SocialScope

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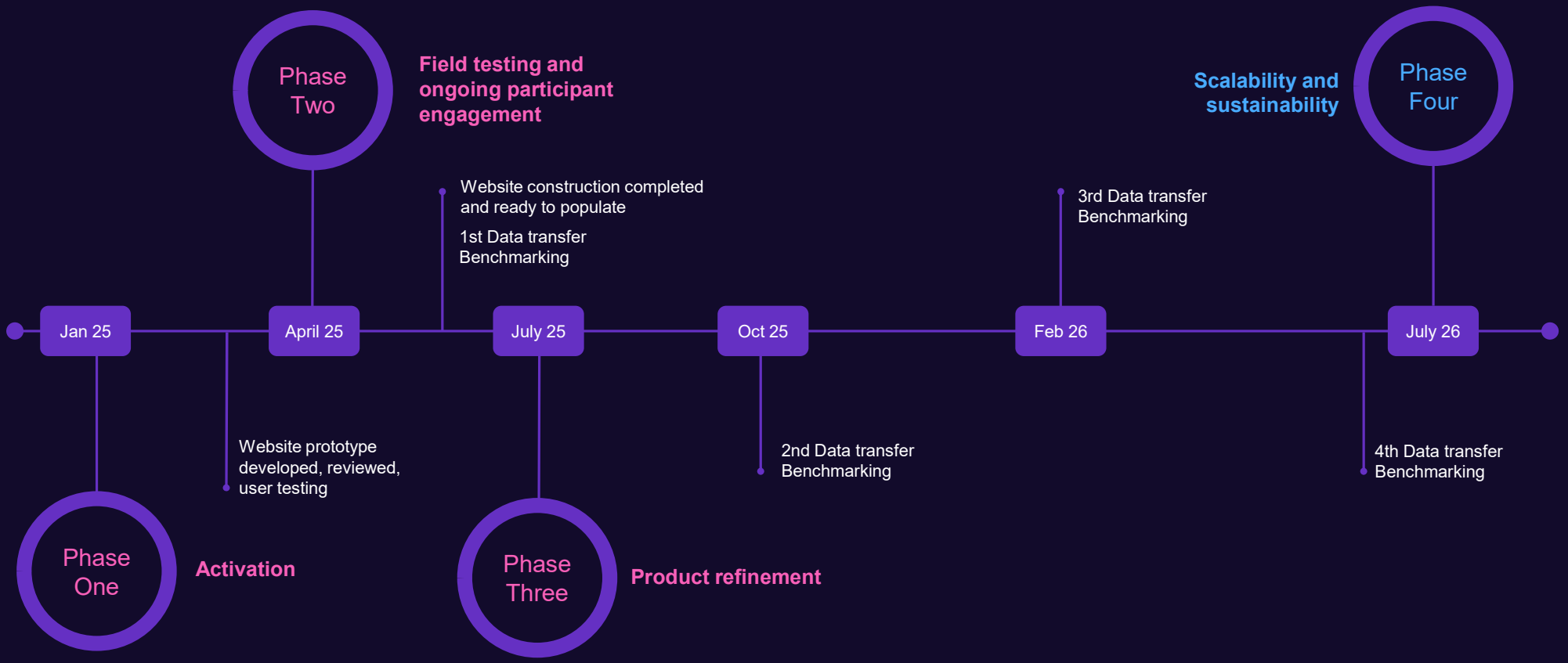


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What is Social Scope?

- Social Scope is a simple, user-friendly platform that allows organisations of all sizes to access the insights they need—without extra workload.
- 18-month pilot project – Jan 2025 to Mid 2026
- How we will operate
- Governance
  - Social Scope Advisory Committee
  - Social Scope Operations Group

Project timeline



Social Scope’s value proposition

- Access to real-time, sector-wide data for informed decision-making
- Benchmarking against state-wide averages to assess performance
- Increased funding opportunities through evidence-based reporting
- A consistent and collaborative approach to early intervention
- Improved social and family welfare outcomes



Website prototype preview

Social Scope Prototype

Benchmarking today’s efforts for tomorrow’s outcomes



Social Scope provides statewide benchmarking & aggregated insights

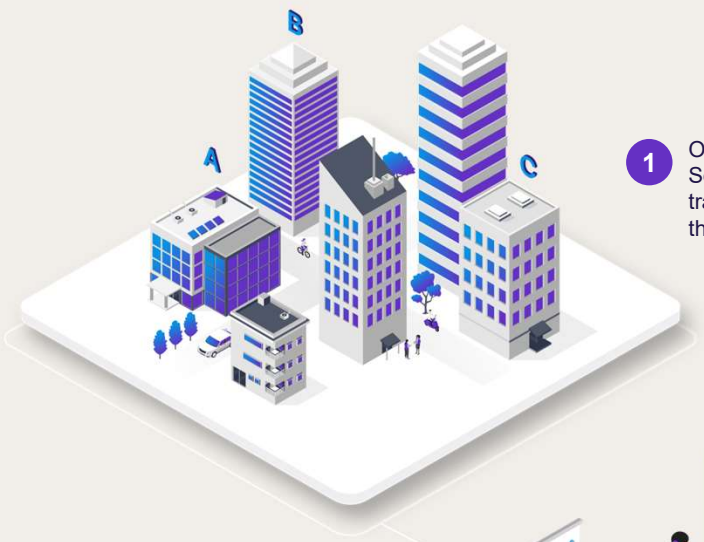


Designed for accessibility, transparency and ease of use



Future design iterations will incorporate sector feedback

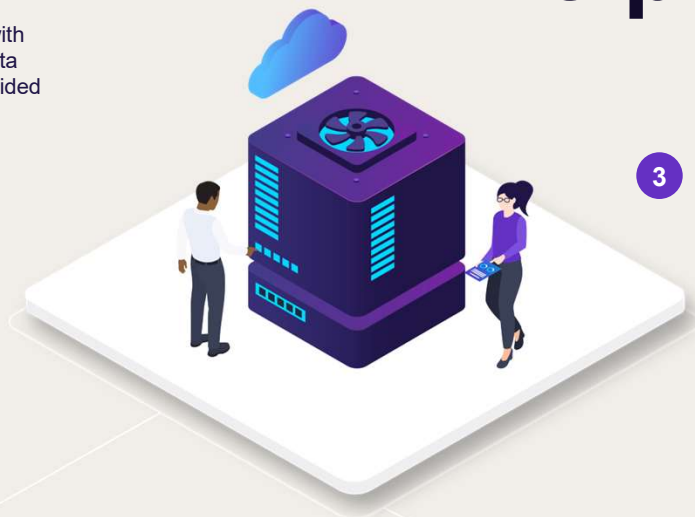
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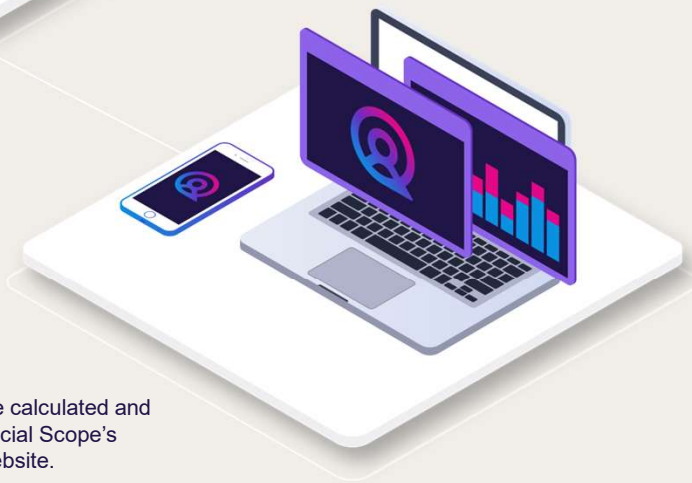
1 Organisations share data with Social Scope via secure data transfers, with support provided throughout the process.



2 Our team makes sure all data is de-identified before being cleaned and transformed into a structured format.



3 Benchmarks are calculated using validated methodologies. No data is stored.



4 Benchmarks are calculated and displayed on Social Scope's open-access website.

Data sharing

How it works:

Organisations will securely transfer de-identified data

Data is submitted in a standard CSV format, uploaded quarterly during the pilot phase

Data is cleaned, structured, and aggregated for benchmarking

No individual organisation-level comparisons—only state-wide insights

Key principles:

Confidentiality: All data is de-identified before submission

Security: Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP) used for all uploads

No data storage

Why this matters:

- Social Scope does not store archival data– data is processed, aggregated and used for reporting, but not retained.
- This means no long-term data risk and aligns with sector expectations around data privacy and control.
- Social Scope is not a data warehouse– it is a benchmarking and insights tool, meaning organisations retain full ownership and control of their data.

Long-term vision



Over time, data drop frequency will reduce, enabling more organisations to participate with minimal effort



Organisations will no longer be required to format data into a specific template – flat files will be used, allowing the system to extract relevant data directly.



Each organisation will receive its own tailored report, providing insights specific to their contributions while maintaining sector-wide anonymity.

Pilot participant recruitment

- **Organisations must align with early intervention principles as defined in the Early Intervention Investment Framework (EIIF):**

An early intervention program or service is any initiative that prevents flows through the system…

- **Self-identification:** Organisations will assess their own alignment with this definition
- **Other selection factors:**
  - Ability to provide quarterly CSV data drops during the pilot phase
  - Representation across service type, region, and data capacity
- **Trial phase:**
  - Up to15 organisations will test the system and help refine processes