The Evaluation Framework is a practical tool for evaluating Access and Participation interventions.

The Evaluation Framework has been developed in line with the OfS Standards of Evidence, TASO, and Crawford et al. (2017). The Evaluation Framework aims to provide consistency across evaluation activity, to increase practitioner confidence across lifecycle stages and enhance evaluation capacity across the whole provider.

**Stage 1: Identify**
The Identify Stage of the Evaluation Framework gathers foundation-level information about the project being evaluated, to understand the rationale and evidence informing the project.

**Stage 2: Plan**
The Plan Stage of the Evaluation Framework takes the concepts identified in Stage 1: Identify and enables proactive and integrated evaluation planning. Well-planned evaluations are more likely to be robust and ensure evaluation is not an afterthought. This stage includes consideration of OfS Types of Evaluation, evaluation methods, ethics and data protection.

**Stage 3: Apply**
This stage of the Evaluation Framework is where the plan is carried out and the evaluation activities and data collection takes place. The aim of Stages 1 and 2 is to ensure Stage 3 runs smoothly.

**Stage 4: Reflect**
The Reflect Stage of the Evaluation Framework is where results are collated and the findings are reported. The focus in this stage is to reflect on what the results mean in terms of the impact of the project (and its Theory of Change) and finally what potential actions should be completed as a result.