

Is Co-design right for us, now?

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Early on, we need to determine whether our context is right for a Co-design approach.

Good intentions aren't enough. We also need supportive structures, capable people and most importantly, will from people with lived experience and professionals to join us.

Why are we considering Co-design?

Is there a need for work in this area?

Are we committed to follow through?

Are we ready to share power and decisions?

Do people want to work with us?

Do we have sponsorship?

Do we have the right people to lead?

Do we understand our constraints?

Avoiding duplication and fatigue, checking our assumptions

On what Co-designers create, funding outputs not only process

Do we have appropriate structures for divested decision making?

People with lived experience, and professionals

To authorise, resource and reinforce the work? Do they understand what Co-design is and asks of us?

With an understanding of how to work with our intended audience

To make meaningful offers to Co-designers