

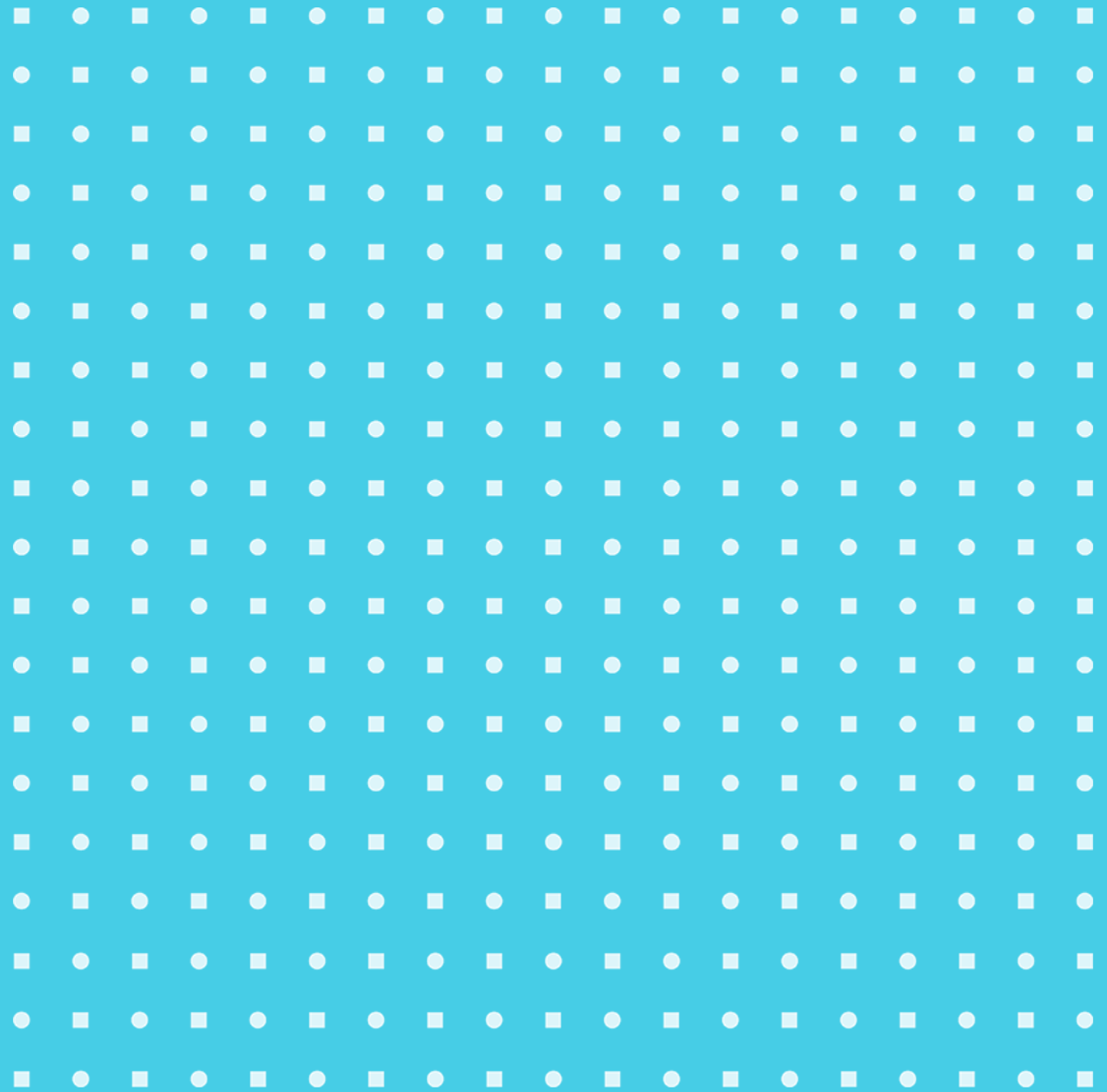
Social Finance: Triangle Trust Board Meeting

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Social Finance is a not for profit that helps ambitious organisations and communities deliver pioneering solutions for lasting social change.

The Early Inclusion Collective



Our recently-founded Early Inclusion Collective builds on six years of work that has improved outcomes for children



Longitudinal data analysis of over 10,000 secondary students, evidencing the underlying vulnerabilities of children most at-risk of school exclusion.¹



Analysis of 16,900 students to understand the impact of Covid-19 lockdowns on school attendance – we were the first organisation to call for a focus on attendance, not attainment²



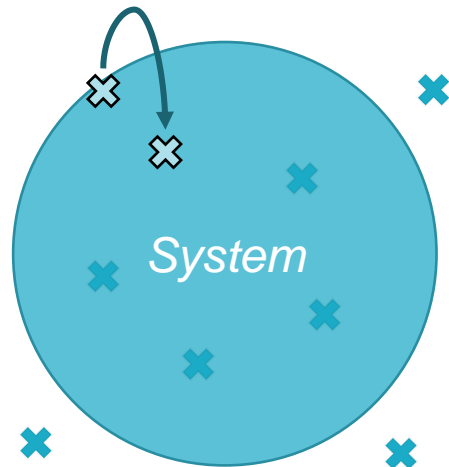
Since 2016, our Drive programme to address high-harm perpetrators of domestic abuse has reduced the risk to 6,800 children



Our place-based early-intervention work in schools has supported 12,000 children and directly supported 350 children in terms of exclusions prevention

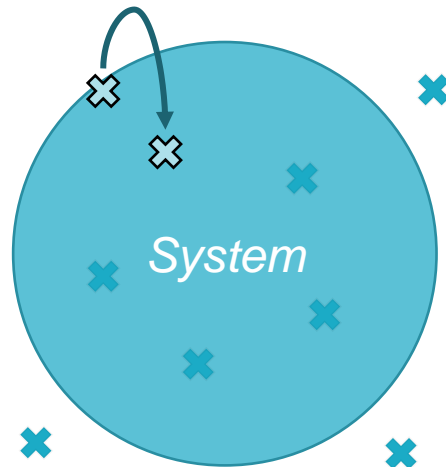
Current systems are overly reactive not proactive - and a lack of visibility leads to many young people falling out of the system

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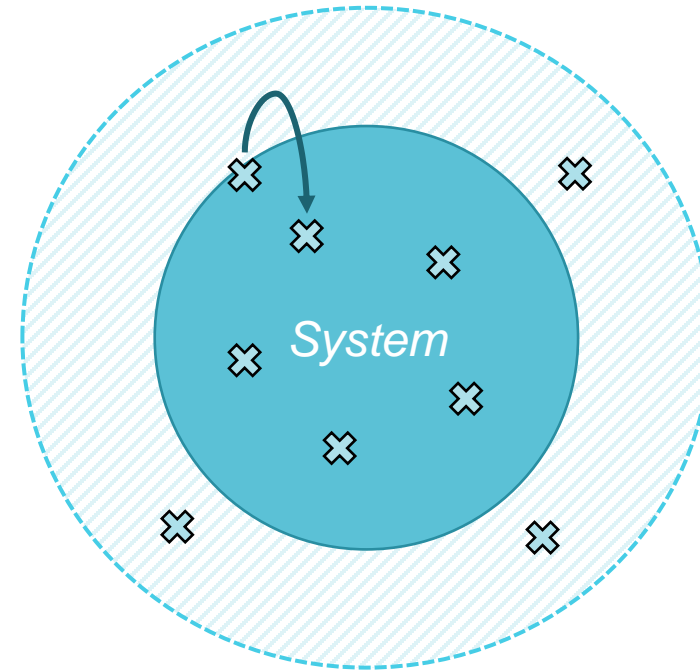


The Early Inclusion Collective will make invisible young people visible and develop the inclusiveness and safety of systems

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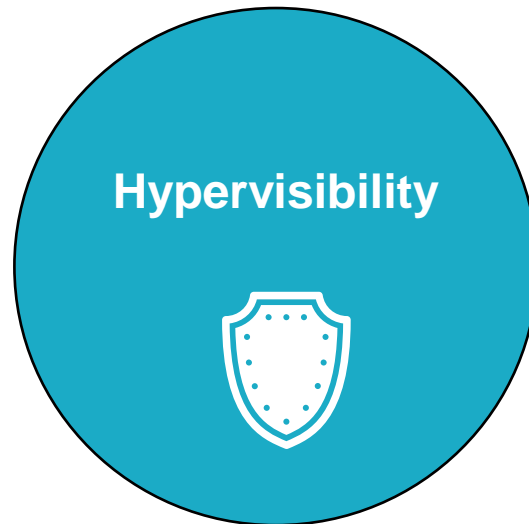


Alongside early intervention, we need to expand the inclusiveness of the system themselves to prevent so many young people being at risk of “falling out” **and** we need to identify the young people who are currently “invisible” within our systems



Our systems cannot be safe without finding and supporting 'invisible' children and young people

A safer system means a safer system for all children and young people, not just those that are immediately visible within existing data sets and services. **We've identified three forms of invisibility:**



These children aren't risky children - they're children in risky systems.

The EIC will be the vehicle to join the dots – creating new evidence for safer systems

Developing a Missing Data Unit



The problem: We measure outcomes based on issue-based data sets rather than considering the whole child. Many data sets are inherently difficult to join up. Policy and decision making is therefore flawed with many children remaining invisible and nobody accountable for their outcomes.



Vision for Solution: To surface intersectional insights and ensure children and young people are seen within data

- The Missing Data Unit is our tool to unearth these intersectional insights so our partners can consider how joined up support can improve outcomes.
- We will work with a range of partners such as Oxford University via their Brainwaves programme to surface insights.

Adopting a “Relational Approach to Governance”



The problem: Too many decisions are made by too few people behind closed doors or those pushing personal agendas. A fear of offending others or around how to be radical prevents people setting new norms, challenging behaviors, forming new coalitions or handing over power.



Vision for Solution: Collaboration, joint ownership, decision-making and accountability as we test and mobilise new ideas will lead to improved safety for children and young people.

- We will foster an environment that invites check and challenge, connects large and small organisations to capture the diverse experience of our partners to explore knotty questions, data trends and iterate ideas through workshops and discussions.
- Together we will refine insights and disseminate evidence through the EIC and wider system on the EIC work.

Generating new evidence on System Level Outcomes



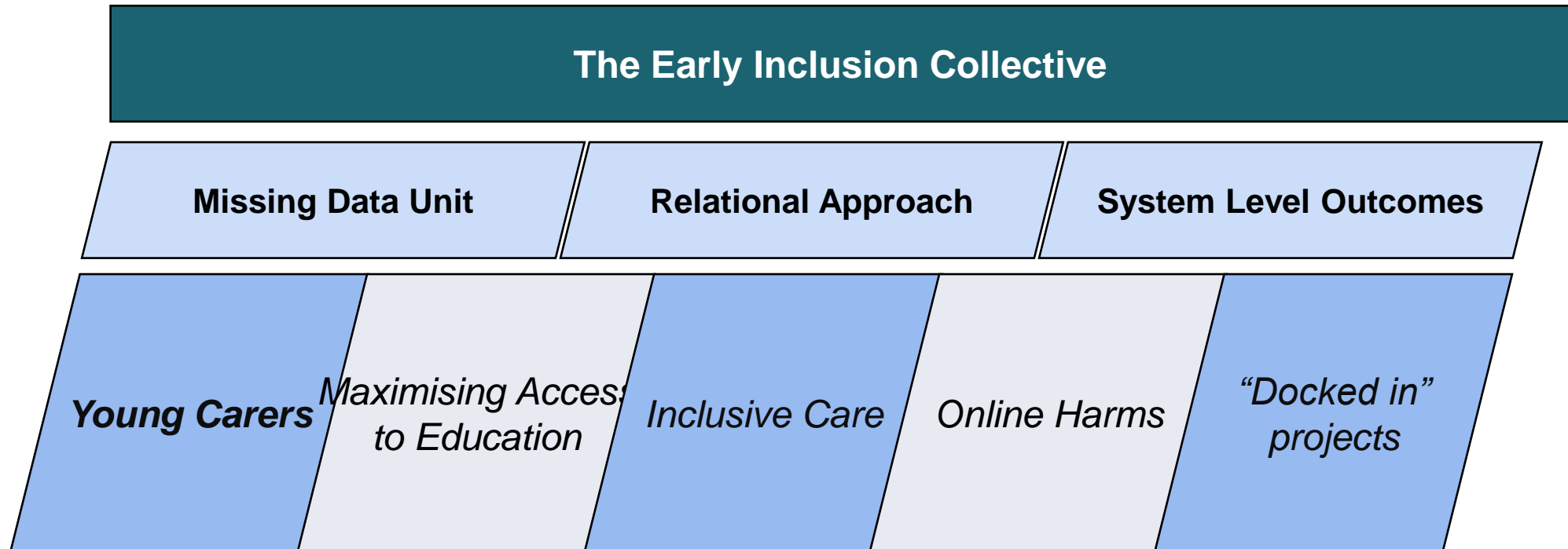
The problem: There is currently limited understanding amongst stakeholders on the system level outcomes around children and young people that indicate safety. Vulnerable children are not being seen and supported and are not involved in defining system level outcomes.



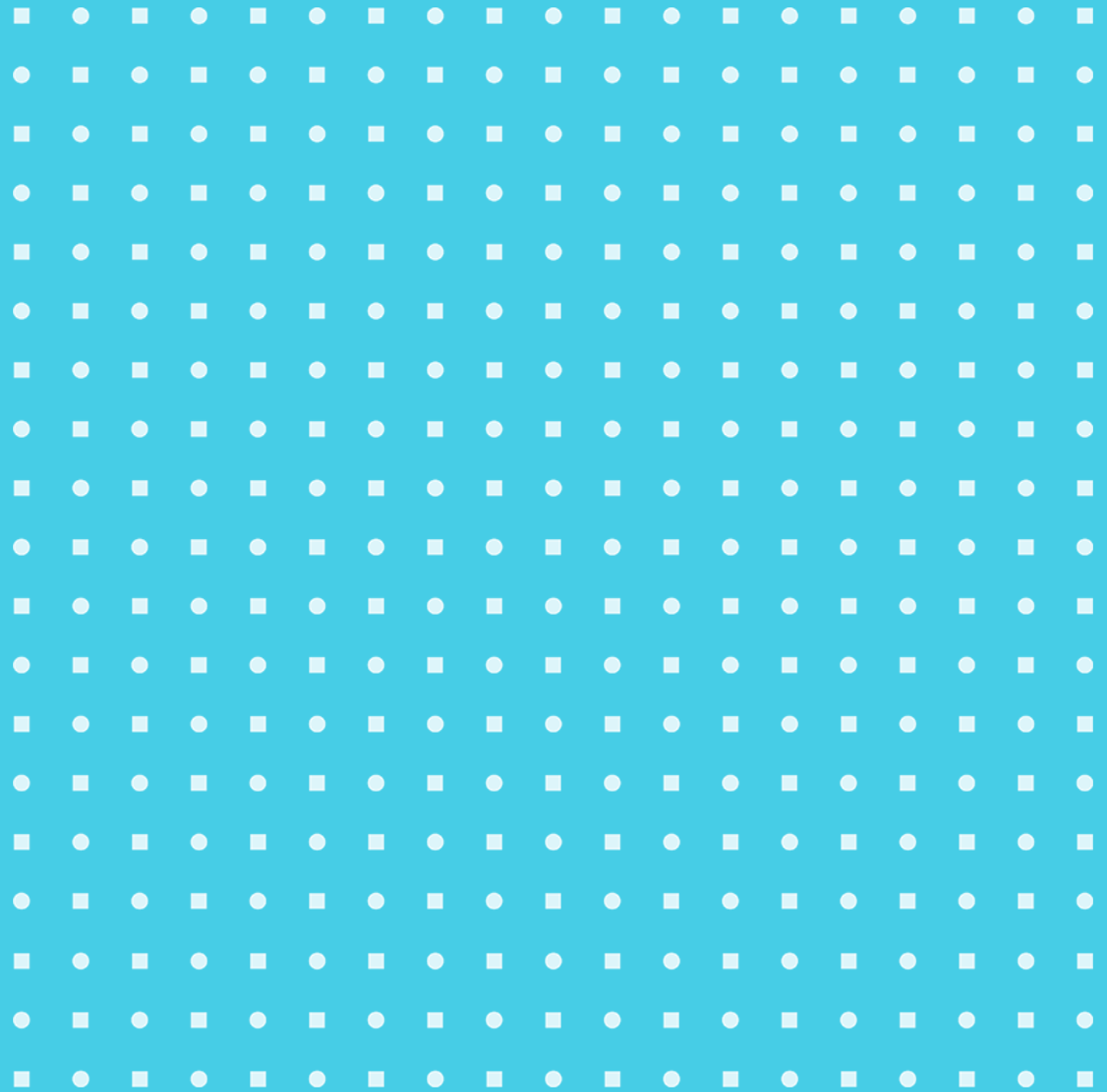
Vision for Solution: We need a new evidence set that does not locate all the problems and solutions within the children themselves but instead shifts this burden to the system.

- We will take a whole-system approach to understand existing outcomes and define System Level Outcomes and outline a framework for assessing the system.
- Once designed, we will identify 2-3 pilot partners to implement and test the new approach

Young Carers sits alongside our broader set of child-focussed issue areas within the Early Inclusion Collective



Delivering systemic change for Young Carers



Evidence suggests that Young Carers are extremely invisible within our systems

39,000

Number of “known” young carers reported in the school census in 2023 in England

820,000

Estimates by a 2018 BBC survey of the number of young carers aged 11-15 alone.¹

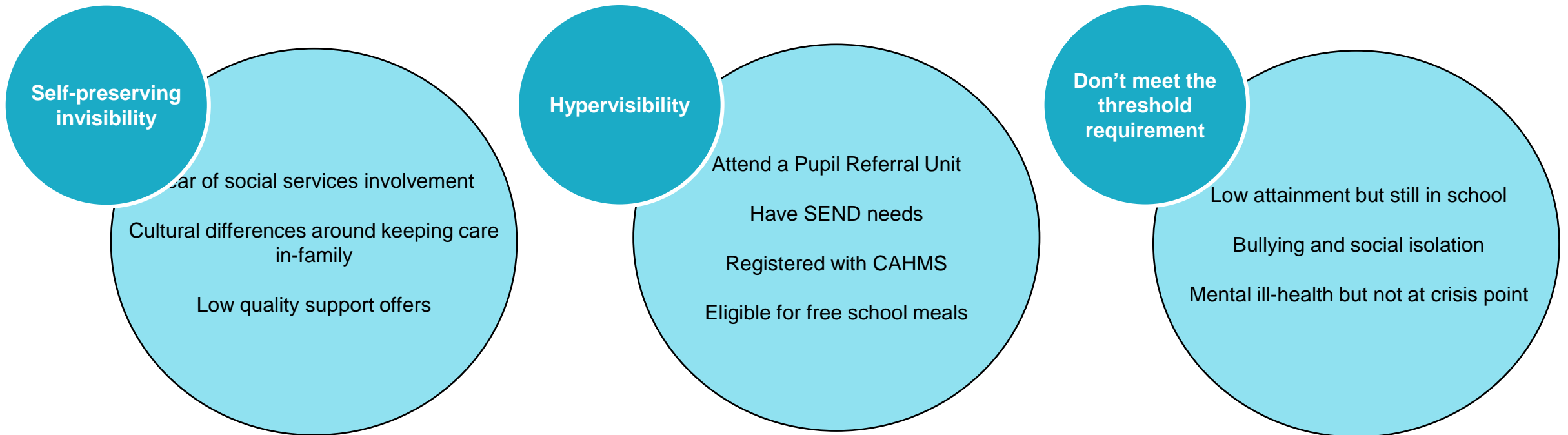
1,000,000+

Likely young carers when accounting for children under 11 and over 15

£1.42 - £1.90

The range in estimated economic benefit for every £1 spent on support to young carers²

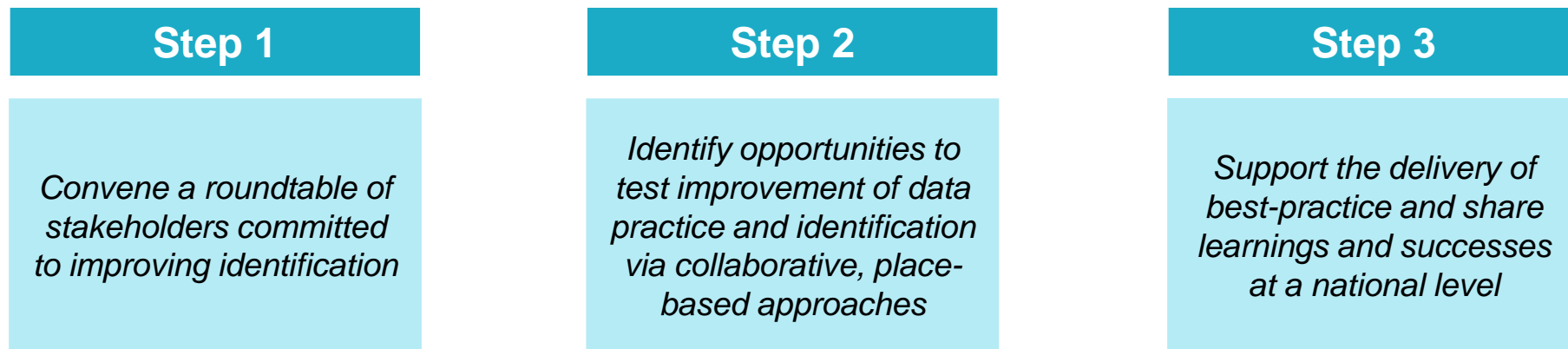
We see the three forms of invisibility when examining why there is a lack of Young Carers data



Understanding the practical and ethical data considerations of identification is a starting point for improved visibility (W/S 1)

To improve data practice with regards to identification of Young Carers, we must understand the practical (data infrastructure, data sharing processes) and ethical (family consent, parental stigma) challenges to doing so. We're conducting interviews and research to publish a discussion paper addressing these issues, aiming to improve identification without adding risk.

The paper will be a springboard for our work in this area, and following its release we will use our learnings and connections in the sector to:

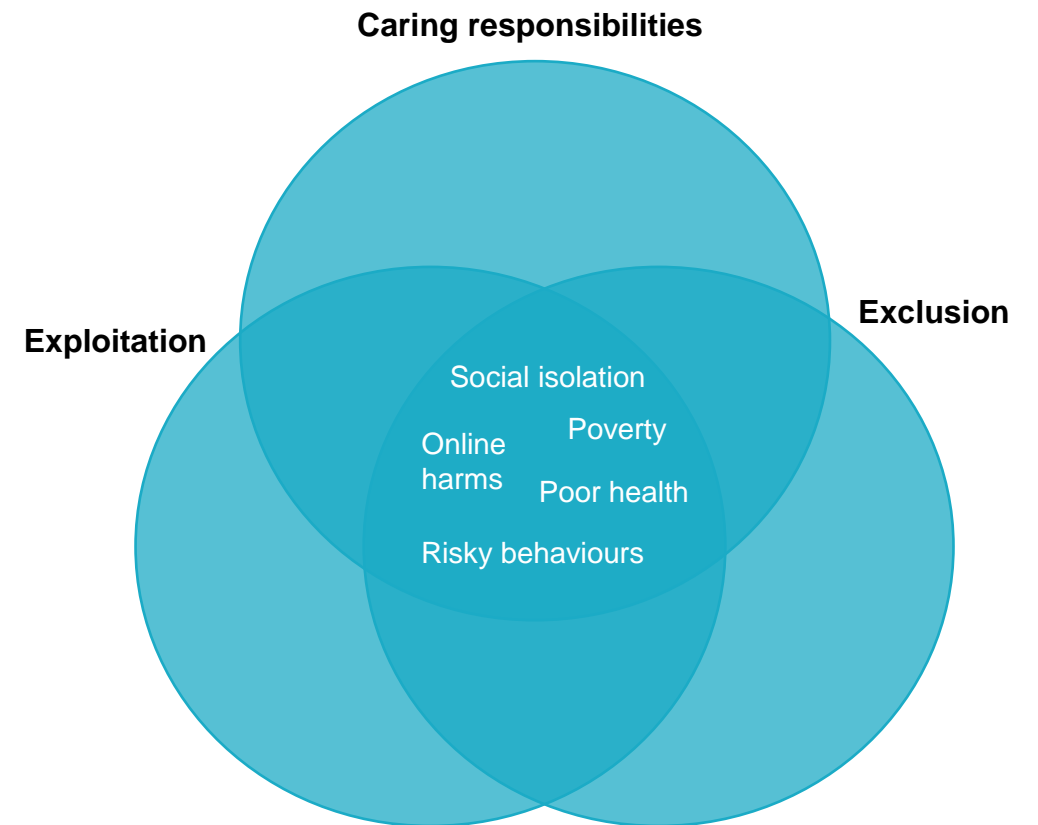


We'll deliver ground-breaking work exploring the overlap between caring responsibilities, exploitation and exclusion (W/S 2)

We recently brought together **Catch 22**, **Football Beyond Borders** and **MYTIME Young Carers** to explore the overlap between caring responsibilities, school exclusion and criminal and sexual exploitation. This is an overlap that has come up in previous Social Finance work – e.g. **Maximising Access to Education, Hope for Cheetham** – and resonated substantially with partners in the workshop.

In the short-term, we will work collectively for rapid action: e.g. developing toolkits of practice, awareness raising across statutory and non-statutory partners, and cross-organisational training.

Long-term, we are looking to support development of new, innovative pilots that look at support for these young people in the round and identify supportive policy and practice changes.



Delivering this change will need strong systems-convening and prioritisation (W/S 3)

We understand that we can't achieve system change on our own – we need to convene the sector to set clear priorities and foster collaboration. **This builds on the role we played on other issue areas – such as within the Drive Partnership.**

We hosted an initial workshop with **Carers Trust, Children's Society and MYTIME** to outline potential system priorities and support aligning of workstreams. This was highly successful – our second workshop, bringing in **Action For Carers**, will take place in July: we will work collaboratively to tighten these priorities up and share them with the **Young Carers Alliance**.

Following this, we will look to develop a collaborative “system priorities” paper, which will feed into the development of the **National Young Carers Strategy**.



Social Finance can turn Triangle Trust's catalytic funding into new investment for Young Carers nationally

