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**Unique to Practice Research –**  
***Impact and Change***

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# What is Practice-Based Research (PBR) ?

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“Practice researchers’ use of research-based principles, designs and information gathering techniques, *within* existing forms of practice, to answer questions that emerge from practice in ways that inform practice” (Epstein, 2001).

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Put simply:

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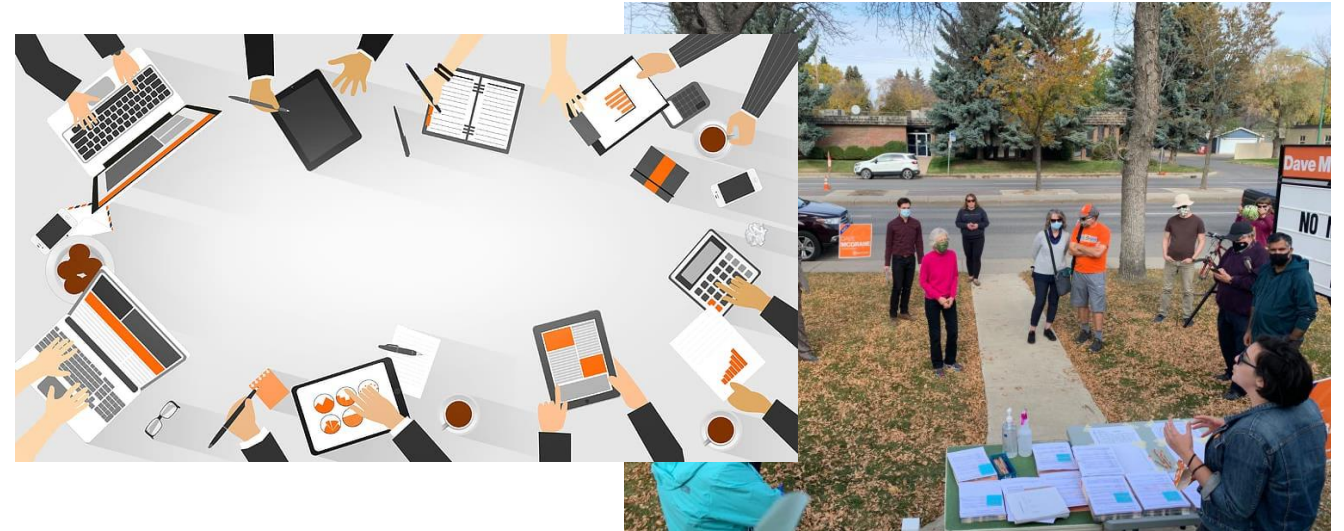
Research conducted by practitioners, service users and practice-minded researchers *for* practice-utilization



# Social Work brings about change in practice through ..

Responding	responding to a diverse range of client life situation needs
Making	making a comprehensive contribution to effective outcomes for service users and their families
Contributing	contributing to service outcomes through facilitating appropriate community care
Providing	providing effective engagement with community resources through targeted assessment and linkage
Utilising	utilising a diverse range of skills and competencies to respond to service user needs

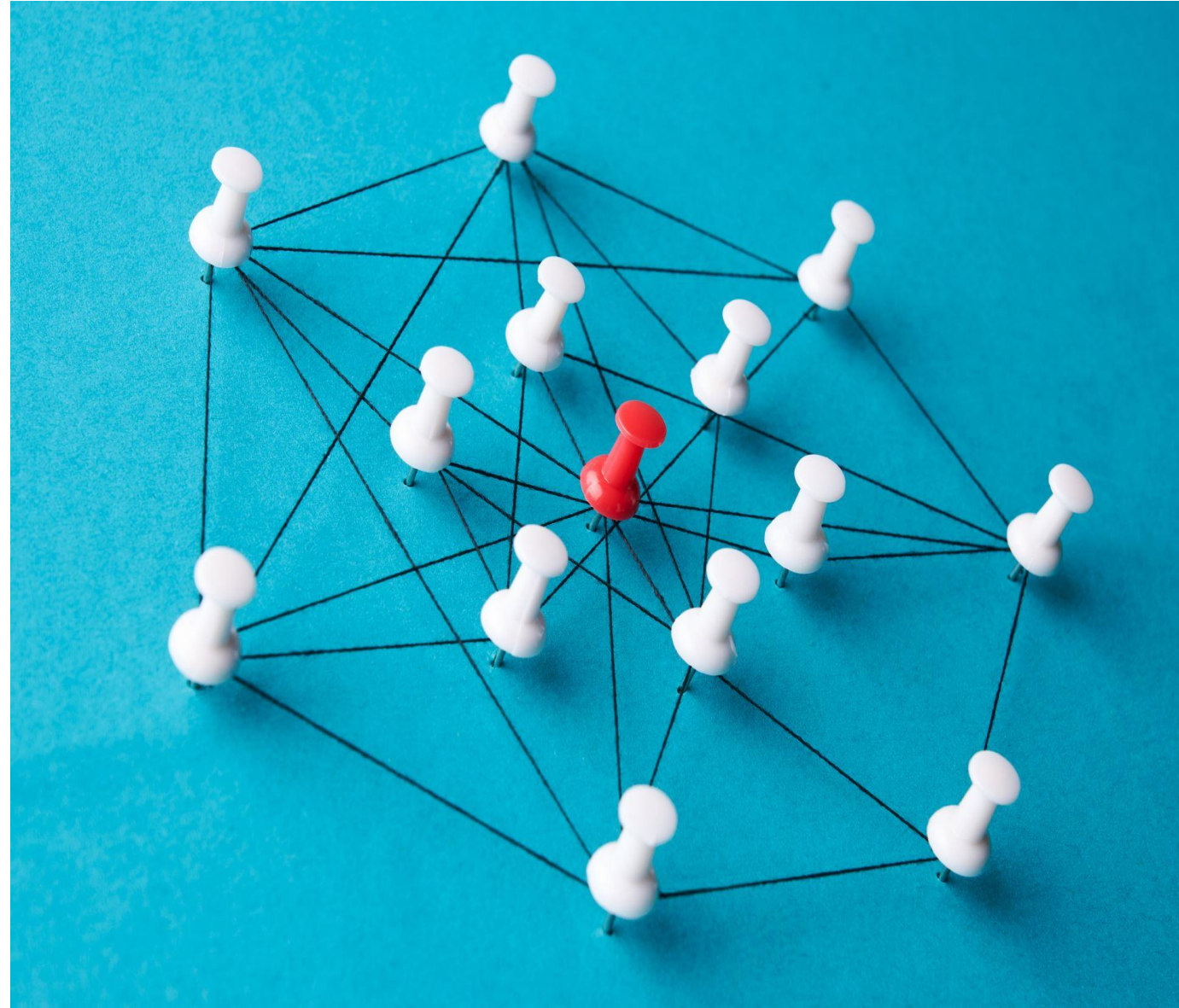
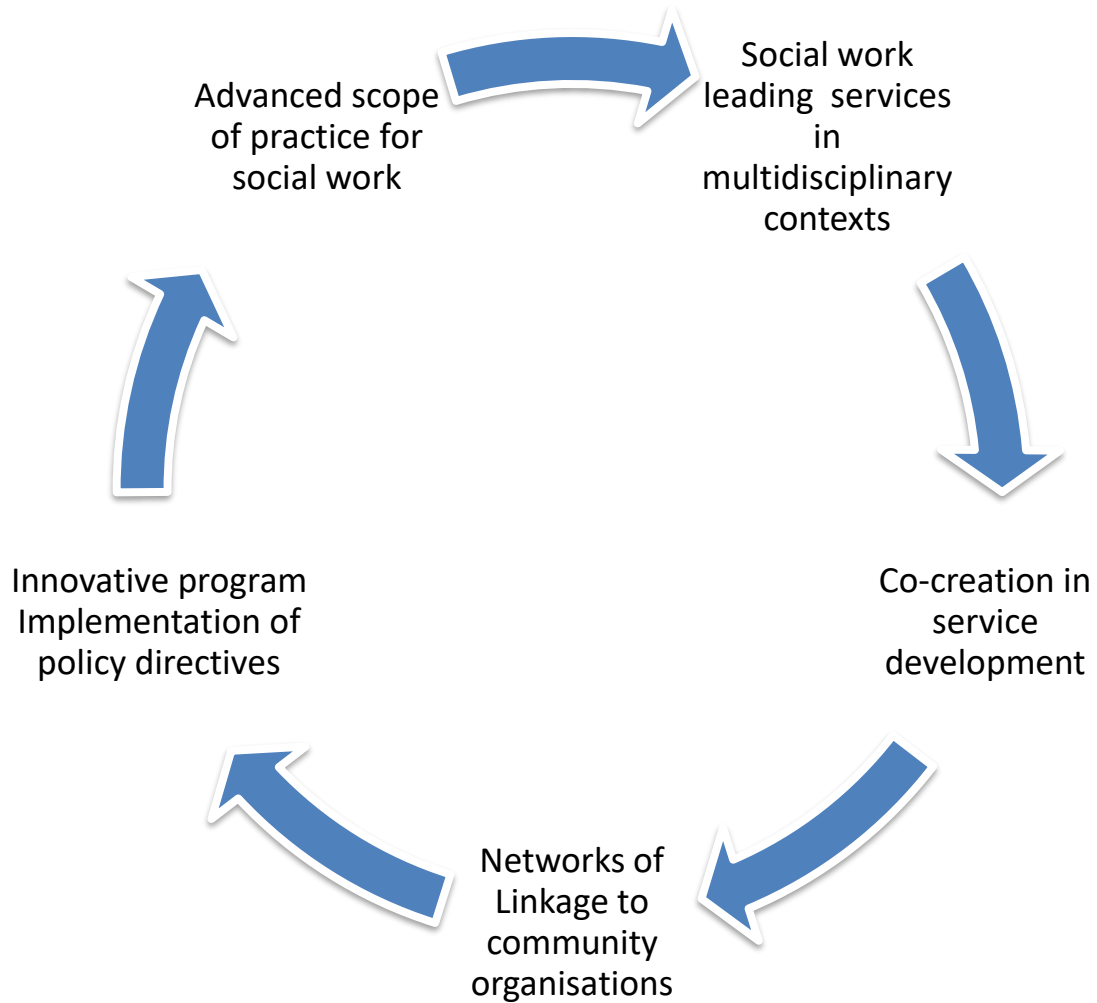
# How do we know this ?







# Innovative social work directions can indicate impact and change





# How can we strengthen implementation ?

- *Visibility* through practice research

**The need for ‘credible’ research**

**articulate** realistic and meaningful benefits and effectiveness from social work

**identify** appropriate practices which will potentially achieve these benefits

**understand** how to integrate these approaches in different contexts in health social work

**develop** new knowledge to contribute to improved health care

***Reduce the gap –***

*between academically driven questions and social work practice through the democratisation of research models*





# How can we strengthen impact ?

- *Visibility* through social work leadership

Workforce framework

Values based care

Well-being of workforce

Rural and regional linkage of services

Advanced practice models

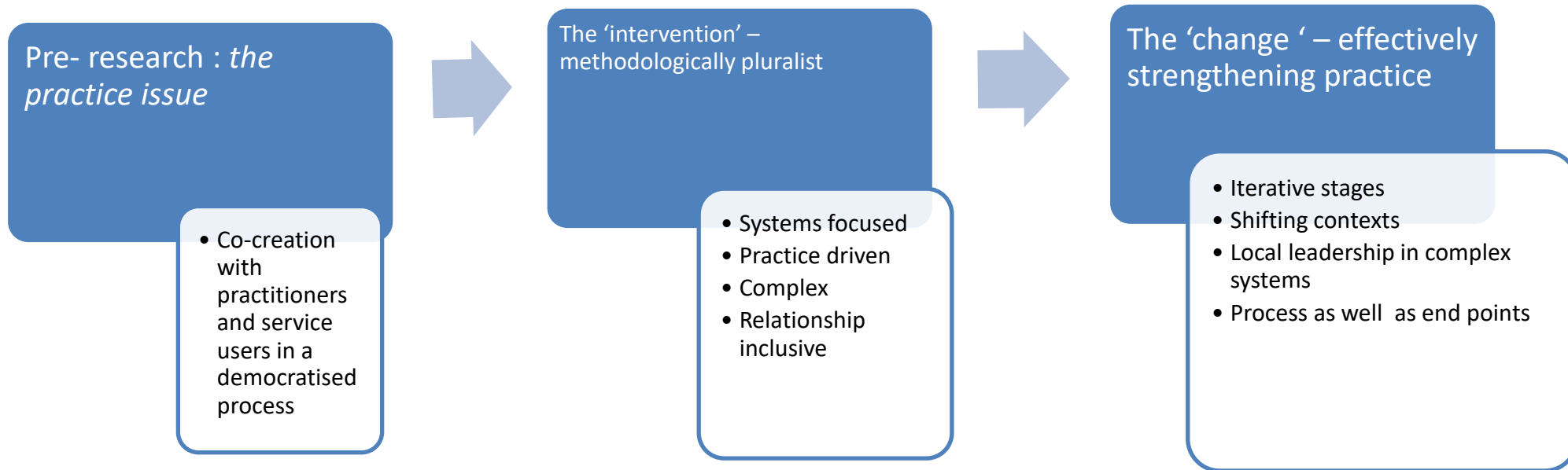
Data and digital technology confidence

Retention and building the workforce





# Value of practice research in *impact and change*







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# Thank you

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