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# Community Links Officers:
## Our Role in the Community

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THE PREVENTATIVE MODEL: Why is it needed?

**Main drivers**

- Ageing population
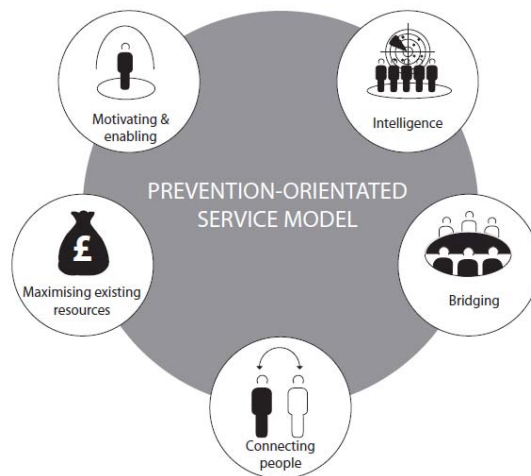- Reduced budgets
- Changes in the social fabric of communities

*"The options are to raise the eligibility threshold significantly or develop a more sustainable model with a greater emphasis on prevention, independence and resilience."*

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### Key areas for Maximum Impact

- Reduce isolation and increase social networks
- Increase quantity, value and experience of volunteering
- Ensure appropriate housing
- Increase access to services, support, networks
- Increase low-level support

*"The greatest impact will be achieved by keeping those with low to moderate needs independent and healthy for longer and by supporting those with substantial needs to regain their independence."*

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# Key principles



PREVENTION-ORIENTATED SERVICE MODEL

Motivating & enabling

Intelligence

Bridging

Connecting people

Maximising existing resources

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## The new system has 4 elements:

| 1. Community Links Officer | 2: Community Practice Worker | 3: Intelligence Hub | 4: Volunteer Hub |
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### Community Links Officer

- Based in the community and linked up to community organisations
- Collecting and analysing data on the availability and effectiveness of groups and activities in the locality
- Informing commissioning and grant provision
- Local knowledge hub for Community Practice Workers
- Convening meetings and events for professionals and community groups
- Developing and facilitating groups and activities including increased volunteering opportunities
- Promoting the prevention agenda

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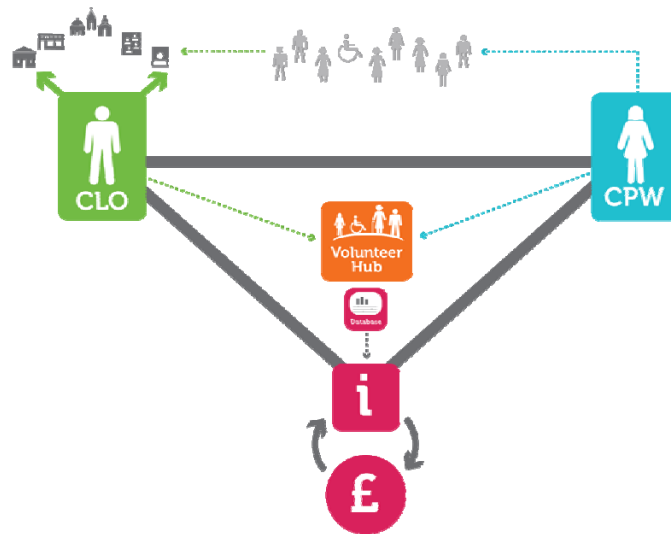Collecting and analysing data on the availability and effectiveness of groups and activities in the locality

Coordinating allocation of pooled grant funding and holding a grant fund

Informing commissioning and grant provision

Linking the informal with the formal

Convening meetings and events for professionals and community groups

Promoting the prevention agenda

Developing and facilitating groups and activities

Local knowledge hub for Community Practice Workers

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# How do the 4 elements fit together?

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Map of GP practice and Localities within NHS Buckinghamshire (April 2012)



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