

Harnessing the power of LA data and AI, to deliver preventative services

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# The opportunity: LAs hold a wide range of data and have a wide range of legal duties to support residents

How do we start to think about prevention at scale?

If we are serious about prevention, we need to get far smarter with how we use our data

If data is the new oil – how do I make the most of it?

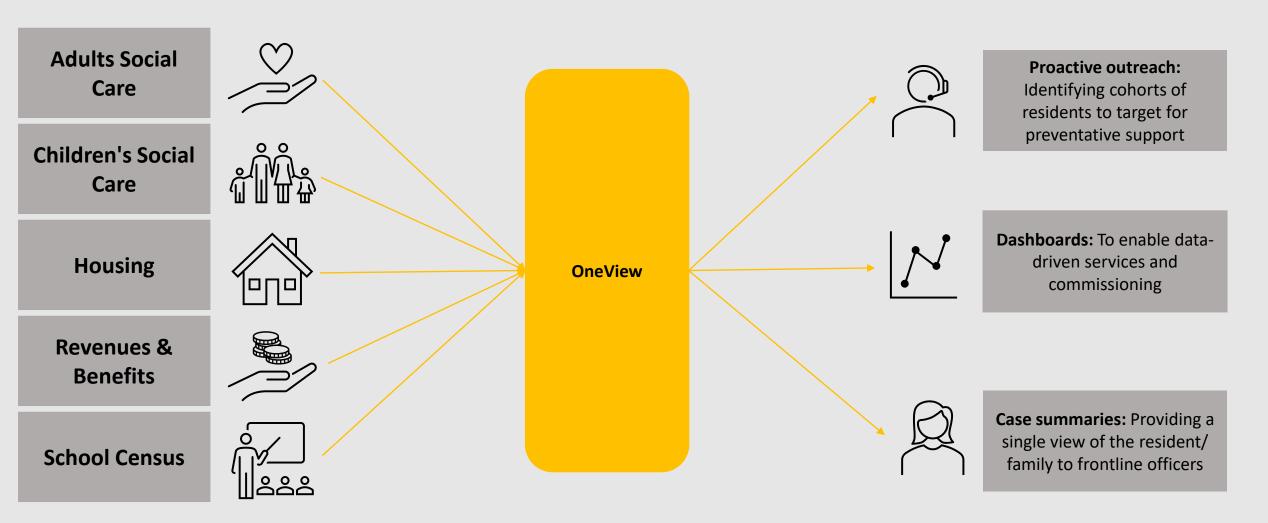
We need to connect data together and then make it accessible

What are the opportunities AI presents beyond chatbots and note taking?

Artificial Intelligence use cases become much more powerful if data is good quality and well organised

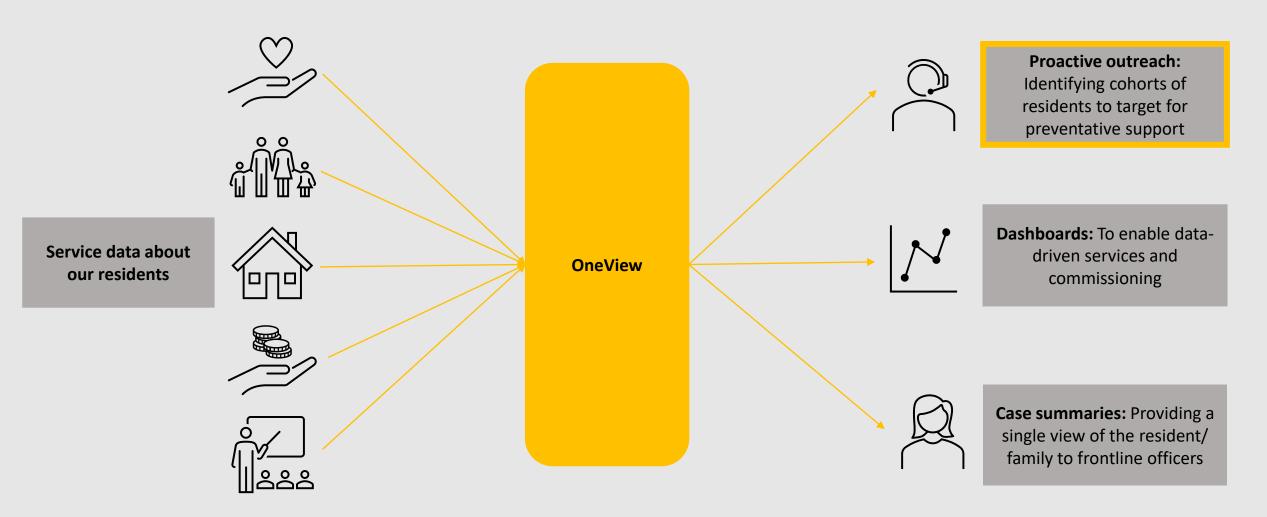


# By connecting data across silos, we can get a single view of the resident, family and borough as a whole



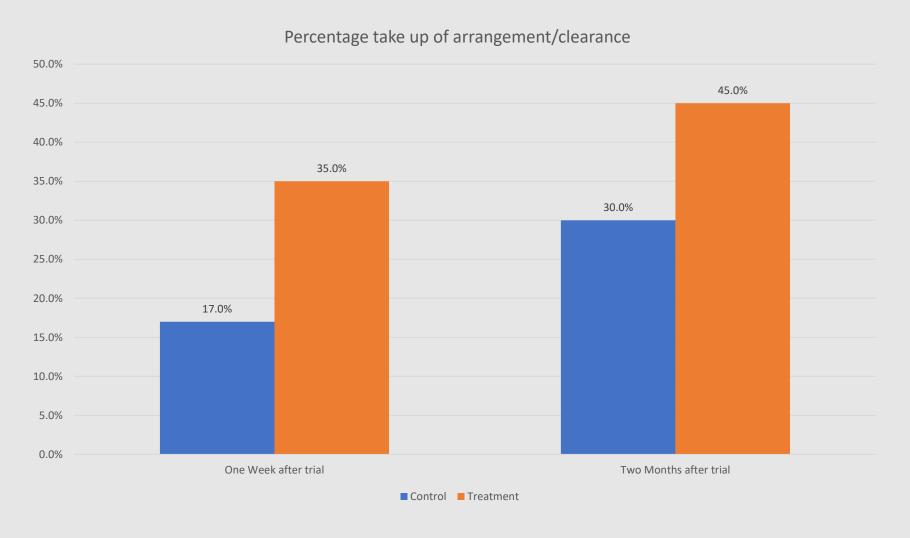


### We started with proactive debt outreach because it was an organisational priority, and we had an existing offer



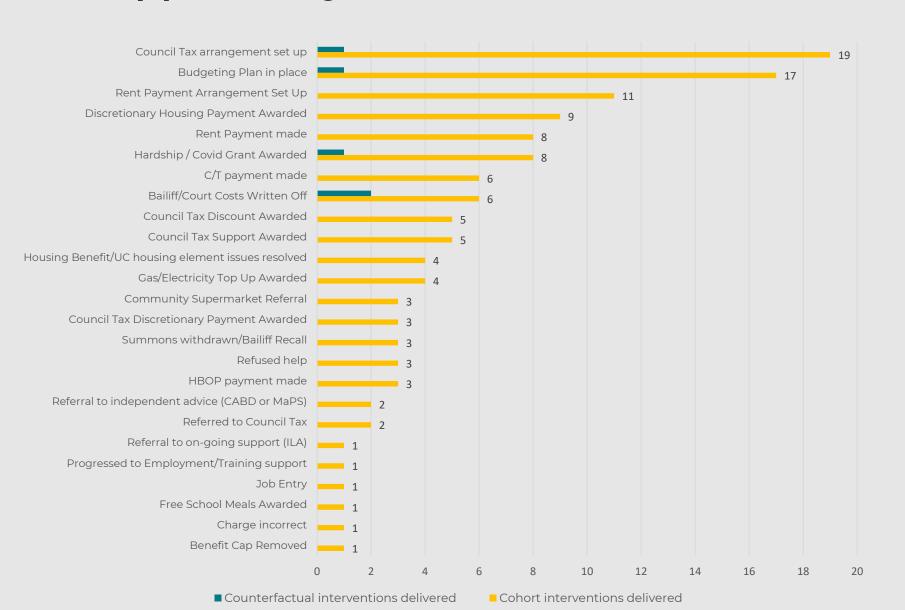


# Pilot 1: People we contacted were much more likely to set up a payment plans or clear their debt





# Pilot 2: The people we contacted received a wide range of support to get them back on track



#### **Financial Benefits**

- £400k+ additional income delivered to residents
- £75k additional debt collected over 4 months



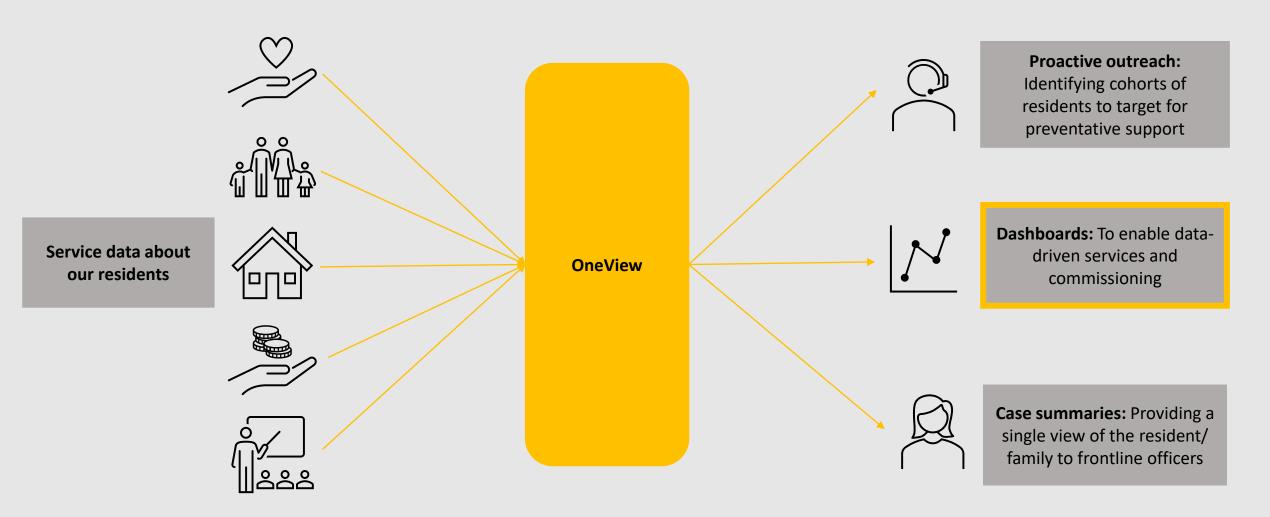
# Have now building proactive work in business as usual and generating considerable benefits for residents

#### **Debt outreach**

- Can pay
- Can't pay
- Debt + mental health
- Raised over £1m for residents
- Hundreds of thousands paid back to Council
- Fewer court appearances and bailiff referrals
- Getting residents back to financial sustainability



### We have used dashboards to meet specific needs





### Dashboards: Automation and AI to understand residents and deliver interventions

#### **Supporting Families**

We has automated:

- identification of families and
- Identifying outcomes achieved

in the Supporting Families programme.

This has saved of 4.5 FTE per annum

#### **Children in Care**

Al can 'read' case notes for a fuller picture of risk

Helps us understand how children are escalating and de-escalating through our system

- How many placements do we need to buy next year?
- How are the risks faced by children changing over time?

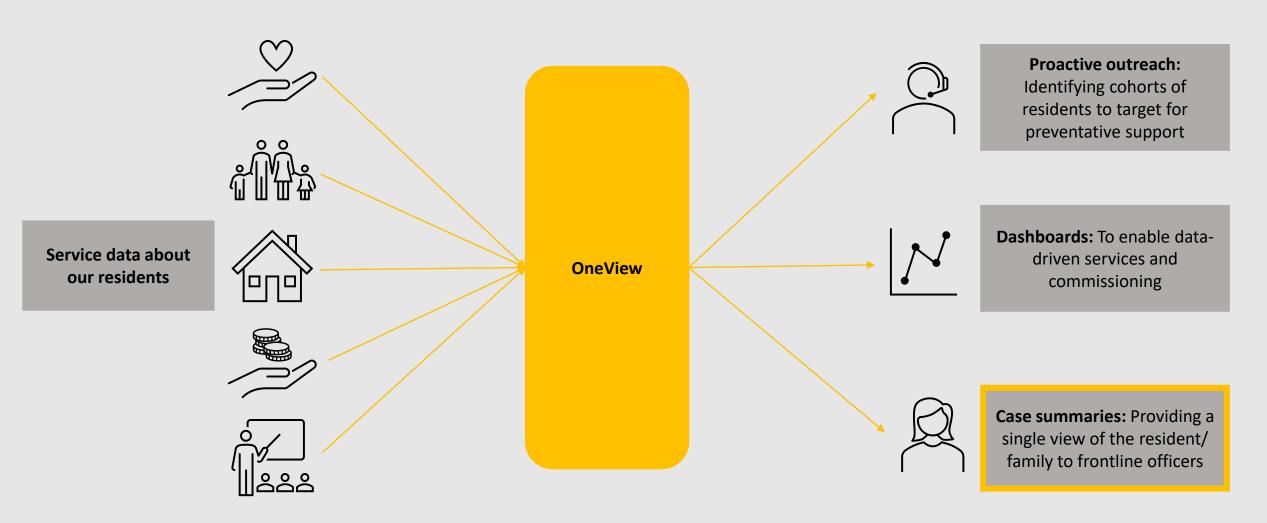
#### Covid

Matched data meant we could identify where vulnerable residents lived 6 weeks before health partners shared data with us

This meant getting support to people more rapidly, enabling them to isolate and ultimately saving lives



## And finally, there was a political drive for frontline officers to have access to wider data





# Community hubs staff can now see a broad range of data (with consent) to help residents more holistically



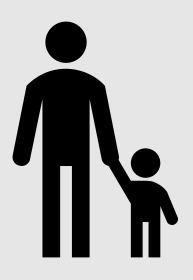
**Police and YOS** – case status, worker and contact info, crime data for SF module



**Education** – Current School, attendance and history



**Housing** – Tenure, status, history and applications



Health – data from assessments, Supporting Families data, SEND and system flags



**Debt/Support** – Debt summary, support/awards, CTAX and Rent data



Social Care and Early
Help – who is allocated,
summary data and
contact info



# There are many teams that can work more effectively if they have quicker access to wider data

#### Already deployed

- Community Hubs
- Family Navigators
- MASH
- Revenues
- Benefits
- Homes and Money hub
- Temporary
   Accommodation

#### **Piloting**

- Adults case summary pilot
- Environment & Enforcement
- Anti-social behaviour

#### In build

- Housing Triage
- Education & Inclusion
- JobShop
- NRPF

#### Scoping

- Children's case summary
- Adult Intake Team
- Homes for Ukraine
- Housing
- Parking
- Landlord services

Teams highlighted in **bold** will also have access to the *Benefits Calculator*, *Income & Expenditure Tool* 



## Next steps.... ....and lessons learnt

Huge potential benefits of prevention

There's lots of important ancillary work

Making it a 'thing' your organisation does

The hard bit: working with teams to implement good tools

Homelessness prevention

Information Governance & Equalities

**Org priorities:** find priorities that you can support

**Service Design:** listening carefully, prototyping, iterating

**Falls** 

**Ethics** 

**Benefits:** Show value through a mixture of quick wins and long terms goals

Stakeholder engagement: showing the opportunity and pushing relentlessly

**Procurement** 

Comms: Need to talk about what you are doing and why it's important

Organisational development: you are here to help, and you aren't going away

## Q&A



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