or the operation of services at risk.
- To provide the assurance needed to allow health and social care providers to share information securely and effectively, leading to joined up care and consequently to better quality of care for the people our services support.
- To develop and promote the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT) as the best way for social care providers to achieve these aims.

# Cyber Security Strategy



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Policy paper

## A cyber resilient health and adult social care system in England: cyber security strategy to 2030

Published 22 March 2023

### Five Pillars:

1. Focus on the greatest risks and harms
2. Defend as one
3. People and culture
4. Build secure for the future
5. Exemplary response and recovery





# Pillars explained



1. Focus on the greatest risks and harms
  - Critical parts of the system where disruption would cause the greatest harm
  - Highest risks are proportionately protected
  
2. Defend as one
  - Partnerships with Health to improve sector-wide resilience
  - Leverage capability, technologies and scale
  - Collaboration on cyber security, sharing data, learning and resources
  
3. People and culture
  - Staff are equipped with skills and resources to combat cyber threat
  - Developing a 'just culture' - staff are supported to be open about mistakes



# Pillars explained



## 4. Build secure for the future

- Engaging early with emerging technology
- Setting standards for how tech is built and implemented across ASC
- Build a more secure system, with cyber security at the fore

## 5. Exemplary response and recovery

- Minimise impact of a cyber incident and recovery time
- Partnerships and innovative approaches with the cyber sector
- Focus on business continuity

# Past projects



- DSPT support for diverse providers
- Digital support service models
- DSPT learning from other sectors
- Service users' needs for digital security
- Data security and protection training needs in care
- LSO delivery model review
- Supply chain risks
- Cyber incident lessons learned
- ROI tool for social care tech
- Data protection eLearning for ASC

# How to apply



- Application guide and templates available on our website: [Action Research Fund - Digital Care Hub](#)
- Complete the Application Form and send to our mailbox:  
[bettersecurity.bettercare@digitalsocialcare.co.uk](mailto:bettersecurity.bettercare@digitalsocialcare.co.uk)
- By midnight on Friday 3rd November 2023
- Contact us if you have any questions, we are happy to help

# Any questions?

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