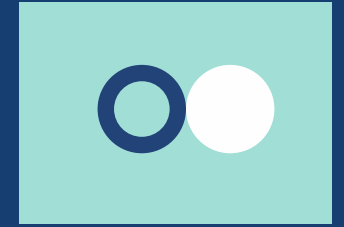
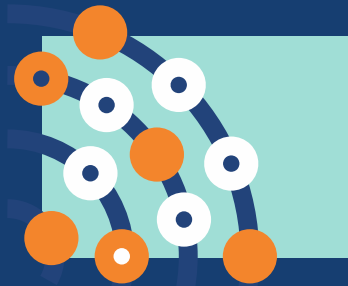
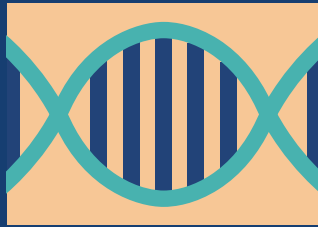
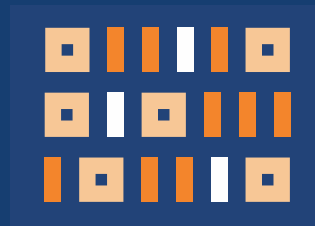
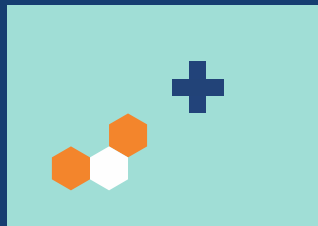
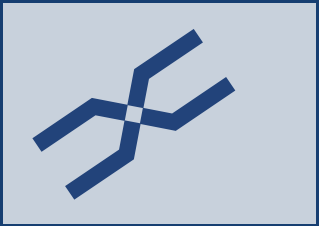


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Health Determinants
Research Collaboration
Gateshead



Why

- Gateshead is an area with significant areas of deprivation. Almost a third of our residents live in one of the 10% most deprived areas of England, and stark health inequalities across a diverse population with clear underserved communities
- Gateshead has a long history of research and co-production with VCS and system partners e.g. Universal credit and multiple complex needs. Gateshead was one of the first LA's to have embedded researchers
- Gateshead Council has a strong and clear commitment to tackle health inequalities through our THRIVE and Health and Wellbeing Strategic approach
- Gateshead is already resident centric with significant links across our communities which will enable a voice for the voiceless within research

What

- Our ambition is to bring together local communities and stakeholders to design, produce and deliver research to address health inequalities with a focus on the wider determinants of health.
- The Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) is pivotal in transforming our approach to local high quality research and creating the conditions to deliver research into practice at pace with our partners
- Our major outcome is intended to be a long-term reduction in Health inequalities across Gateshead and between communities
- We will be establishing the conditions for research, by developing research infrastructure that embeds evidence based decision making at every point across every service

How

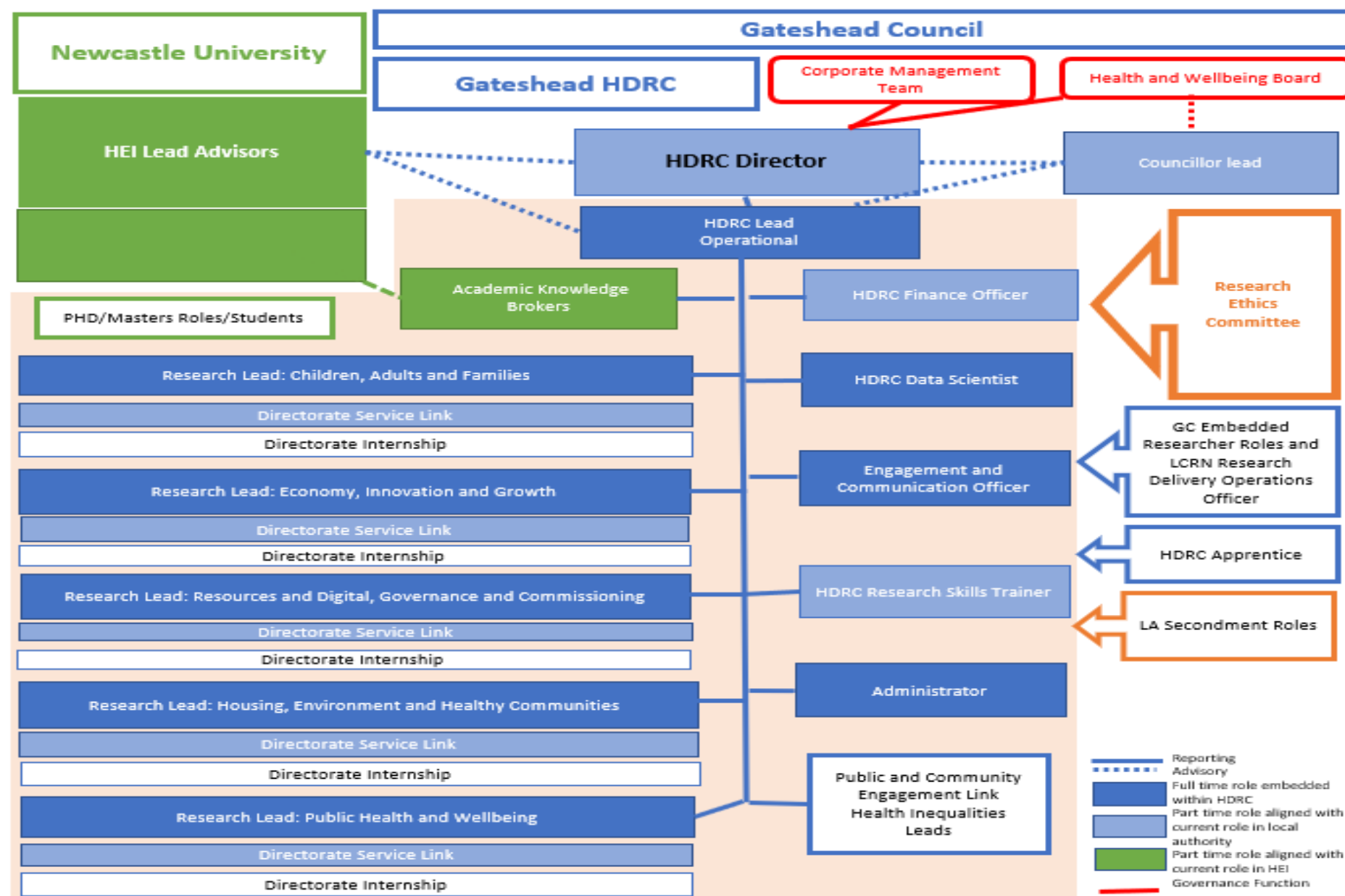
- By building an active and visible HDRC Gateshead research team, comprising of skilled academic researchers, with clear leadership and direction to tackle health inequalities, supported by our academic partners Newcastle University.
- Building a local research culture to create innovation. E.g. making research part of 'normal' activity for all staff & helping teams plan and conduct research.
- Sharing best practice, and developing a clear knowledge pathway (knowledge mobilisation) to ensure impact from research.
- Developing local impactful evidence & research that shapes practice and improves life in real terms e.g. School Summer reading Challenge & tackling inequality derived from reading 'dip'
- Directly influencing local, regional and national strategy, policy & practice

What HDRC is...

- Local Authority owned - Funded for 5 years
- To develop research Infrastructure - Building capability and capacity
- Focused on wider determinates of health and inequalities
- To change the culture of how we all work - research & evidence informed (decision making, strategy ,policy, practice)
- To build local evidence base
- To develop research governance Inc. financial and ethical (How to / When to etc)
- To build strong and enduring collations & partners inc LAs, ICS, Universities, Health, VCS
- To engage resident and communities in research and develop a lasting legacy
- To influence local, regional and national policy and practice
- Develop a local centre of research excellence

...and what it isn't

- HDRC is not a funding source for research projects
- HDRC funds can't be used for interventions/initiatives or council services.



Progress Update

- Draft Public Involvement and Community Engagement Policy
- Draft Safeguarding in Research Policy
- Draft Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Draft IP Policy
- GC / NU Partnership agreement
- Draft ToR Independent Steering Group
 - Membership, from across Academia, Health and VCS
- 3x Research Portfolio Lead (RPL) (in post as of 3rd Apr)
- Next recruitment 2x RPL (June) start Oct23
- HDRC intranet site in development
- Developing a plan for culture change
 - Internal / External communications
 - The research 'narrative'
- Funded research/ capacity bids
 - Summer reading challenge
 - Workplace Health & economic inactivity
 - Student Summer placement to support Active Travel
- Supporting PLAF and ALAF applications for Council staff

Early examples of potential research

- Evaluation of Gateshead Council's active travel social prescribing pilot
- Impact on community health and wellbeing of selective landlord licencing
- The utility of the network of MECC Champions to public health missions in Gateshead
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- Implementation and impact of Family Hubs on the wellbeing of Gateshead families
- Characterisation and impact of a whole-systems approach to public health policy
- The association between alcohol licence type and consumption / community behaviour
- Eligibility and uptake of Health Start vouchers across the authority
- The impact of the pandemic on new mothers and their babies
- School reading Challenge
- Selective Landlord Licensing
- Community Safety
- Peer research offer