

Knowledge brokers: a perspective from social care

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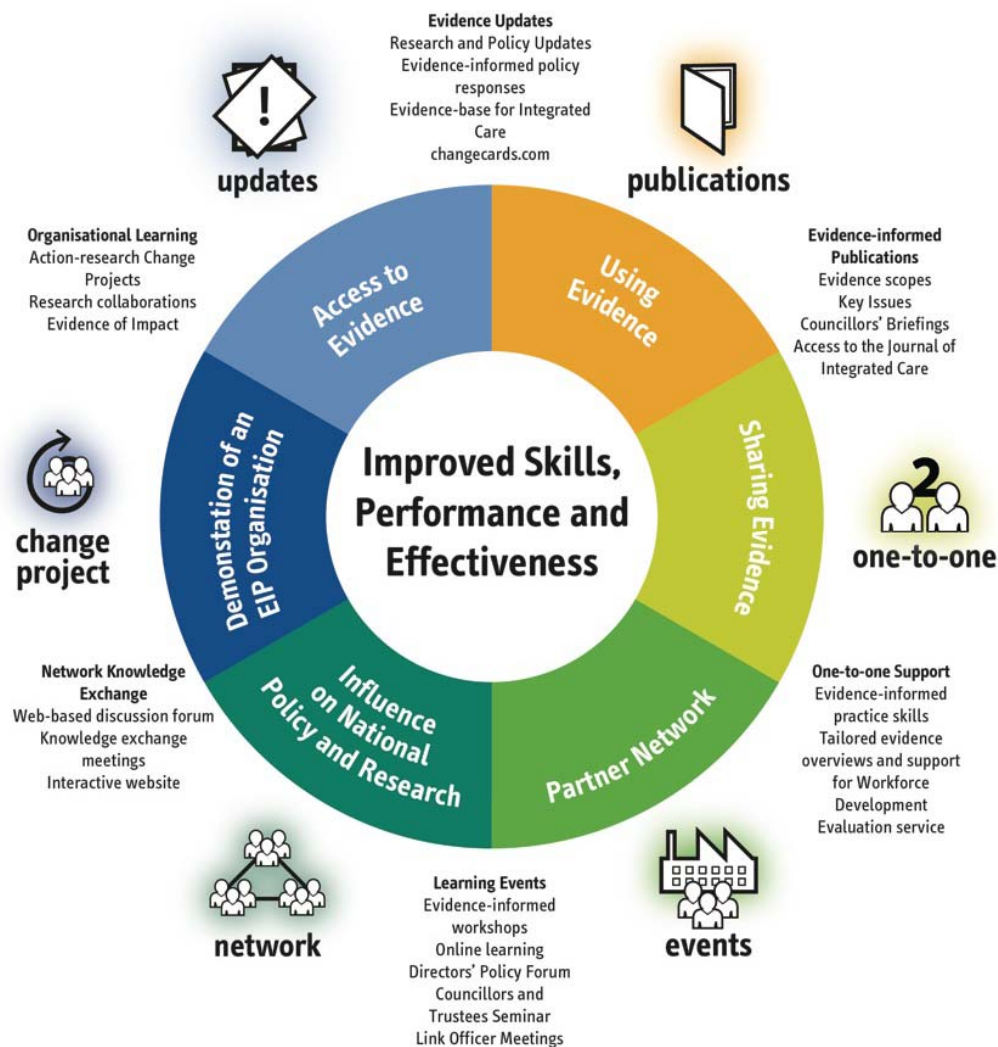
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- Promote the use of evidence-informed practice in adult health and social care
- Network of 40 Partner agencies – all Local Authority social care departments
- Innovative methods to support research to improve practice

360° approach



Change Project methodology



Asked my twitter network:





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Moo

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Something like a librarian, I guess.

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@GeorgeJulian KB = Quilter, Oil to
smooth pathways between people with
data, information, sometimes knowledge
(what is knowledge?)

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gateway to knowledge... like the old AA
ad, 'I know a man who can...'

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Has there been a shift in recent years around the interface between research, policy and practice?



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What does the term 'knowledge broker' mean to you? Do you know any? Interested in all views for #kbconf - there is no right answer!

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@GeorgeJulian A recent analysis of an international e-discussion on Knowledge brokering and intermediary concepts might help!
<http://bit.ly/tR0BDN> #kbconf



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Information intermediary

Knowledge intermediary

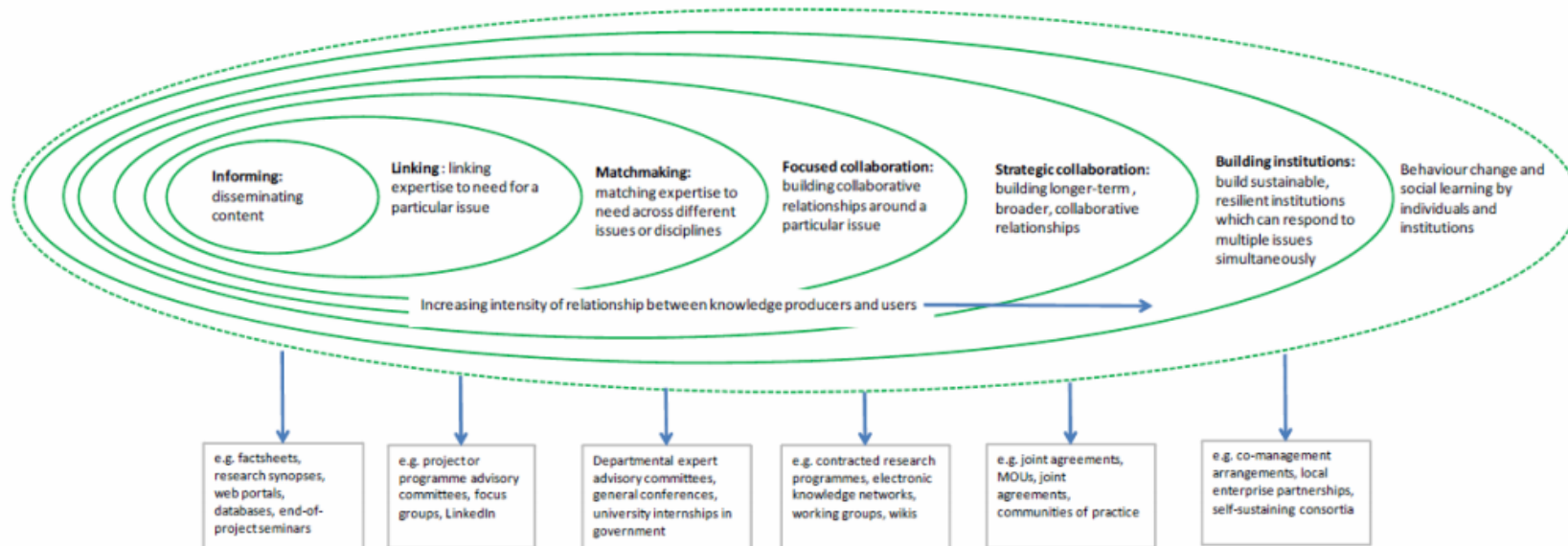
Knowledge broker

Innovation broker

The six functions of knowledge brokering

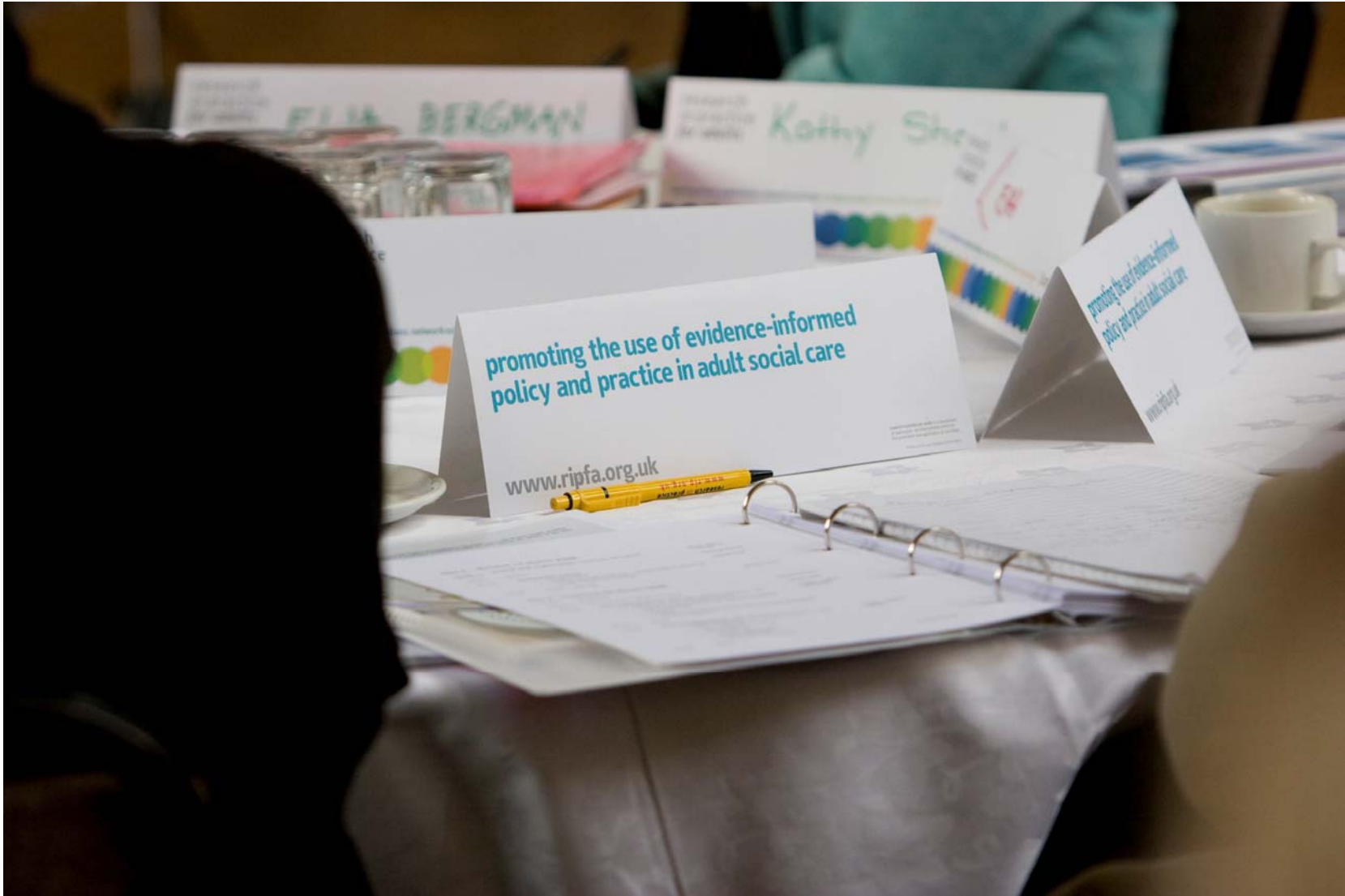
Linear dissemination of knowledge from producer to user

Co-production of knowledge



Adapted from Michaels, S 2009: Matching knowledge brokering strategies to environmental policy problems and settings. *Environmental Science and Policy* 12 (2009): 994-1011.

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Is the label *knowledge broker* helpful?



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Have to say that I don't particularly like the term though :(

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lot! Maybe its someone who searches for
info & presents appropriate bits?

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@GeorgeJulian unfortunately to me it's an example of words that don't really tell you anything. We need less jargon

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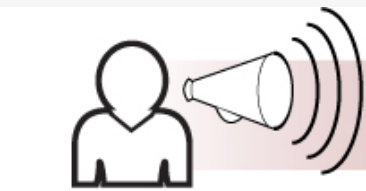


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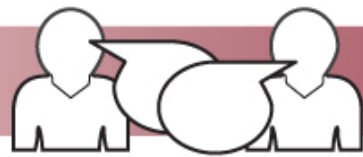
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Very necessary to have a 'link' up role,
scoping what is out there (people or
content) - doesn't matter what they are
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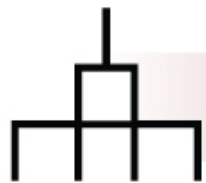
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