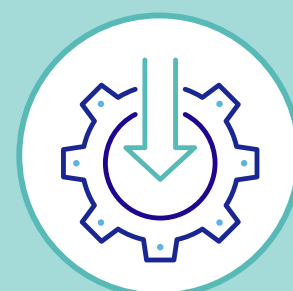


# Evaluation Task Force (ETF) Objective: To ensure that robust evidence on the effectiveness of policies and programmes sits at the heart of government spending decisions



## Inputs

c.£950k investment 2021-22 covering 15 FTE. 2022 + investment still TBC

£15m 2022-2025 for the Evaluation Accelerator Fund

What Works Trial Advice Panel (TAP)' and What Works National Adviser

Senior level governance and oversight



## Activities

Build relationships with key stakeholders across HMG including the policy, analytical and finance community

Advise and support departments on design and delivery of robust, proportionate evaluations

Set up and deliver ETF support services (e.g Timebank, TAP)

Fund evaluations via the Evaluation Accelerator Fund

Deliver 'Policy that Works' conference

Embed evaluation requirements in department reporting mechanisms and processes (e.g. Outcome Delivery Plans)

Rapid scrutiny of evaluation plans attached to business cases submitted to HMT spending teams

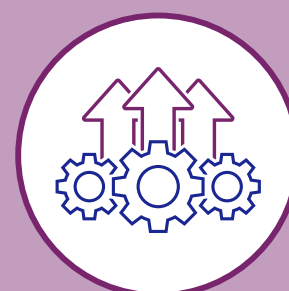
Challenge departments on evaluation activity via ministerial engagement e.g. challenge panels

Develop and deliver a What Works Network (WWN) strategy

Manage and promote the WWN and relevant outputs across government

Create an ETF website to encourage publication of data, evaluation plans and evaluation results

Develop data sharing project and requirements



## Outputs

Advice to departments on improving robustness of evaluation plans

Advice to departments on building experimental and quasi-experimental methods into evaluation designs

Advice to departments on commissioning evaluation

Advice to departments on evaluation publication and reporting

Advice and sign off on evaluation plans for innovation funds

Feedback to HMT spending teams on evaluation design and findings

Conditions on funding decisions following scrutiny of evaluation plans accompanying business cases

Conditions on department-wide evaluation arrangements attached to fiscal events

Assessments of departmental performance on evaluation

ETF website and public register of evaluation plan summaries, trial protocols, data and results

Escalation of data sharing/publication barriers to No.10 and HMT



## (Intermediate) Outcomes

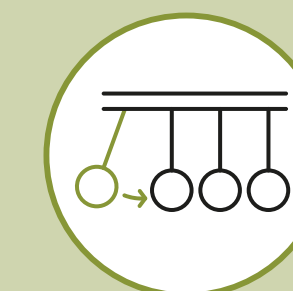
Increased number of spending and operational decisions made by departments considering evidence

Increased number of spending decisions made by Spending Teams considering evidence

Increased scale and quality of evaluations (with a focus on experimental approaches) across HMG

Improved transparency of evaluation plans, data, and results

Improved evaluation culture across HMG



## Impacts

Increased effectiveness and efficiency of government spending