



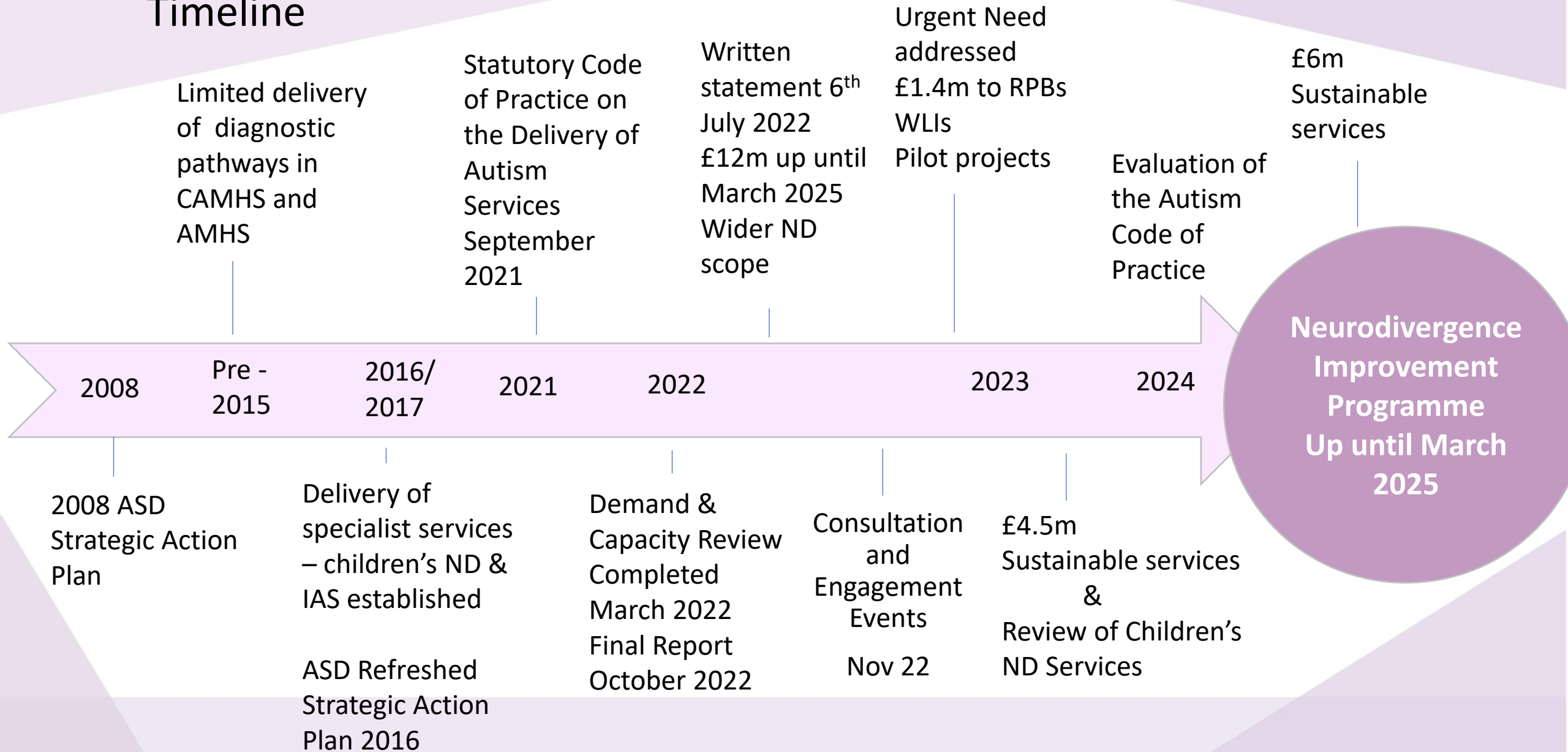
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## Timeline

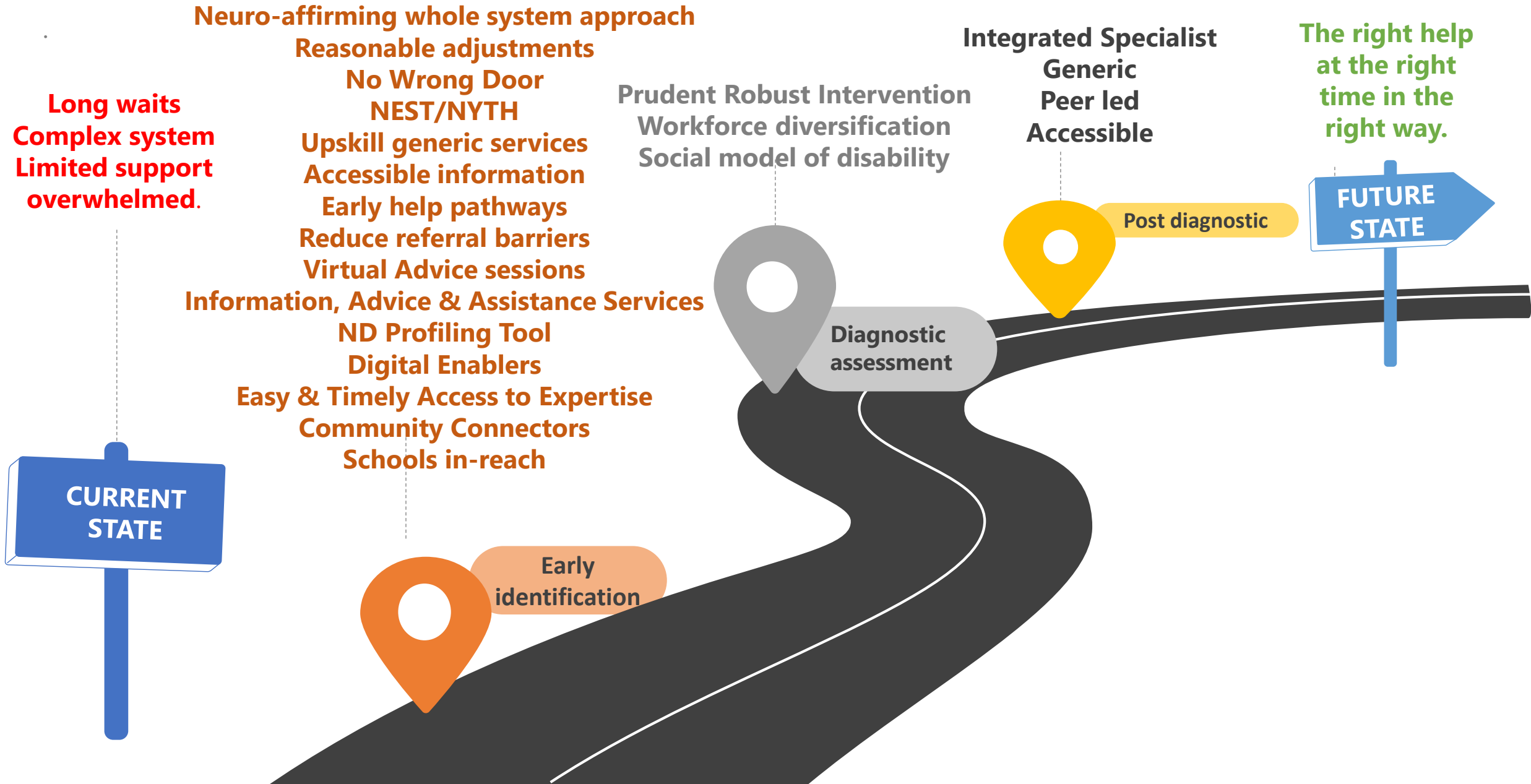


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## What are the issues the programme is aiming to address?

- Significant challenges in the referral pathway for children's neurodevelopmental services.
- Sparse services for individuals with Tourettes Syndrome.
- Sparse services for adults with ADHD, based on a medical model with long waits.
- Lack of provision from all adult and children's neurodevelopmental services in relation to accessing advice, information and support whilst on the waiting list, or whilst trying to access a potential referral onto the diagnostic pathway
- Lack of post diagnostic support for families and children diagnosed with a neurodivergent condition.
- Lack of services for those who do not meet diagnostic thresholds
- Challenging wait times

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## RPB Innovation & Pilots - What does 'good' look like?

- Expansion of the Early Positive Approaches to Support (EPAtS) offer - Cardiff & the Vale/North Wales
- Early Years Community Connector Role - Cardiff & the Vale
- Co-Production in ABUHB
- QB test pilots in ABUHB & HDUHB
- Tourette's Pathway – HDUHB
- Perinatal service in HDUHB
- Adult ADHD pathway models – PTHB, ABUHB
- Valley Steps ADHD psycho-education course – Cwm Taf
- Enhanced offer at IAA pre and post diagnosis support – N. Wales, Cardiff & the Vale
- Neurodiversity Support Managers – secure estates
- Triage project in Cardiff & the Vale IAS
- Profiling Tools & Portsmouth Model – BCUHB & ABUHB
- Autism Bus – North Wales
- Improved Communication – BCUHB website
- Additional Support for complex presentations – West Glamorgan
- Myth Buster work in Swansea & Neath Port Talbot



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## What have we achieved?

Digital Enabler Alpha Phase

Workforce Workshop

Ministerial Advisory Group

Scoping of adult ADHD Services

12 million over 3 years

NHS Executive collaboration

Information, Advice & Assistance Event

1<sup>st</sup> Phase of the evaluation of the Autism Code

Survey new Neurodivergence Code

Community of Practice – profiling tools

Review of Children’s ND Services

Cross Government awareness

Community of Practice – Tourettes Pathway

Guiding Principles



# NEXT STEPS

Improved Data Collection – children’s neurodevelopmental services

Digital Enabler – Alpha Phase

Phase 2 of the Evaluation of the Autism Code

Further research on use of profiling tools

Neurodivergence Code of Practice

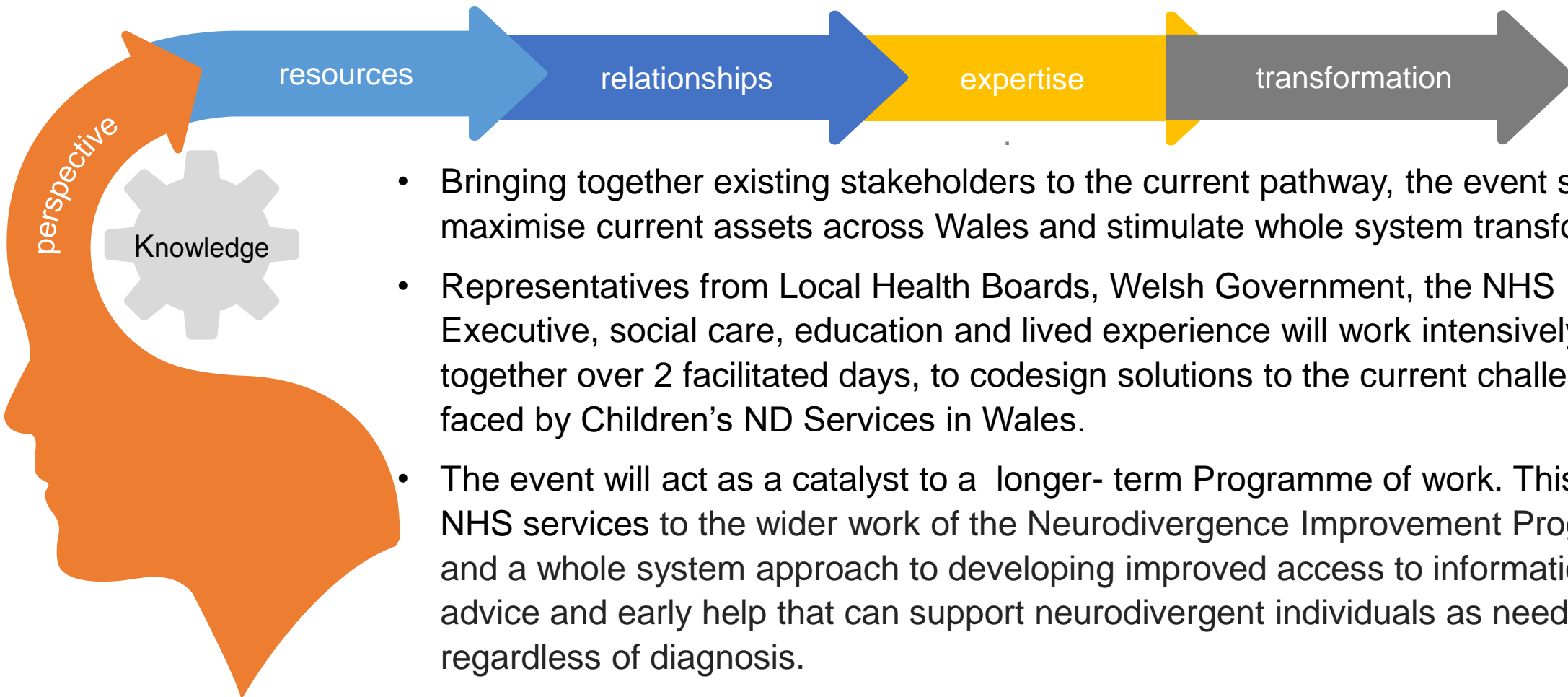
Accelerated Design Event

Developing needs led models of support

Exploring options for post March 2025

# Accelerated Design Event

**Accelerated Design Event to stimulate critical, systemic and needs led transformation of children's neurodevelopmental pathways  
- 27th and 28th November 2024.**



- Bringing together existing stakeholders to the current pathway, the event seeks to maximise current assets across Wales and stimulate whole system transformation.
- Representatives from Local Health Boards, Welsh Government, the NHS Executive, social care, education and lived experience will work intensively together over 2 facilitated days, to codesign solutions to the current challenges faced by Children's ND Services in Wales.
- The event will act as a catalyst to a longer- term Programme of work. This will align NHS services to the wider work of the Neurodivergence Improvement Programme, and a whole system approach to developing improved access to information, advice and early help that can support neurodivergent individuals as needs arise regardless of diagnosis.