

# Who needs Rigour? A debate about the 'standards' applied to PRD activity

National Conference workshop

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#### Introductions

- Name
- Organisation
- PRD Group
- What would you like to gain from today's session?





## The Rigour debate

- Why is there a debate on Rigour in PRD?
- What's happened so far?
  - 3 regional focus groups
- Moving the debate forward
  - Discuss elements of rigour across the PRD cycle
  - Consider the value of rigour for your PRD group
  - Help to create a Rigour tool for PRD groups



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## The PRD Cycle

- Consider output from Monitoring and evaluation
- Make changes to approach, planning, roles etc.

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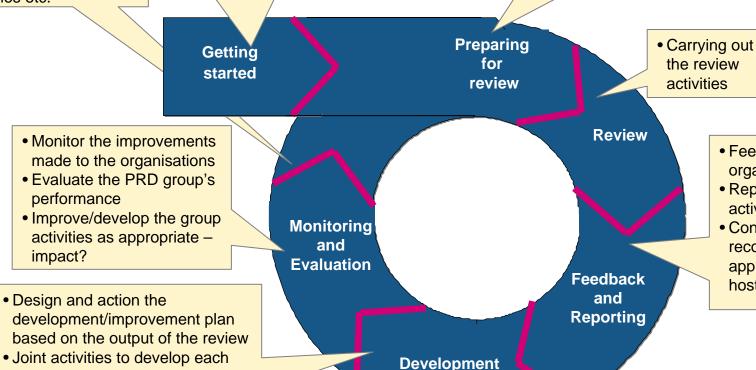
others organisations

Review/add to impact measures

impact?

- Roles and responsibilities
- PRD group protocols
- Action Plan
- Develop & agree meeting cycle
- Establish impact measures

- Forming the review team skills needs
- Skills Development
- Logistics and preparing documentation



- Feedback to the host organisation
- Report on the review activities
- Consideration of recommendations at appropriate level within host organisation



# Small Group Exercise: What does rigour look like in each of the stages of the PRD cycle?

#### 20 minutes

Use the PRD cycle and the examples of rigour handout to identify characteristics of Rigour within your PRD group (stages to be split across the small groups)

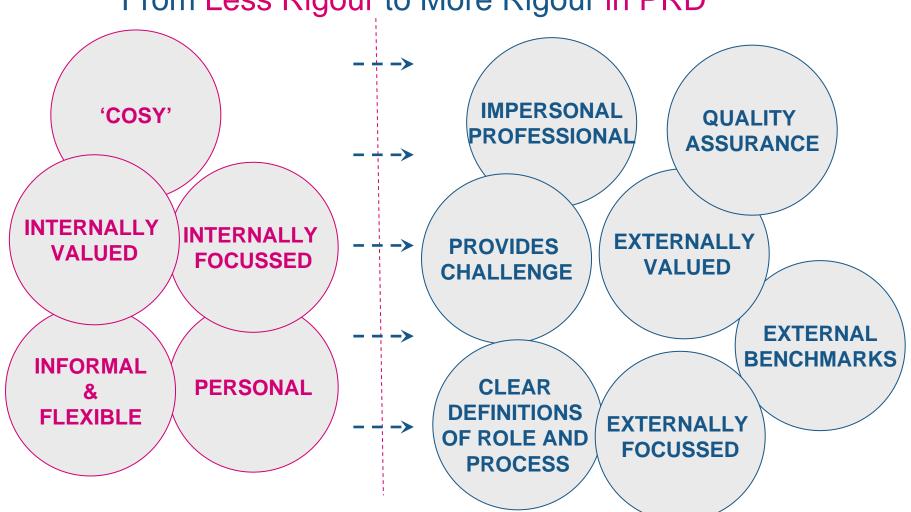
- Getting Started
- Preparing for the Review
- Review
- Feedback and Reporting
- Monitoring and Evaluation

Feedback from here will inform the final PRD Rigour tool



### The Rigour Continuum

From Less Rigour to More Rigour in PRD





#### Some considerations

- The greater the emphasis on internal value the less emphasis on external value (and vice versa)
- The emphasis on outcomes clear and significant - differs depending on your point of view (internal and external)
- Elements of rigour assist the development of an open culture and enable risk taking essential for the D in PRD



## Exercise 2: small groups How can you improve the rigour of your PRD next year?

#### 20 minutes

- Plot on the Rigour Continuum which elements are currently present in your PRD group
- Discuss how you might change your PRD processes going forward to become more rigorous
- List some actions your PRD group could take to achieve this



### Wrap up

#### Conclusions

- What have you learnt
- Next steps
  - A tool for Rigour to help develop this please take back the ideas and thoughts you have today to your group and having discussed them email me the outcomes to refine a tool for monitoring the development of rigour in the processes and practices of a PRD group
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