



## The contribution user-led services are making to the development of Self-directed support in Scotland

*“Local authorities tend to see Self-directed support in terms of the way services are organised now, rather than understanding the full potential this opens up. In particular they are not seeing SDS the way we and other user-led service providers see it. It feels as if we are waiting for other people to catch up with where we are in our thinking.”*

Quote from Report on first year of Getting There

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## **Our vision**

### **Opportunities for people who use support**

**Partnerships between people getting support and people providing services**

### **Partnerships between organisations**

**Wider range of services and community opportunities**

**Wider range of providers**

**Responding to gaps in what is available**

**Involving more people, especially people who tend to get missed out**

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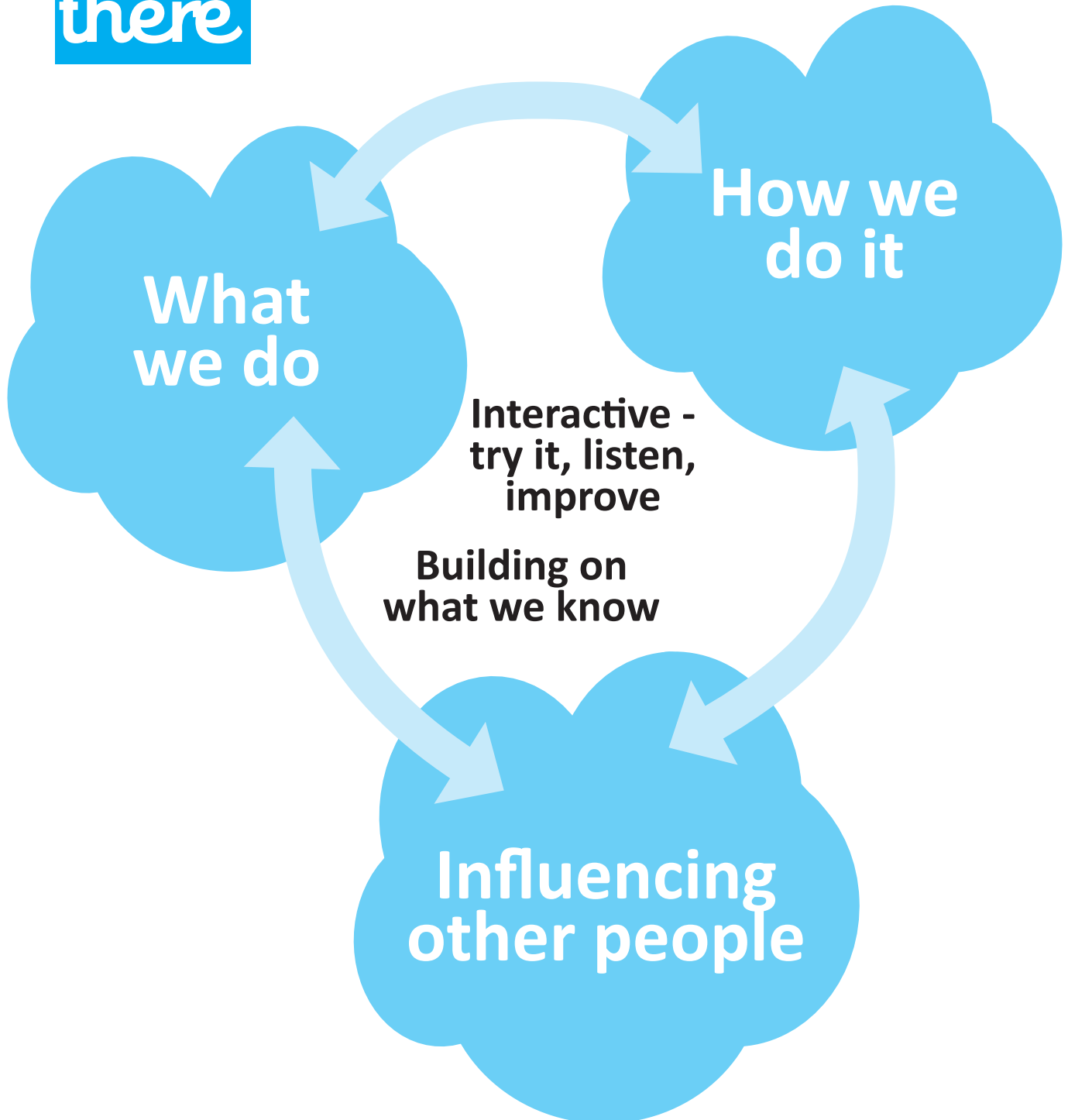


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***“We are small enough to be flexible. We are able to meet a variety of needs and adapt as people’s needs change.”***

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***“We all need to take the bigger view – the longer-term, and how SDS can benefit many people.”***

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**“It will be good if we can find a term other than ‘service user’ because that reflects a limited view of how people contribute.”**

**“How do we take a step back to think about people and their lives first, before we think about care services and what they do? The starting point should be: what can help anyone in that situation?”**

Discussion points from report on first year of Getting There

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