

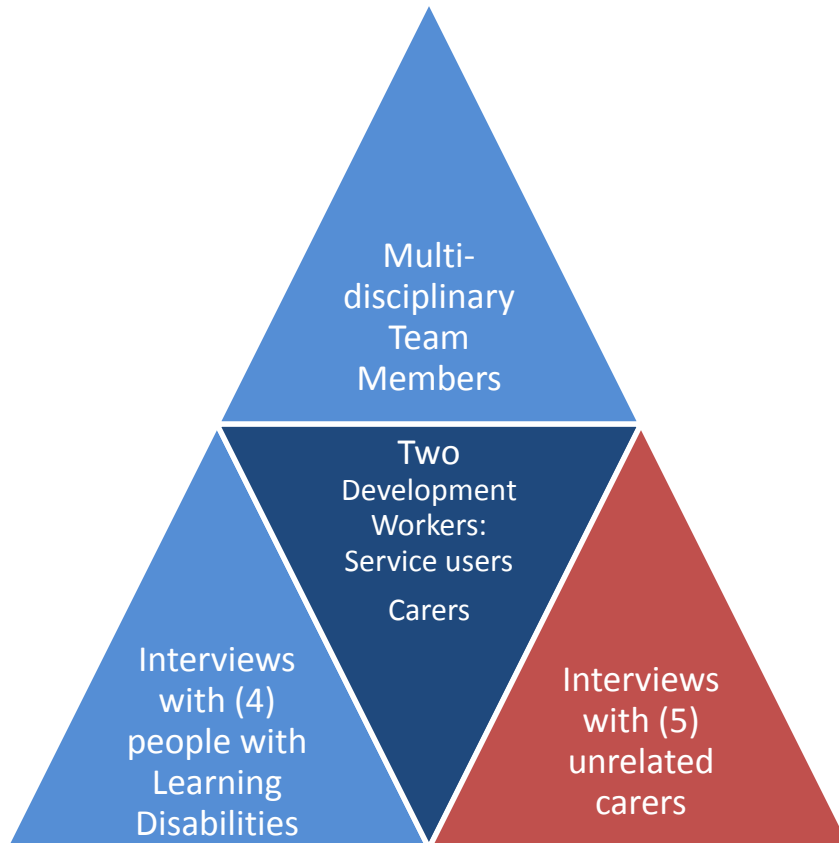
# Northwest England: Salford City



# A Collaborative Research Study:



# An inclusive (qualitative) research approach



- Connections with a Development Worker
- Research study discussion
- Purposive sampling (n=5)
- Use of a narrative approach
- Interpretation of findings

# Who Are the Carers?



Mother of a son in his 20s with William's Syndrome



Parents of a daughter in her 40s with an undiagnosed intellectual disability

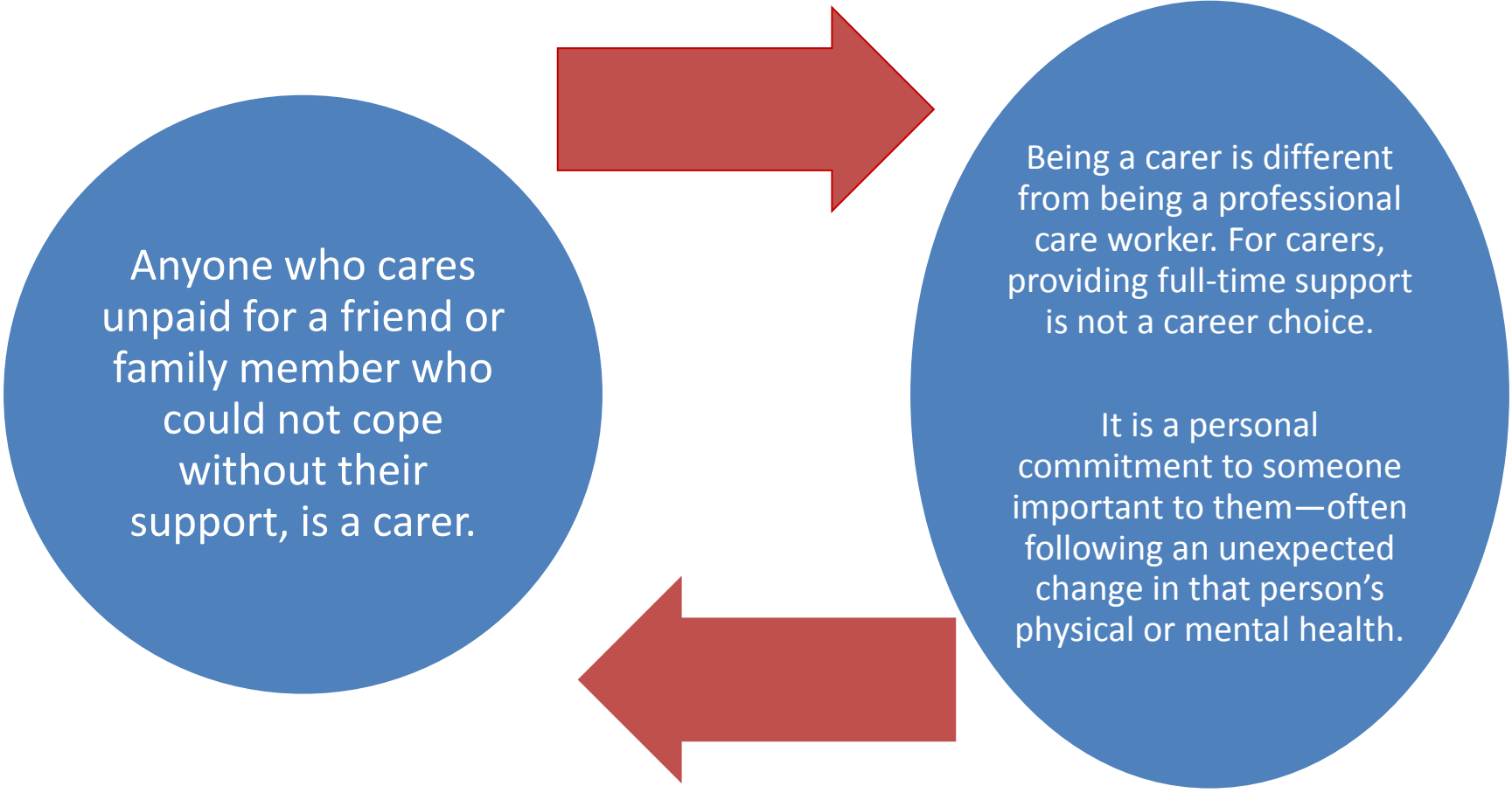


Father of a daughter in her 20s with Down's Syndrome



Mother of a son in his 30s Autism Spectrum Disorder

# What is a Carer?



Anyone who cares unpaid for a friend or family member who could not cope without their support, is a carer.

Being a carer is different from being a professional care worker. For carers, providing full-time support is not a career choice.

It is a personal commitment to someone important to them—often following an unexpected change in that person's physical or mental health.

# Caring for someone with an Intellectual Disability

Can often involve dealing with...

Listen to my story...



# Research Findings: Working in partnership with Social Workers. Carers' views...



## Carers

- Respect their role
- Experts in their world

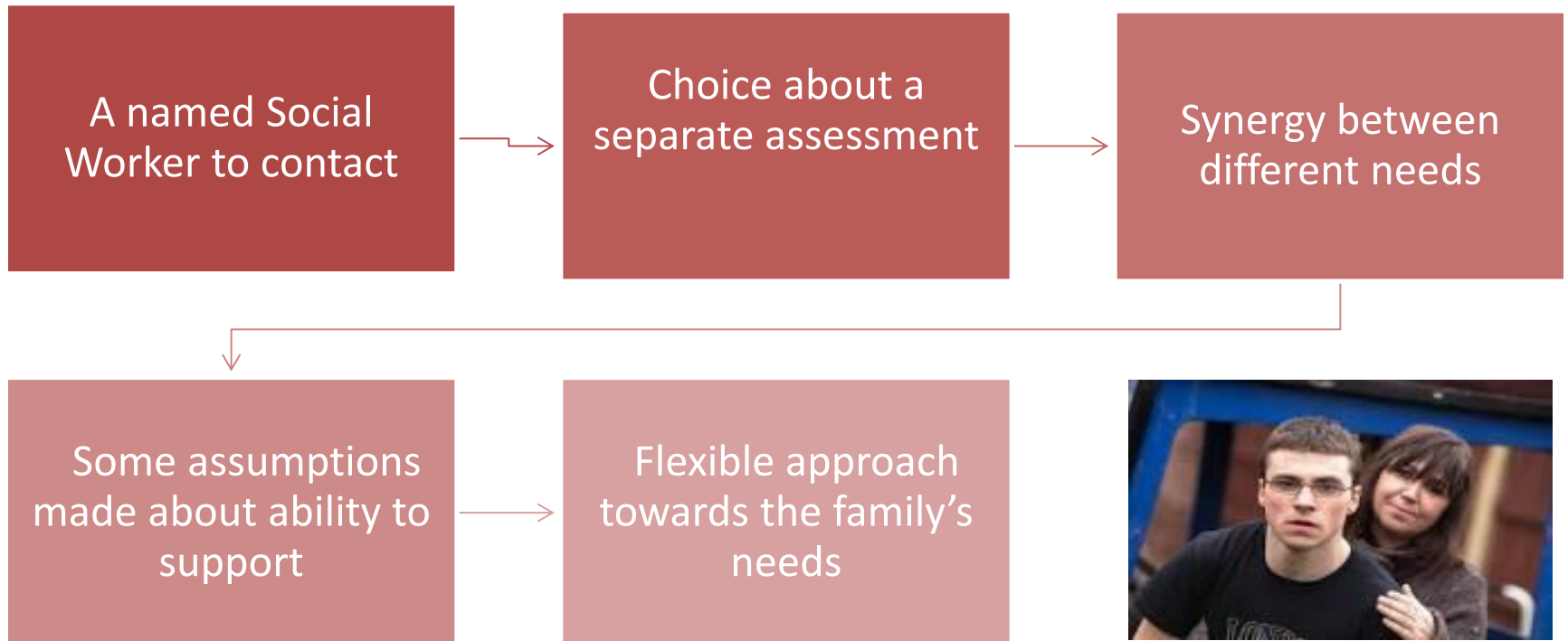
## Services

- Services need to meet needs
- Co-ordination is important

## A life of their own

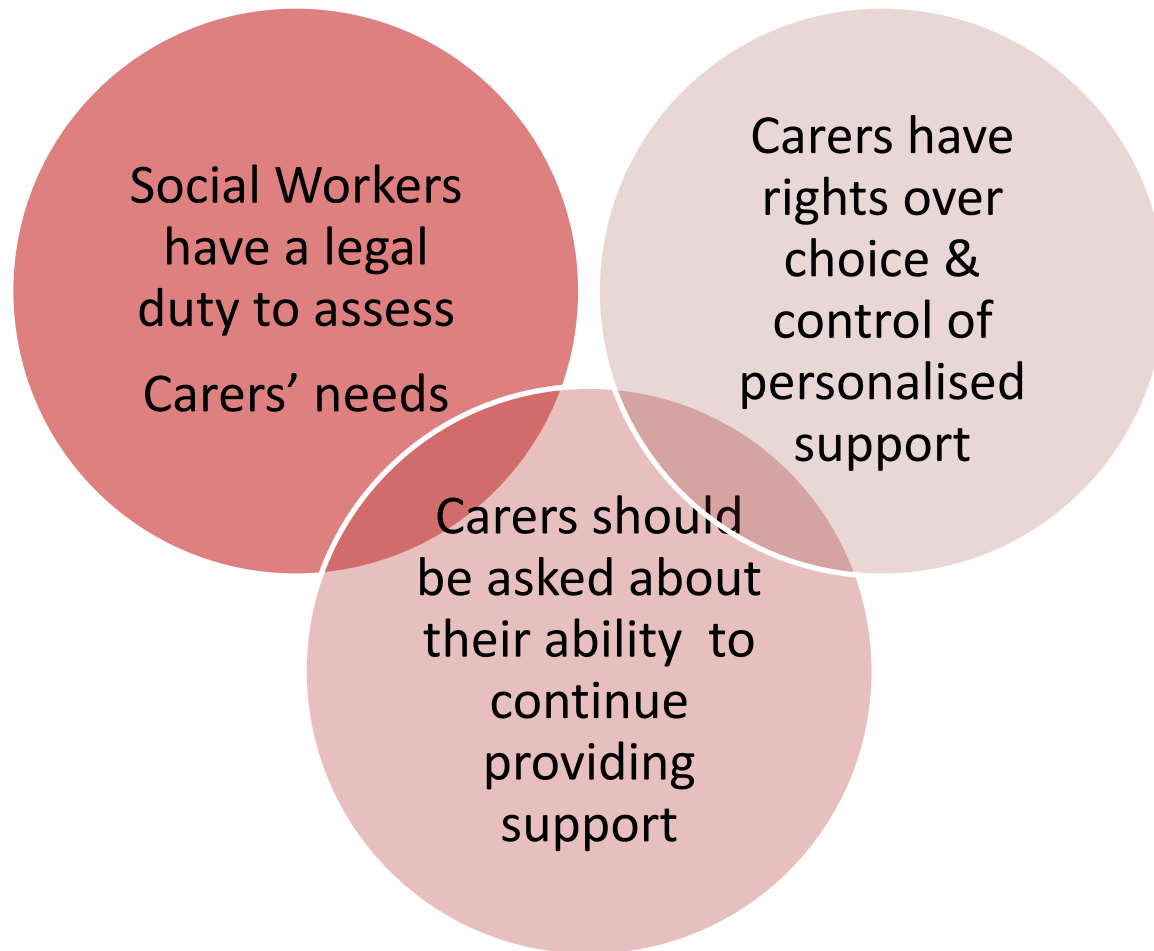
- Check ability to offer support
- Use of own budget

# Carers Views





# Public Accountability and Social Work Practice (UK)



# Implications for Social Workers, their practice & Public Accountability

Recognition of separate needs & aspirations



Recognition of interdependent relationships



New Care Act 2014 (Part 1)  
Puts Carers Firmly in the Picture ...