Changing how we work

Today...

I 've been asked to talk briefly about ...

The important things in transformation

Some principles and some tactics

 and to lead into Will and Julian (who'll be more interesting!)

What do we know?

- It's not about money it's about people and how they behave
- NEETs, Universal Credit, school improvement, and similar challenges
- Transformation is hard: by some estimates the failure rate is 70%
- We know why. ...But do we know how?
- Some big and consistent clues to beating the odds

IWNs as part of the whole

- changing how the system of support services around a person work together, rather than as separate projects, initiatives and parts
- IWN are a simple concept but sit within quite a complicated landscape
- Hard because the things that we need to make work better for a successful transformation are people... who are widely distributed, interdependent, and – often - initiative based

So, how do we make the change?

- a few things done consistently well and over a long period of time – dramatically improve the chances
- They cluster into perhaps 3 or 4 main groups of factors
- In the main, the same things we already know ...But find it hard to apply them at scale and at pace

Key principles

Focus on communicating

Leading by example, and building capacity

Engaging employees across the system

Continually improving

Important tactics

For many of you present to design in detail. ...but should include ways of ensuring that:

- Best practices are systematically identified, shared, and improved upon
- a consistent change story is used to align organisations around the IWB's goals
- Expectations for new behaviours are incorporated directly into regular performance reviews
- High-potential individuals are assigned to lead the transformation

So...

Whilst there are various checklists, surveys and evidence (of varying qualities), my summary messages are :

- IWN provide a strong opportunity for levering transformation at a local level
- They will work best when we leaders, managers, and practitioners see them in their proper context:
- not a project or an initiative, but a systematic opportunity to integrating community centred health and well being approaches...Whether these start life as community development, health improvement, community action
- Through you, they will help us empower, integrate, collaborate and improve