

# What is commissioning?

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- Commissioning is about identifying people's needs and deciding how best to use the resources available to improve outcomes for communities.



# In English, that means...

- Looking at data and talking to people who use different services to find out what is working
- Working with the organisations that provide services to improve things
- Leading a process where organisations can competitively bid to run a particular service
- ‘Commissioning’ is a way of planning and buying something

# Why evaluate?

- What we commission is based on what the data tells us works
- We can't know if something is worth funding unless we can see the evidence
- Herts Framework would help reassure commissioners of what does and doesn't work

# Community Wellbeing

<b>Supporting Carers</b>	<b>Promoting Mental Health &amp; Emotional Wellbeing</b>	<b>Information, Advice &amp; Advocacy</b>	<b>Keeping People out of Hospital</b>
<b>Maintaining Independent Living</b>	<b>Staying Active in the Community</b>	<b>Connecting &amp; Developing Individuals &amp; Communities</b>	<b>Living Well with Long Term Conditions</b>

Info and advice

*e.g. Herts Help*

Befriending, lunch clubs, meal provision and day activities

*e.g. Age UK*

Support for carers, skills and confidence building

*e.g. Carers in Herts*

Crisis intervention, benefits support, welfare checks

*e.g. Herts Independent Living*

# Upcoming tenders & grants

- Three grants:
  - Dementia
  - Mental Health
  - Community
- an bid for up to £85,000, though we tend to award between £10,000 and £30,000
- Dementia Tender

# More info

- <http://artscommissioningtoolkit.com/>
- <http://www.creativehertfordshire.com/resources/culture-and-health/>

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