

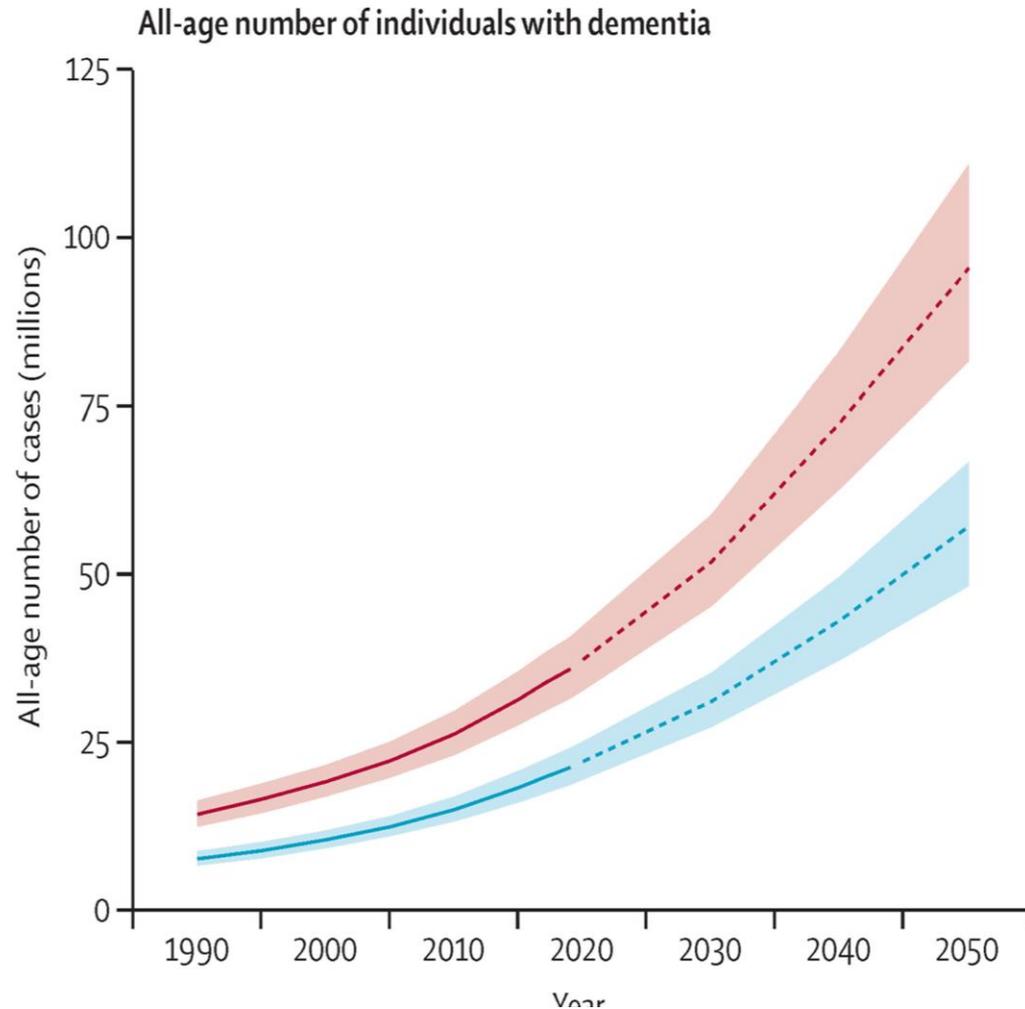
Economic sustainability

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON LONG-TERM CARE
28 November 2025

Martin Knapp

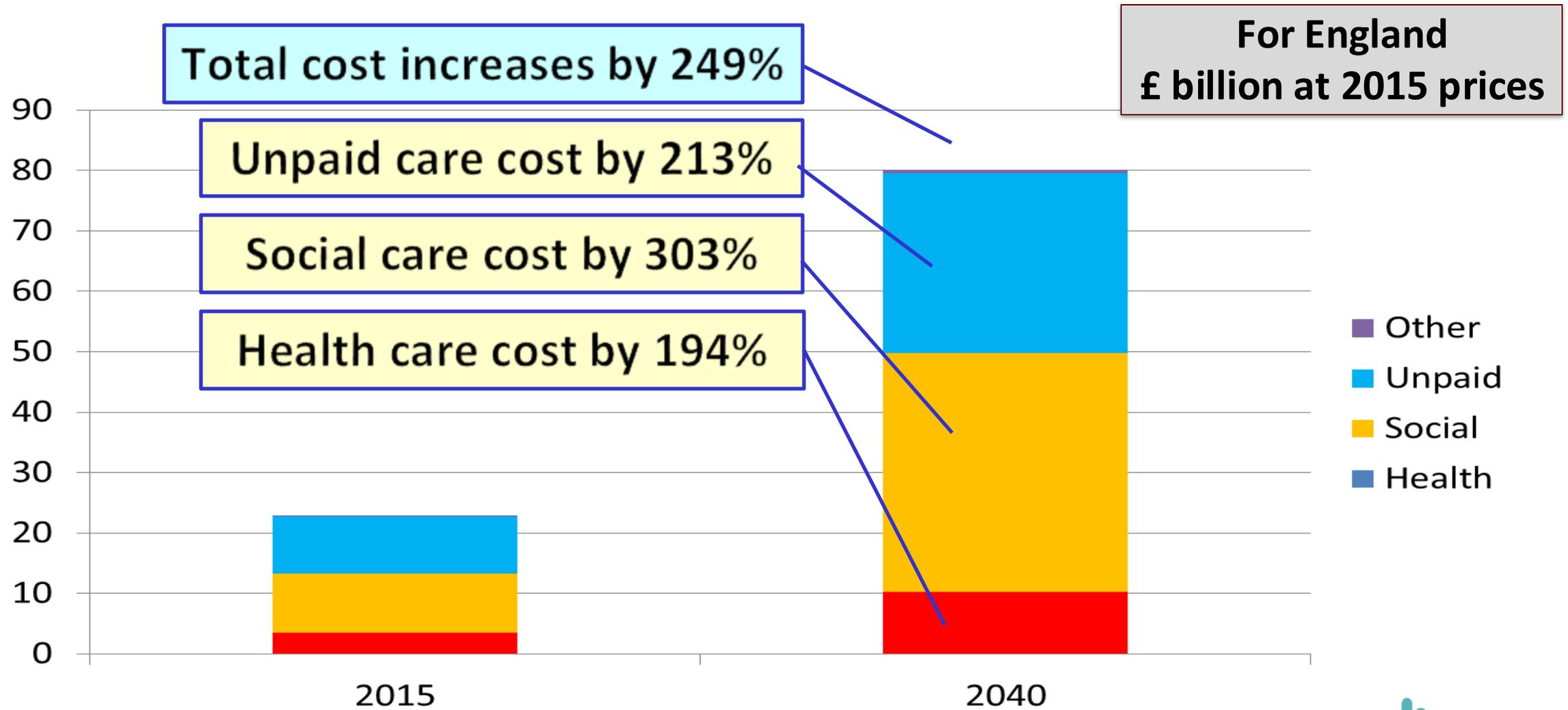
Care Policy and Evaluation Centre,
London School of Economics and
Political Science, UK

Dementia: projected global growth in prevalence



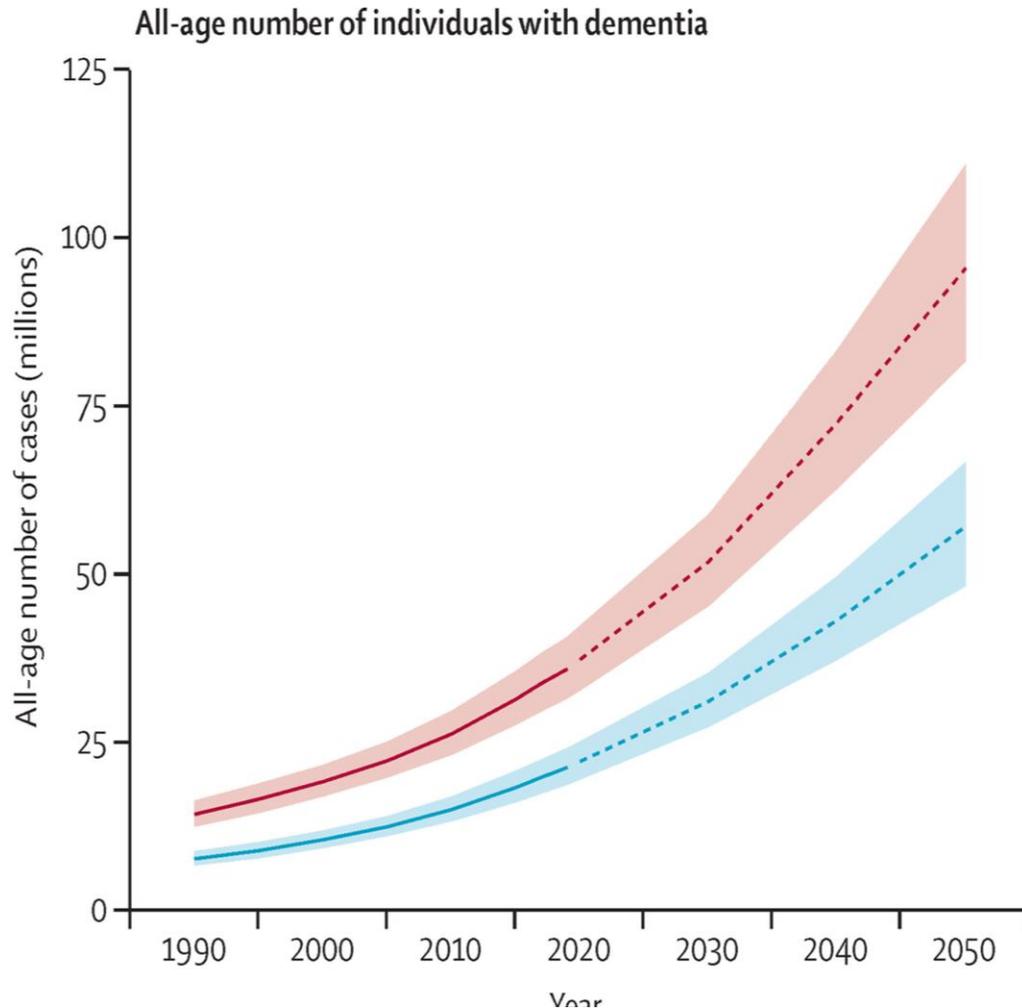
GBD 2019 Dementia Forecasting Collaborators, *Lancet Public Health* 2022

Projected future costs of dementia care, England



Wittenberg et al *Age & Ageing* 2019

Dementia: some key questions for decision makers



What could and should be the responses – better prevention, treatment and care?

What does it cost to achieve good prevention, treatment and care outcomes?

And what are the outcomes – including the *economic* outcomes?

How can health, long-term care and other systems achieve *best value for money*?

What incentives are needed to ensure that the best services are available?

GBD 2019 Dementia Forecasting Collaborators, *Lancet Public Health* 2022; Knapp & Wong, *Dementia* 2024

Direct benefits of long-term care

- Better health
- Better quality of life
- Prolonged independence
- More social engagement
- Community coherence
- Better carer quality of life
- Employment and income benefits for individuals
- Etc.



Long-term care

Multiple sectors ...

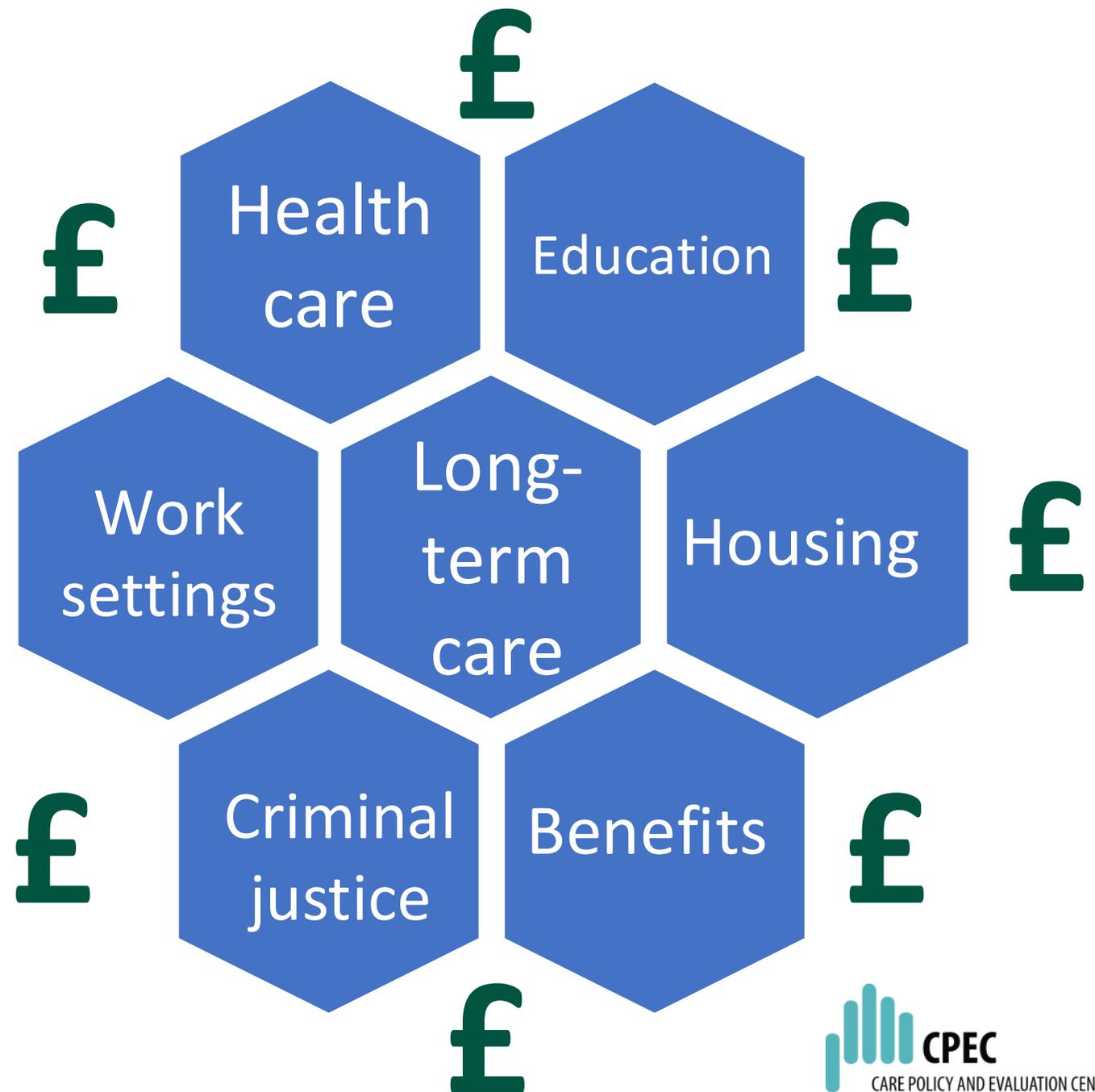
Long-term care is one part of an interconnected multi-sectoral system ...

... addressing people's needs and responding to their preferences

Investment in long-term care will have *spillover benefits* in other sectors (see next slide)

Co-ordination across sectors is imperative ...

... but not easy to achieve



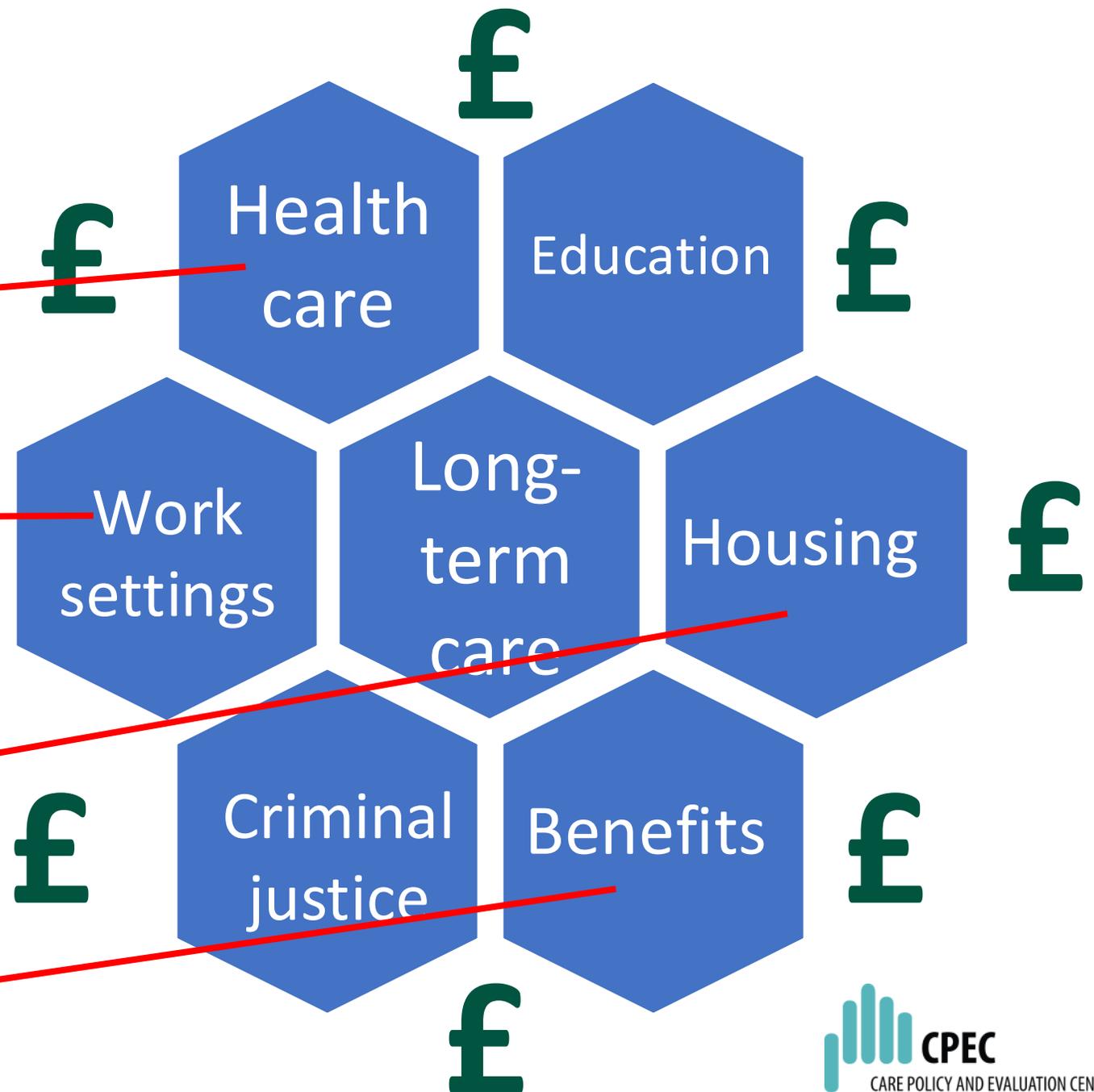
... multiple connections

Reduces pressures on health care systems

Supports people (including carers) back into work (... and paying taxes)

Helps optimise use of available housing – and support preferences

Reduces reliance on welfare payments / benefits



The ESSENCE compendium of evidence

ESSENCE
ECONOMICS OF SOCIAL CARE COMPENDIUM



HOME NEWS RESOURCES ABOUT ▾ WHO's WHO ▾ ESSENCE TOOLKIT CONTRIBUTE/CONTACT ▾

Q SEARCH

ESSENCE is a free online compendium of economic evidence on adult and children's social care interventions intended for decision-makers, researchers, and anyone interested in the economic aspects of social care interventions

→ [Find out more about ESSENCE](#)

VIEW BUNDLES OF EVIDENCE →

READ CASE STUDIES →

SEARCH INDIVIDUAL PUBLICATIONS →

1. Gather economic evidence for adult and children's social (long-term) care.
2. Make it available in a form that supports decision making.
3. Improve understanding of economic evaluation through training and learning materials.
4. Identify adult and children's social care interventions where new economic evidence might be generated.

www.essenceproject.uk

A scenic view of a beach with waves crashing onto the shore under a blue sky with light clouds. The text "Thank you for listening!" is overlaid in white at the top.

Thank you for listening!

m.knapp@lse.ac.uk