



Promoting the use of evidence-informed practice in adult health and social care

What is research *in* practice *for adults* ?

- Research utilisation organisation for adult social care
- Partnership organisation - currently have 36 participating agencies throughout England
- A sister project to research *in* practice, who work with children and families services



Why do we exist?

- to promote the use of evidence-informed practice in the planning and delivery of adult health and social care services

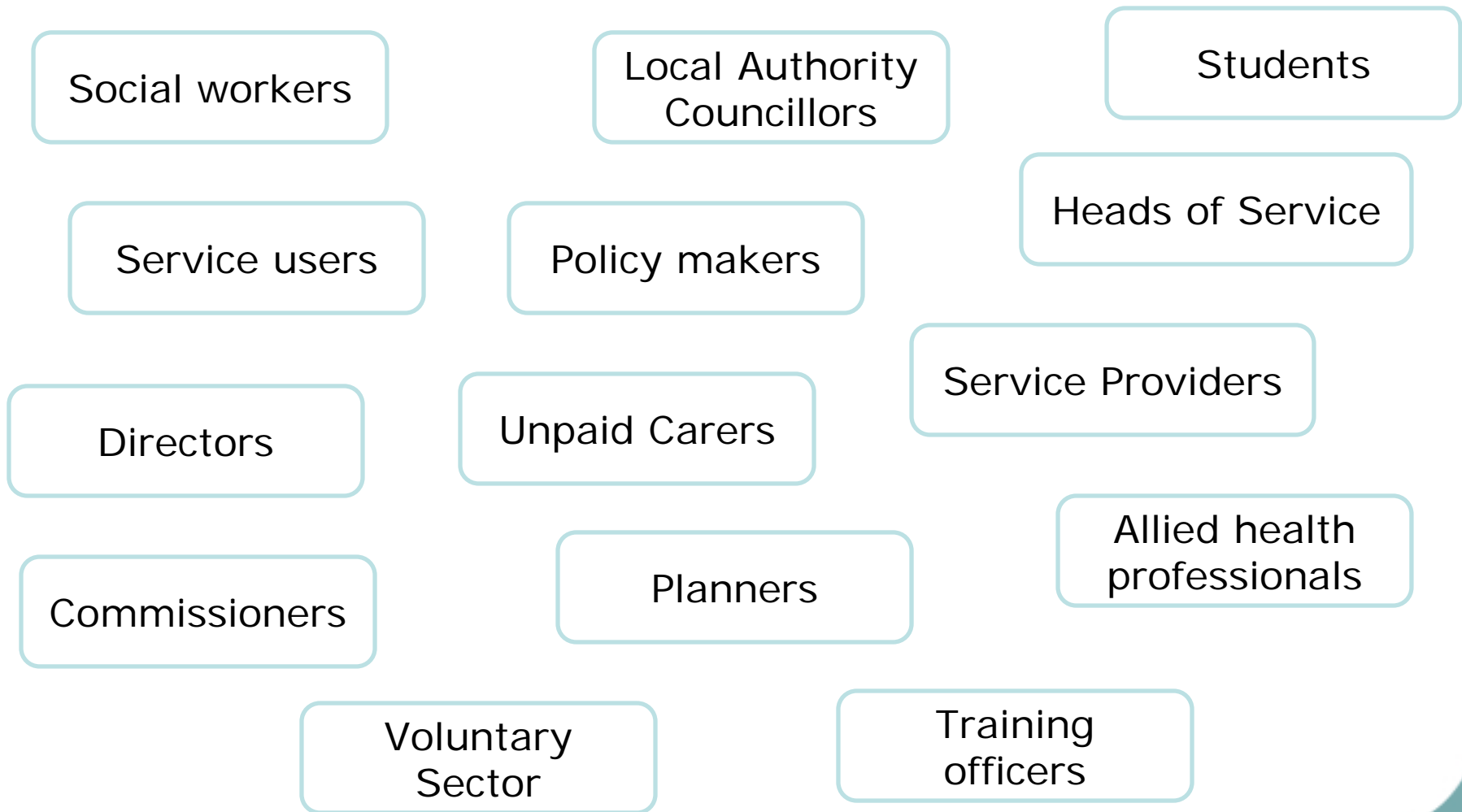


What do we mean by evidence?

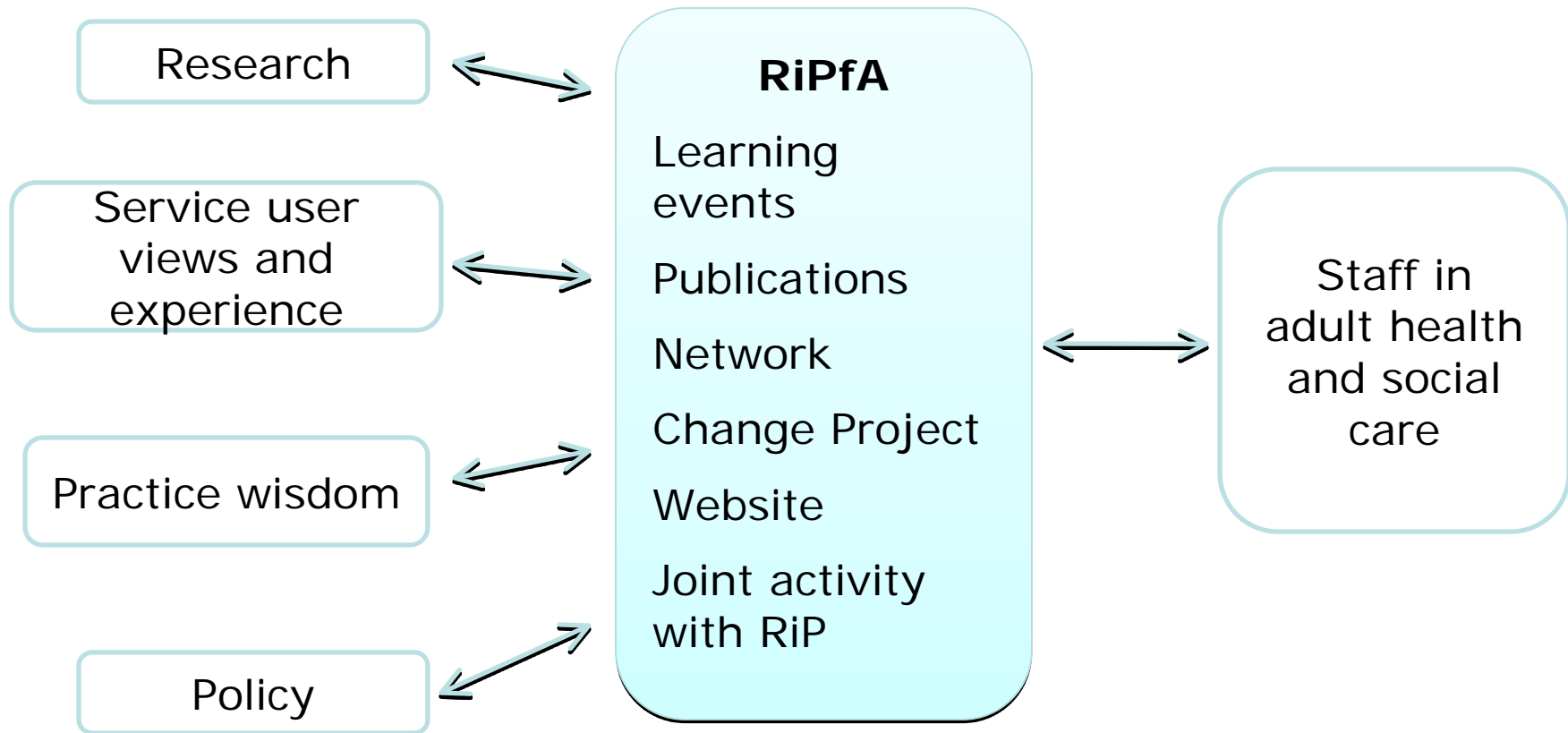
- The best available research evidence about what is effective
- Practice wisdom (the fruits of operational experience)
- The views of service users

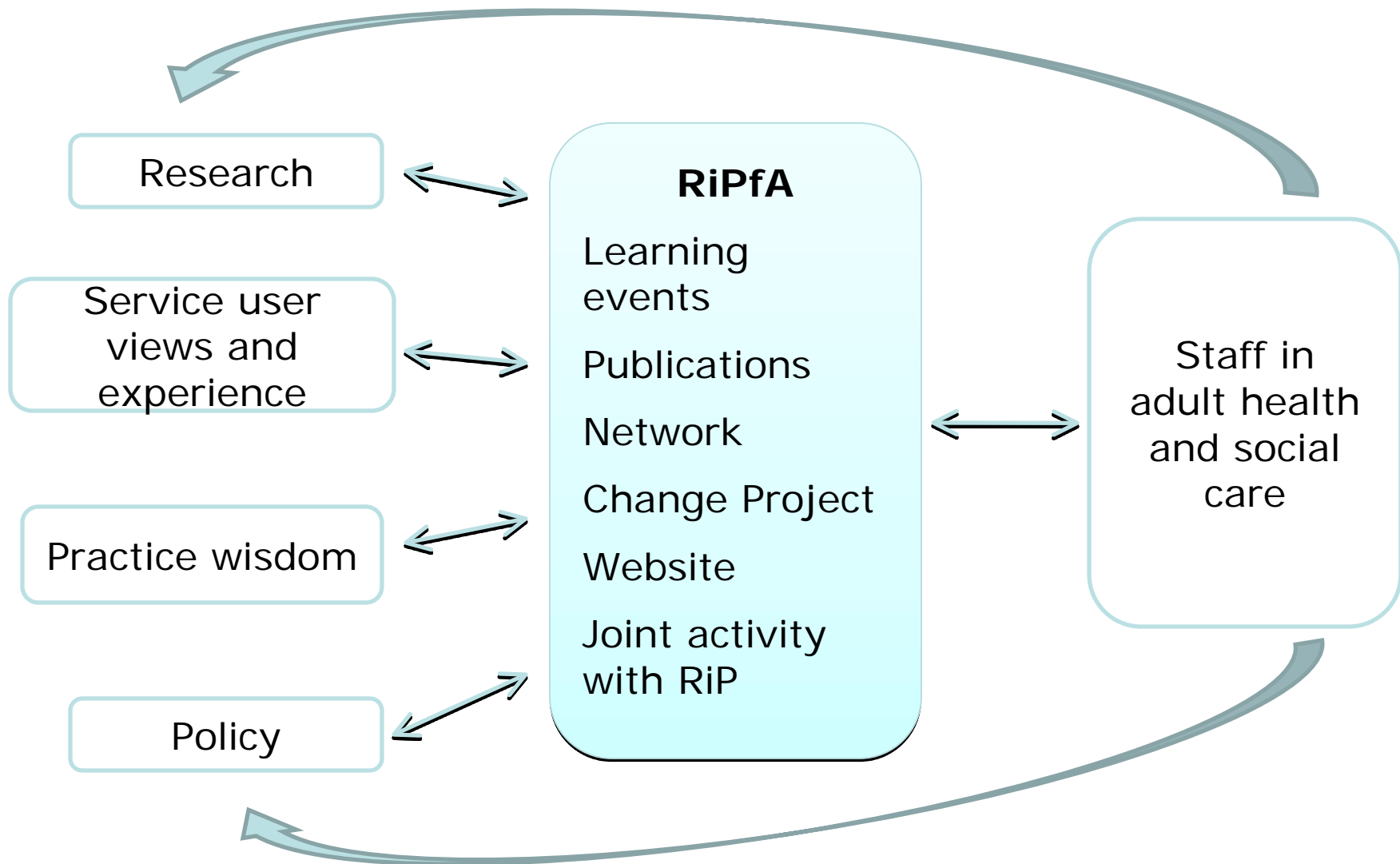


Who do we work with?



What do we do?





Six strands

- Learning events
- Publications
- Information network
- Change projects
- www.ripfa.org.uk
- **research in practice**



Change Projects

- Facilitation from RiPfA and an expert in the field
- Typically 18 months, five or six agencies, two or three people per agency
- Work being completed by participants back in their agencies between group meetings
- Result in publication of practical products that crystallise the collaborative learning, including audio-visual materials



Evidence Clusters

- overview of evidence in key areas relevant to adult social care
- search of recent research reports, journal articles, policy documents and other available sources
- judgement about the validity and representativeness of findings
- distilled into a readily accessible summary
- to be reviewed and updated on a regular basis – web base facilitates this



Group Exercise



Key Issues

What is evidence?

Changing attitudes and organisational cultures

Methods for dissemination and implementation of research evidence

How do we know that we are making a difference?

How can we ensure that we engage meaningfully with service users?

How do practitioners access research evidence?



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