



Good help checklist

If you are involved in the design or delivery of public services or social programmes, you might want to use this simple checklist to get a sense of whether the help you are offering is 'good help'.

Are you:

- 1. Recognising and building upon the influence and control that each person brings (power sharing)?
- 2. Having conversations that enable people to feel safe and ready to take action for themselves (enabling language)?
- **3.** Helping people define their own purpose and plans, and responding to their individual needs (tailoring)?
- **4.** Offering practical and emotional support that helps people take and sustain action, then stepping back as they build confidence to take action alone (**scaffolding**)?
- **5.** Helping people connect with and take action with other people they identify with (**role models and peer support**)?
- **6.** Expanding opportunities for people to take action (**opportunity making**)?
- **7.** Sharing information between practitioners and the people being supported (**transparency**)?

To read the full publication and get involved, please go to: www.nesta.org.uk/project/good-help