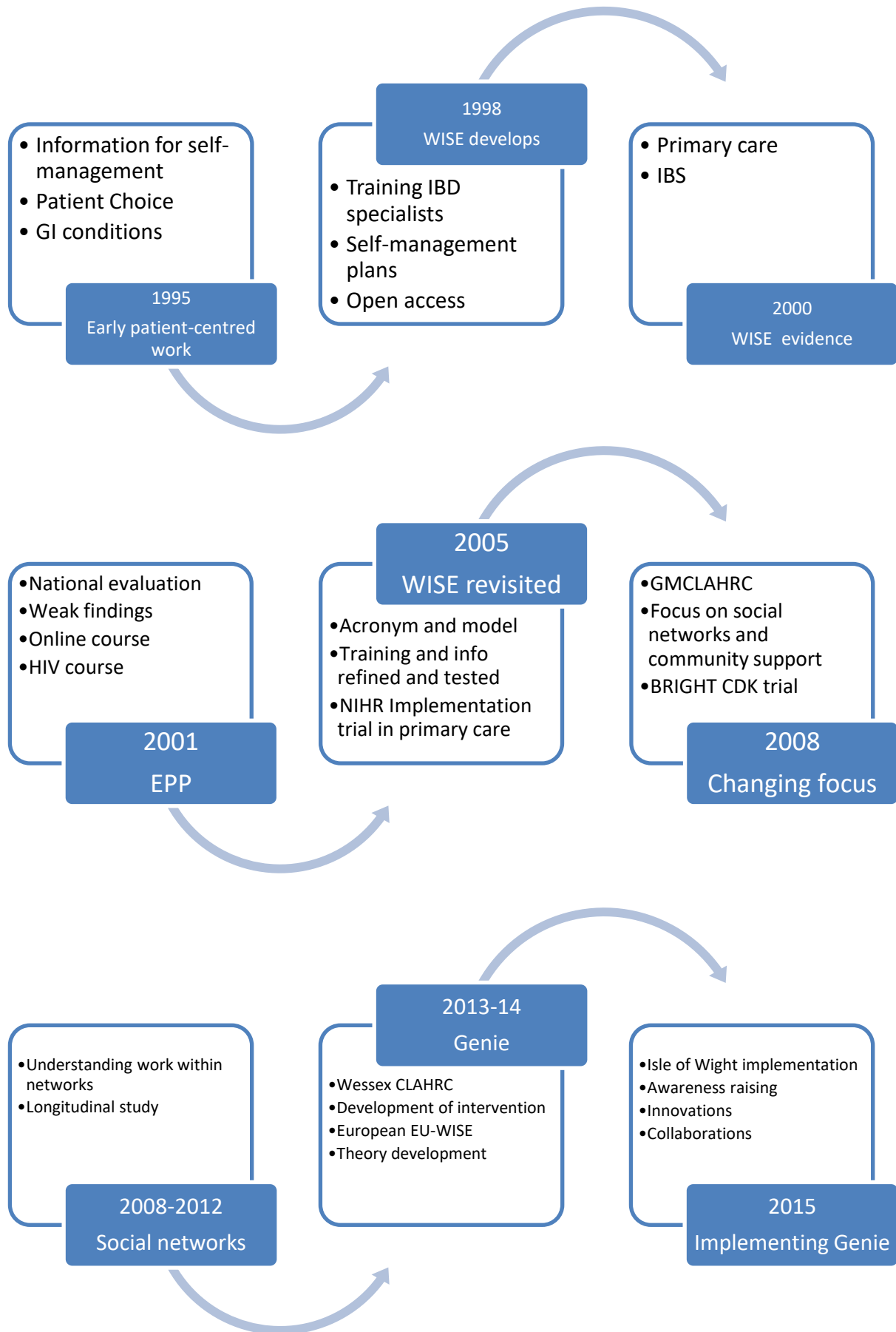
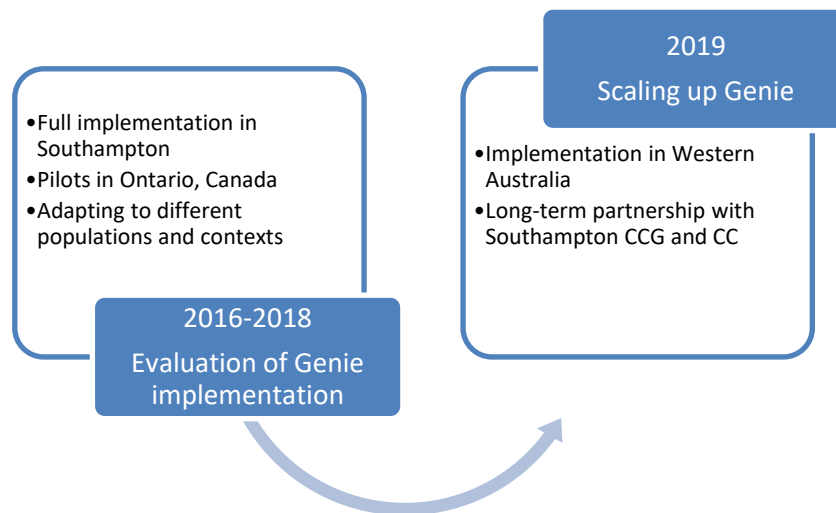


Timeline





User and stakeholder engagement at each stage of the research, development and implementation of Genie.

In this document, we briefly explain the research and thinking which led to the development of a social network intervention and provide links to the papers which give more detail.

Before 2008 work: self-management

Early work

A method for developing patient-centred information was initiated which has been used in many interventions.

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A process to train professionals in providing self-management support was developed as part of a whole systems approach to self-management.

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This was successfully tested in a series of randomised controlled trials which provided an evidence base for the whole systems approach.

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National evaluation of a self-management programme

We have found that highly directed approaches to self-management such as the Expert Patients Programme tend only to reach a small minority of people (white middle class women) and not the deprived populations most likely to need such support, it also tends to only have small to moderate effects and what was liked most was not the content of the programme itself, but getting in contact with people in similar situations. It worked well when run in conjunction with a supportive local organisation. Any small positive effects were not sustained after the end of the programme and there was a poor fit with existing NHS services.

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After 2008: social networks and Genie

Self-management support in primary care

Self-management interventions have been traditionally centred on professionals and health systems and prioritise what individuals can do. Policy drivers have been directed at providing support in primary care. We have tested this in a large trial called WISE conducted in north-west England where primary care teams were trained in how to provide self-management support and given resources and backing from the wider health management organisation. This approach had no effect on patient outcomes. We concluded that consultations with primary care based health professionals are not an appropriate place for delivering such services.

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A social networks approach

Building on our learning from previous work, we set out to develop an approach less reliant on health professionals for delivery, based in people's everyday lives, less focussed on individuals as isolated actors but focussed on what they do in relation to network members and network processes (see Rogers Imp Sci and Vassilev Chronic Illness). We found that most of the illness related work of people with chronic illness was done not by professionals but by network members and that a diverse set of relationships is likely to be needed for best support (Vassilev PLOS paper). We also found that access to weak ties (Rogers Implementation Science paper) some of those mediated through pets (Brooks Chronic illness paper) was very important although often invisible and not acknowledged.

In a more recent paper where we looked at change in networks over time we also found that the work done by network members reduces the cost (through reduced service use) on

the health service (Reeves PLOS paper). In this study we also found social involvement with a wider variety of people and groups supports personal self-management and physical and mental well-being and support work undertaken by personal networks expands in accordance with health needs helping people to cope with their condition.

In another paper we found that access to strong ties (such as family and friends) is more likely to be utilised by people with higher socio-economic status, while linking to community and voluntary organisations was more likely to be beneficial for people with lower socio-economic status.

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Linking to voluntary and community organisations

One element of GENIE is the facility to link people with local voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) they are interested in. We reviewed the effectiveness of social interventions to link people attending health services to community support, most interventions are facilitator led. We have studied how VCOs influence self-management, people often join VCOs in response to a health-related event. We have also explored how VCOs construe the type of support they offer to people with long-term conditions. We have explored the wider role of engagement with local and community groups in supporting self-management through a focus on asset-based community development approaches.

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Implementation and evaluation

Genie has been implemented in a range of contexts supporting different populations including people with long-term conditions, people who are lonely or isolated.

An earlier version of the GENIE intervention (without the network diagram) was called PLANS (Blickem papers). This part of the intervention includes questions developed to elucidate people's preferences for activities or resources related to well-being, health and support. These were used as part of a RCT telephone support intervention for people with chronic kidney disease which had positive outcomes (for blood pressure and quality of life) (Blakeman PLOS paper).

In the current version of GENIE the intervention includes network mapping and existing network members are linked to activities and local resources valued by the participant. The analysis has demonstrated impact on a range of health and well being outcomes for different populations. In two RCTs we have also demonstrated savings of £175 and £220 per user of Genie.

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Developing theory

We have been working towards developing a theory of social network support based on the emerging empirical evidence. Social networks influence self-management support through three mechanisms: navigation, negotiation and collective efficacy. The dynamics and nature of support within networks suggests four types of network: generative, proxy, avoidant and struggling.

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