

# Evaluation of the strengthening of the Supported Internships programme

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COSTINGS AND CASE STUDIES  
INTERNSHIPS WORKS



# Evaluation overview

- Evaluation will run from spring 2023 – spring 2026, encompassing 3 cohorts of Supported Internships:
  - **Cohort 1** (Sept 22-Jul 23); **Cohort 2** (Sep 23-Jul 24); **Cohort 3** (Sep 24-Jul 25)
  - Plus 2 Cohorts of the SI Pilot (non-EHCP) Year 1 (Jan–Sep 24); Year 2 (Sep 24-Jul 25)

Set up	Costing tool feasibility	IW programme/ delivery data / MI	Surveys	Delivery partner interviews	Case studies
<p>May-Sep 23</p> <p>Steering Group set up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Panel</li> <li>• Young Researchers Group</li> </ul> <p>Programme Logic Model refinement</p>	<p>May-Dec 23 Feasibility/development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviews/ focus group with providers</li> <li>• Refinement</li> </ul> <p>May 24 &amp; May 25 Data collection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers in Cohorts 2 and 3</li> <li>• Pilot providers - mini feasibility in May 24, data collection in May 25</li> </ul>	<p>Jun/Jul 23, 24 &amp; 25</p> <p>Profiling and outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery partner monitoring data</li> <li>• National databases (e.g. ILR/NPD)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interns pre (Oct/Nov 23, Feb 24 (Pilot group), Sep/Oct 24), post (June 24&amp;25), follow-up (Feb 24&amp;25, Nov 25)</li> <li>• Employers pre (Nov-Jan 23, Nov-Dec 24), post (Jun 24&amp;25)</li> <li>• Job coaches (May/June 24)</li> <li>• Providers (Jun/Jul 24&amp;25)</li> </ul>	<p>Towards end of delivery year (Jun 23, 24 &amp; March 25 – end of contract)</p>	<p>May/June/July 24 and 25</p> <p>Interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providers/employers</li> <li>• Parents/carers</li> <li>• LA SEND Commissioner</li> <li>• One other based on local context</li> <li>• Non-SI (young person/employer)</li> </ul> <p>Focus groups/interviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Job coaches/interns</li> </ul> <p>Employer placement visits</p>

# SI costing tool

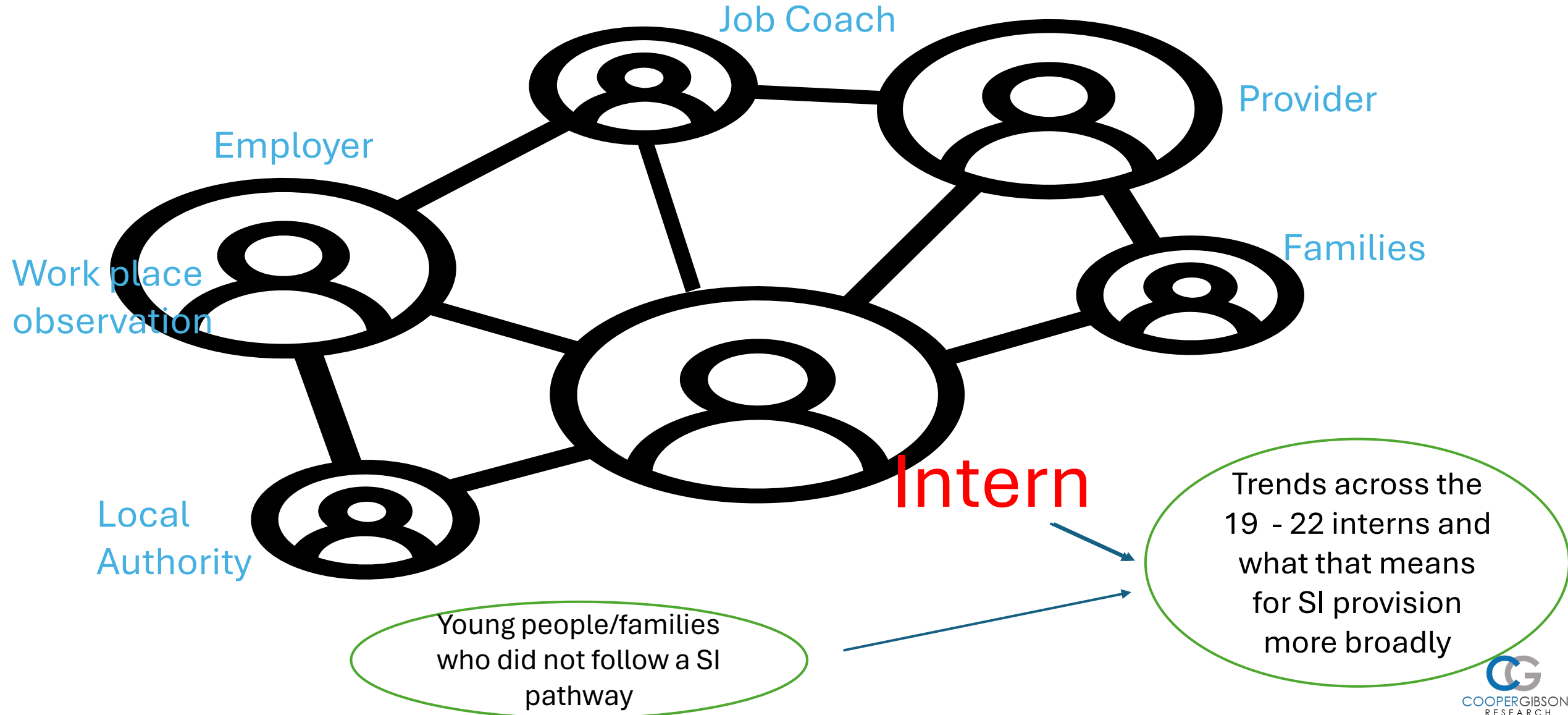
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- Created with 30+ providers from October to December '23
- Online form including questions on breakdown of income, expenditure and intern outcomes

The **rationale and potential benefits** to a sector wide approach to recording SI costs include:

- (1) making it easier for **providers** to **record and understand** the costs in their setting
- (2) for the sector to understand **the 'average' cost** of a SI depending on, for example, the type of programme, or different work sectors, level of SEND need, locality, support provided at the end of the SI programme
- (3) better inform **high needs allocation decision making** by local authority SEND teams
- (4) help to identify if and to what extent **SIs contribute to savings in SEND budgets** because of interns moving into employment and coming off EHCPs.

# SI case studies across 19 (main and pilot studies) LAs in '24 and '25



# What next?

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Providers - look out for invitations to complete the costing tool and case studies in April

Providers - contact us before then if there is good practice across the to showcase



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