

## Addressing the impact of language barriers in Health and Social care







Partnership and Community Development to Reduce the Impact of Language Barriers within Ethnic Minority communities utilising digital translation devices.





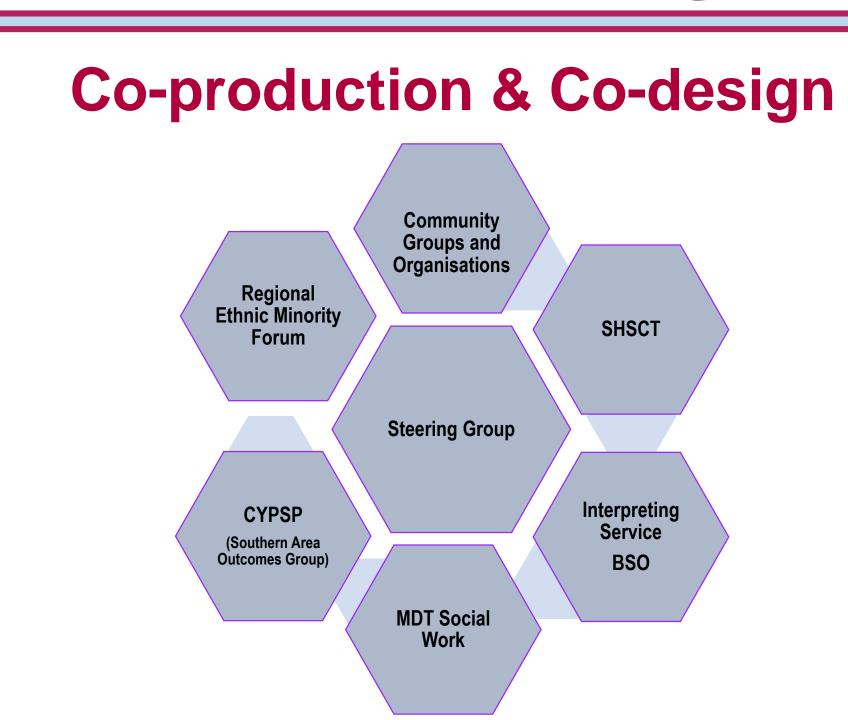
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#### WHY?

- Language support needs no always known by HSC services.
- Needs assessment (2022) outlined key barriers: Supported by National and international research.
- Language Identification Poster and interpreter card to be displayed in all Health care premises.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations may not have access to interpreting support





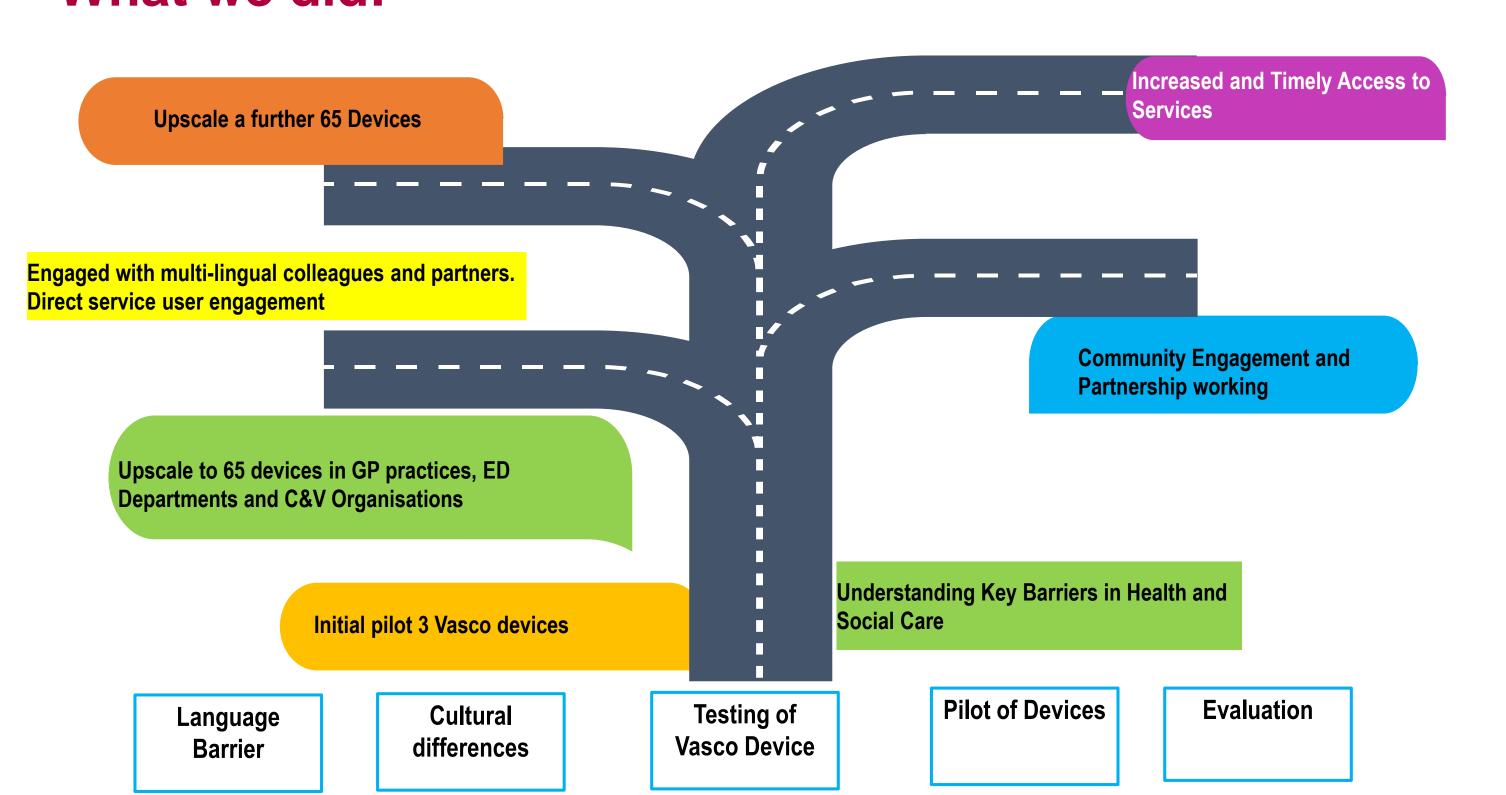


#### THE PROBLEM

Language barrier identified as biggest obstacle in accessing services for minority ethnic communities (CYPSP, 2022)

- 1. Language support needs no always known by HSC services.
- 2. Particularly challenging in unscheduled, crisis, emergency and community context.
- Service users not receiving timely access to support services causing delays and escalation of issues.
- 4. Service users experience not positive, culturally sensitive and can lead to poorer health and wellbeing outcomes

### What we did:



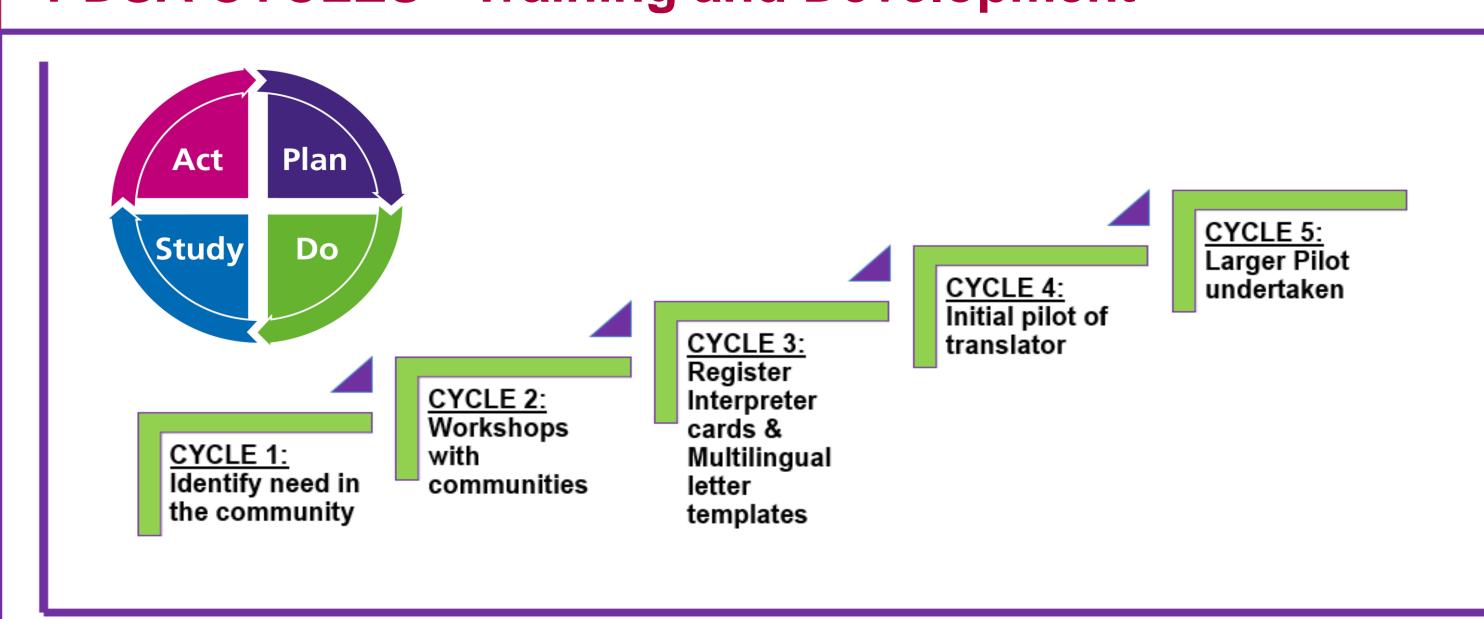
## **CONCLUSIONS AND LEARNING:**

- 1. Improved accessibility to the right service at the right time with the right support.
- 2.Increased confidence for staff and service users during initial contact.
- 3. Easier referral pathways for both service user and staff to navigate.
- 4.Increased staff knowledge and skills re; impact of language barrier and HSC inequalities.
- 5.Improved co-working and communication with our colleagues across all directorates.

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#### 60uthern Requests **Cancelations** BSO Interpreting 5271 49,848 Requests 1 April 2023 to 31 March **Out of hours** Non-provision 2024 1027 **723**

## PDSA CYCLES - Training and Development



#### **OUTCOMES**

- > 100% Found this device easy to use
- found the device improves patient contact. > 84% fell it increased access to services.
- ≥ 96 % feel the devices should be available in all

**Health Care Settings.** 



#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Continue to review and monitor gathering feedback from staff and service users
- Establish review panel to share learning, recommendations and further funding.

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