

Community Wellbeing in Essex

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The Funding Gap

- The Department of Health report “The Case For Change – Why England Needs a New Care System”, Department of Health, 2008 says
 - *“We have an ageing population.*
 - *“In the next 20 years, the number of people over 85 in England will double and*
 - *“the number over 100 will quadruple.*
 - *“We expect over 1.7 million more people to have a need for care and support in 20 years’ time.*
 - *“The existing care and support system is not sustainable,*
 - *“In 20 years’ time, the cost of disability benefits could increase by almost 50%.*
 - *“We expect a £6 billion ‘funding gap’ in social care”*

Community Wellbeing

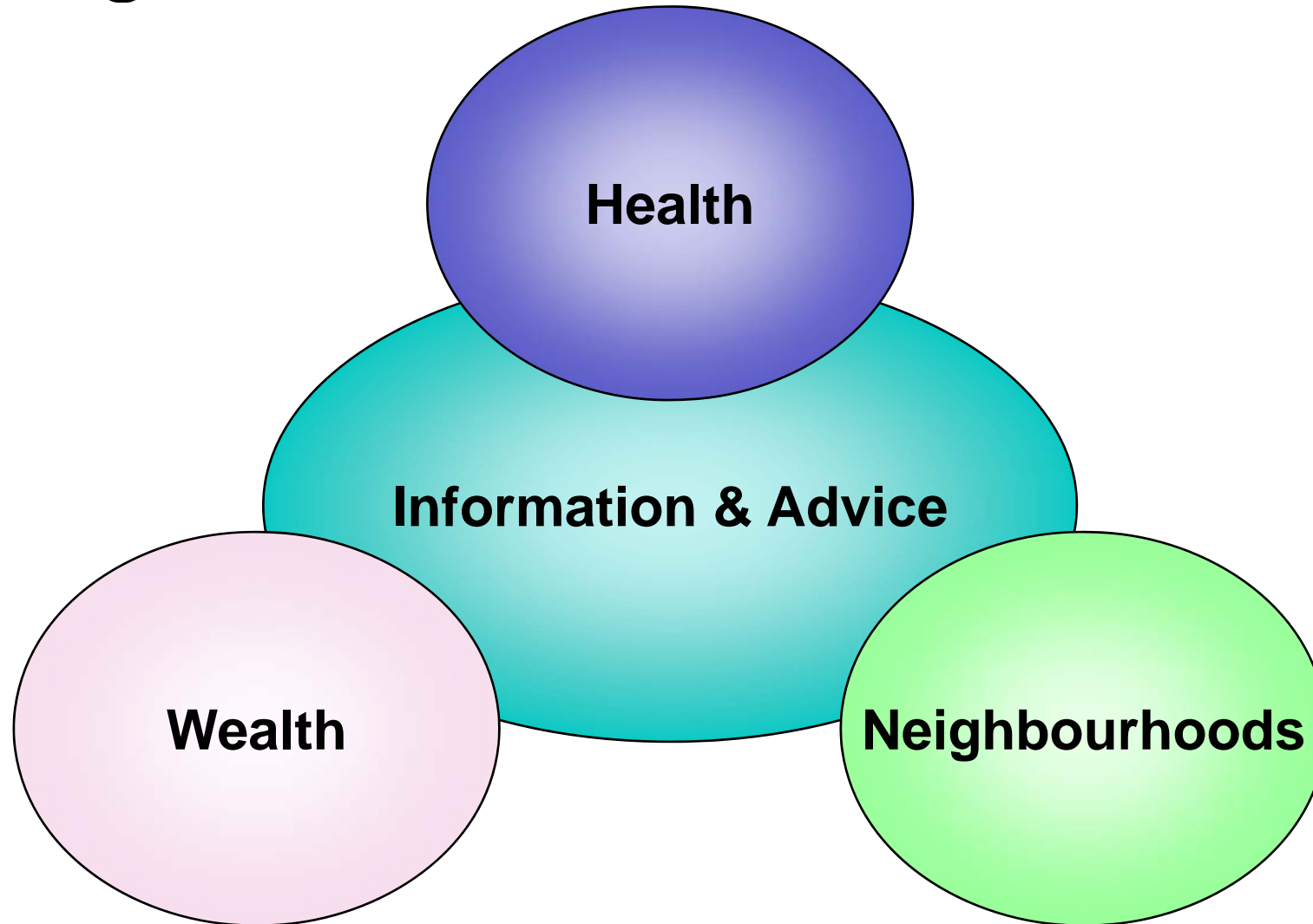
Three strategies

- Community Wellbeing
- Essex Later Life
- Prevention

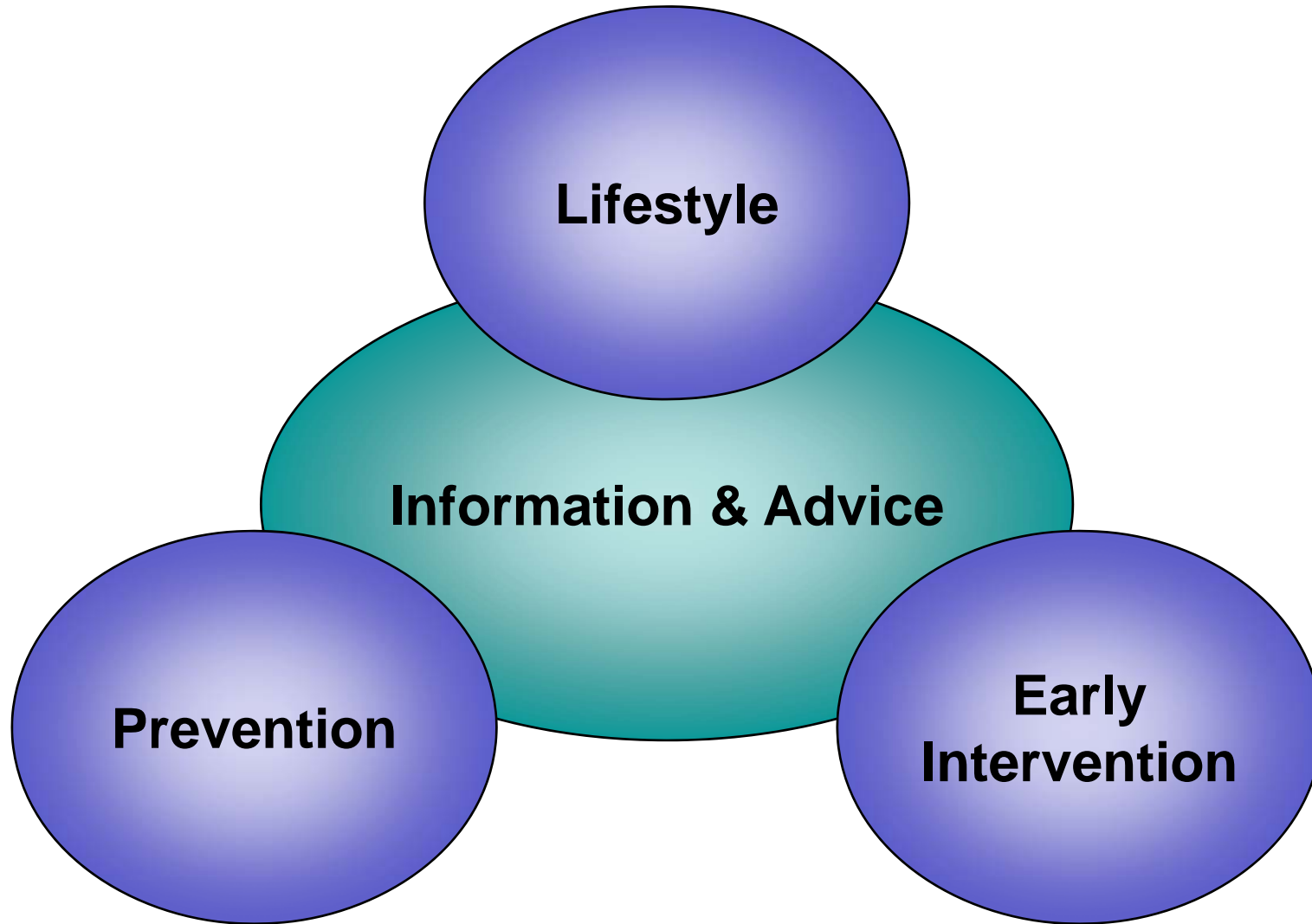
Common Goals / vision – encouraging and supporting individuals and groups to take responsibility and action to improve their health and wellbeing

Partnership working across all ECC Directorates, PCTs, District and Boroughs and Parish/ Town Councils, 3rd Sector

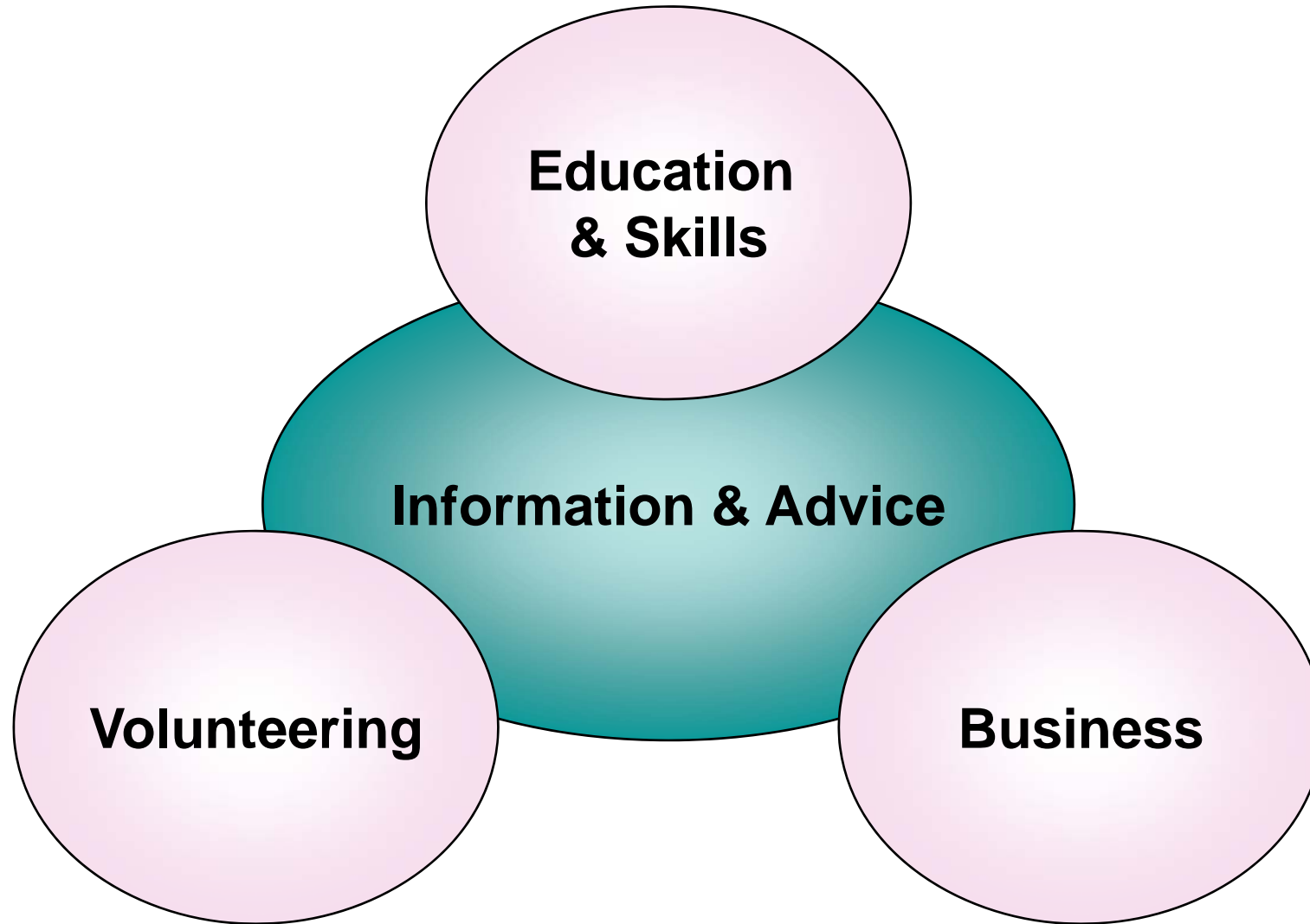
Programme Themes



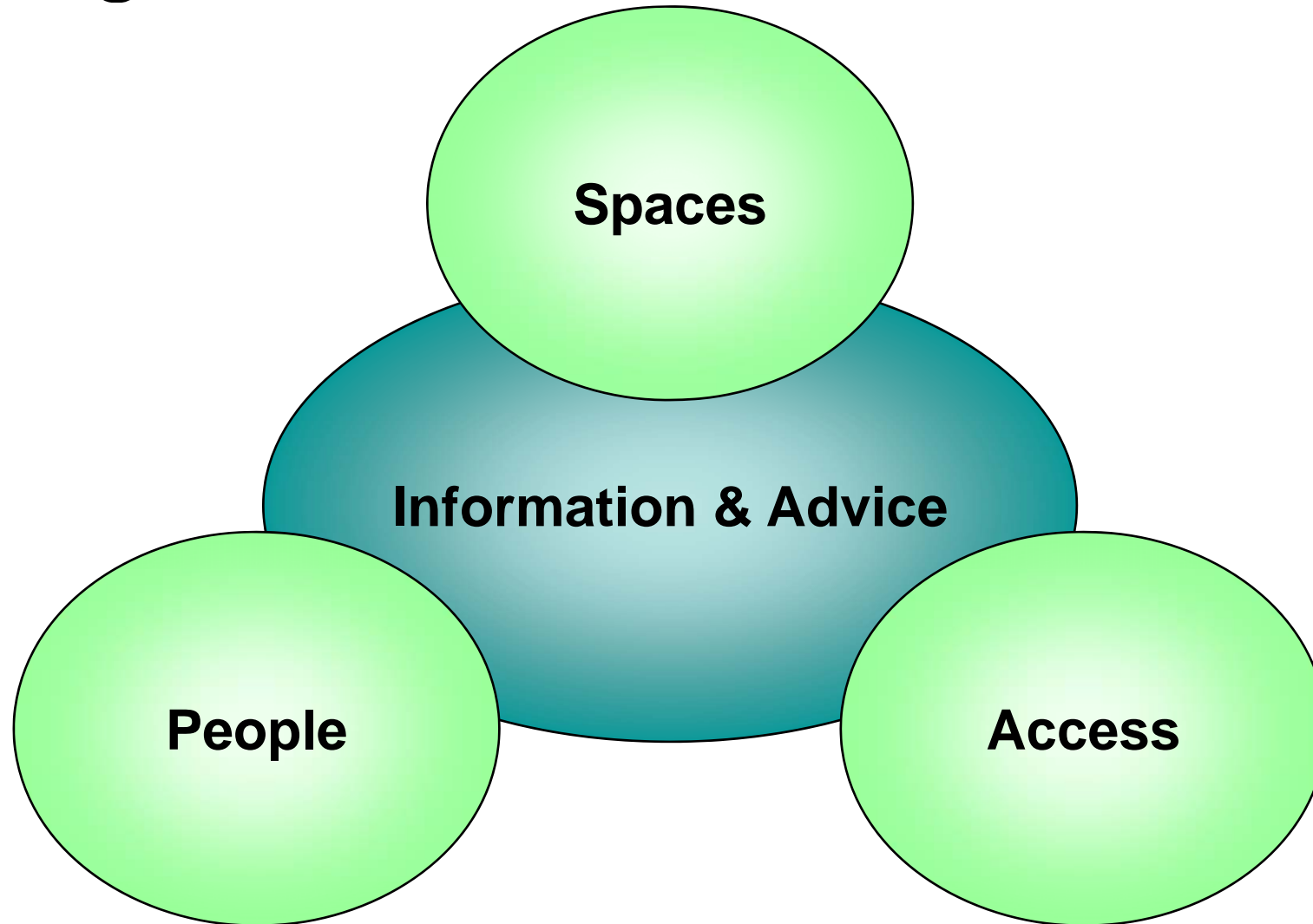
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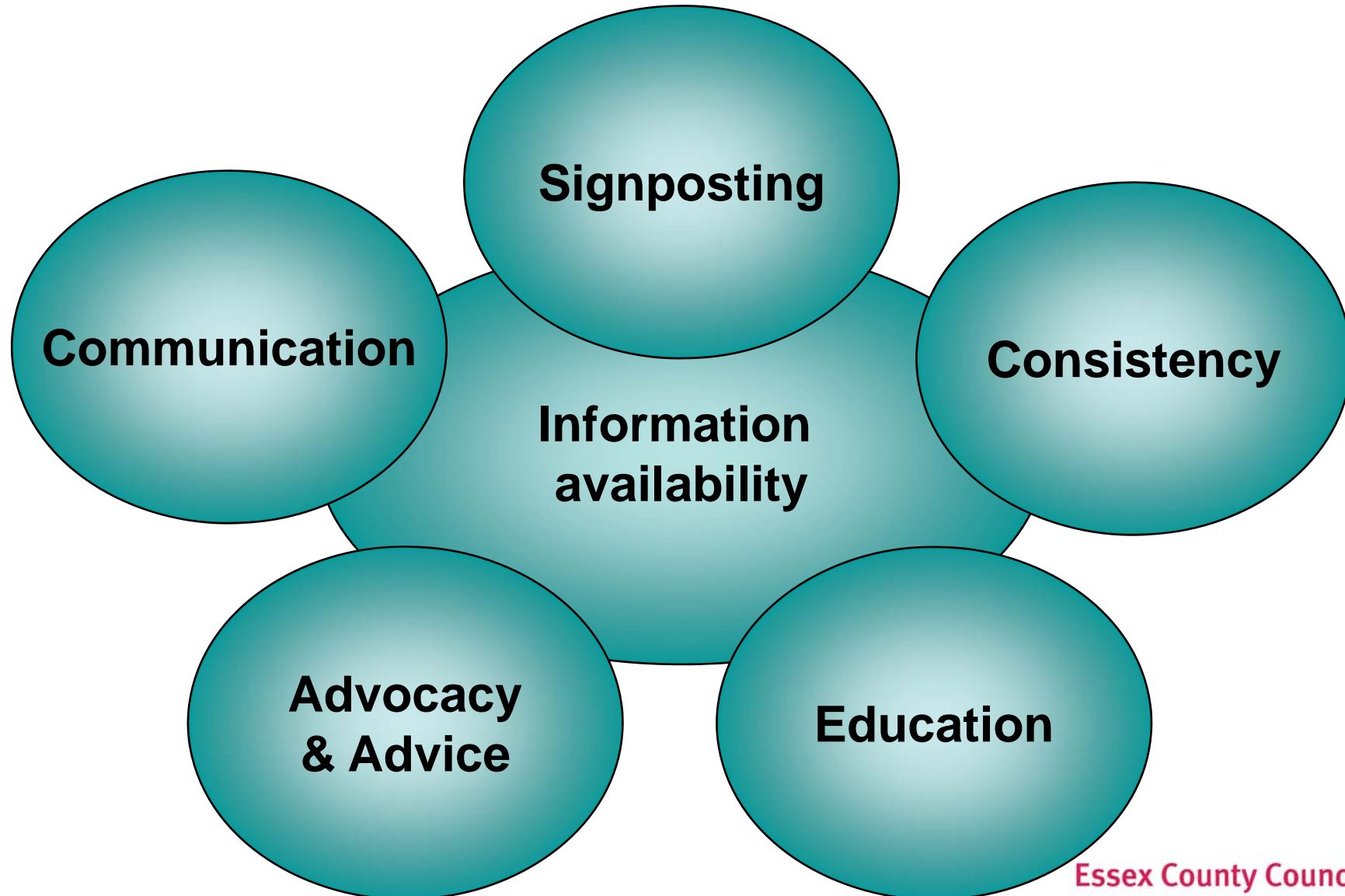
Wealth



Neighbourhoods



Information & Advice



Village Agents – pilot project

A new pilot project in Mid Essex, introducing 12 new Village Agents in Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon from October 2009.

- 6 in Braintree
- 3 in Chelmsford
- 3 in Maldon

Village Agents working in rural communities with hard to reach groups providing trusted information, help and advice to local residents, complimenting existing support services and statutory and voluntary organisations.



Village Agents – Partners

Partnership between Essex County Council (Community Wellbeing Programme), The Braintree Local Strategic Partnership and NHS Mid Essex, who have commissioned Rural Community Council of Essex (RCCE) as the pilot project delivery partner.

Project timeline

- Initiation – April 2009
- Recruitment from June – August 2009
- Stakeholder Groups – July 2009
- Go Live – October 2009



Further information

Want to know more?

Village Agents Conference

Wednesday 17 June 2009

Towerlands, Braintree, Essex

13.00 – 17.00pm

Includes an exhibition & marketplace showcasing projects that may be of interest to you and your colleagues. Visit www.essexrcc.org.uk for details.