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How do funders work with measuring effects of the research financing?

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How do we know if we are achieving these?

UKRI's Performance Management Framework

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Key challenges

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- Broad remit within a large and complex R&I system
- Route to impact long, complex and difficult to track
- Our performance and impact is often not quantifiable
- We need to be clear on what we are seeking to achieve within changing government priorities
- Incentives



Our approach to overcome these challenges

- Rounded holistic approach
- Baskets of measures for each objective
- Narrative assessment
- Piloting to enable learning by doing
- Pragmatism

Remaining questions

- Appropriate level of granularity for different audiences
- Establishing what good looks like for impact
- Pulling out management information
- Culture change