# Priorities for understanding, measuring and reporting impact

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#### **Domains of interest**

NIHR vision: To improve the health and wealth of the nation through research

- Health: Patient, carer, population and public benefit; addressing health inequalities; policy and practice development and change
- Wealth: Economic growth, efficiency, and effective use of resources; building and maintaining capacity and skills
- The value we add, the difference we make



### **Domains of interest**

- Academic
- Education and training
- Cultural
- Political
- Economic
- Legal
- Societal
- Health and wellbeing
- Environmental
- Other...

Inputs to the research

Processes and activities associated with the research

Outputs or products of the research

Outcomes or immediate effects of the research

Impacts (such as changes, action)

## Why us understanding research impact important to us?



As a public funder we need to:

- be accountable and transparent about how we use resources
- have evidence to make the case for continued and/or additional investment in research
- undertake analysis to understand our portfolio and the outputs, outcomes and impact of that portfolio

See Morgan Jones and Grant 2013 for more information relating to this see <a href="https://www.rand.org/pubs/external\_publications/EP50298.html">https://www.rand.org/pubs/external\_publications/EP50298.html</a>





How can we harness our potential?

#### How can we:

- Be more than the sum of our parts?
- Link data systems together?
- Tell our impact stories that better reflect reality?
- Turn data into insight?

Talking is good, but action is better. What could we do that might make a difference:

- This week?
- This year?
- Over the next 2-3 years?



## Researchfish Steering Board (RSB) – draft strategic priorities

- >Enter information once, using it many times
- ➤ Maximising the value from the information gathered
- Working collaboratively to continuously improve the system, managing diversity to meet stakeholder needs
- ➤ Enhancing effective and consistent communication, consultation and engagement