

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

National Conference workshop

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Introductions

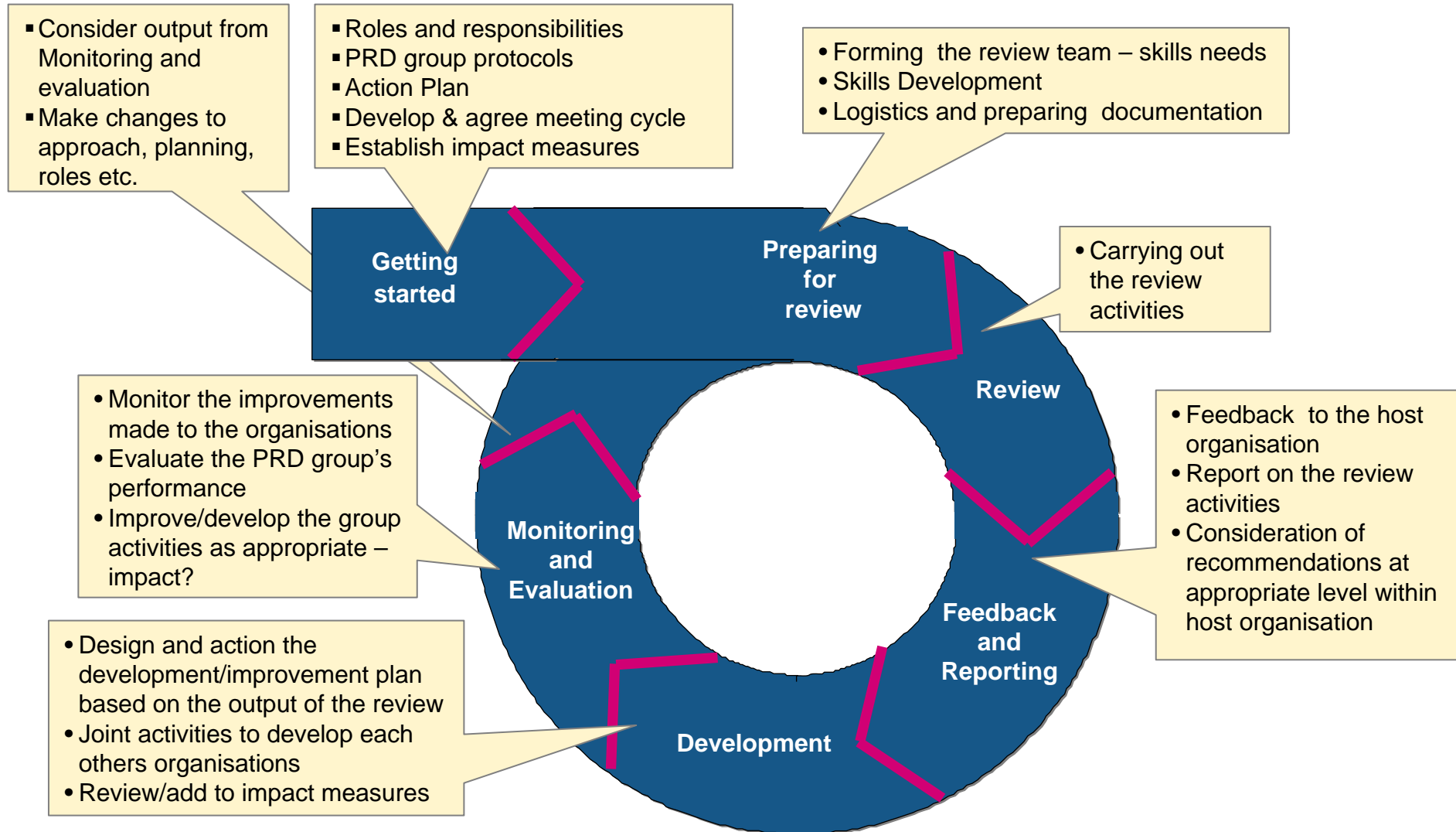
- Name
- Organisation
- PRD Group
- What would you like to gain from today's session?



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

The PRD Cycle



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

20 minutes

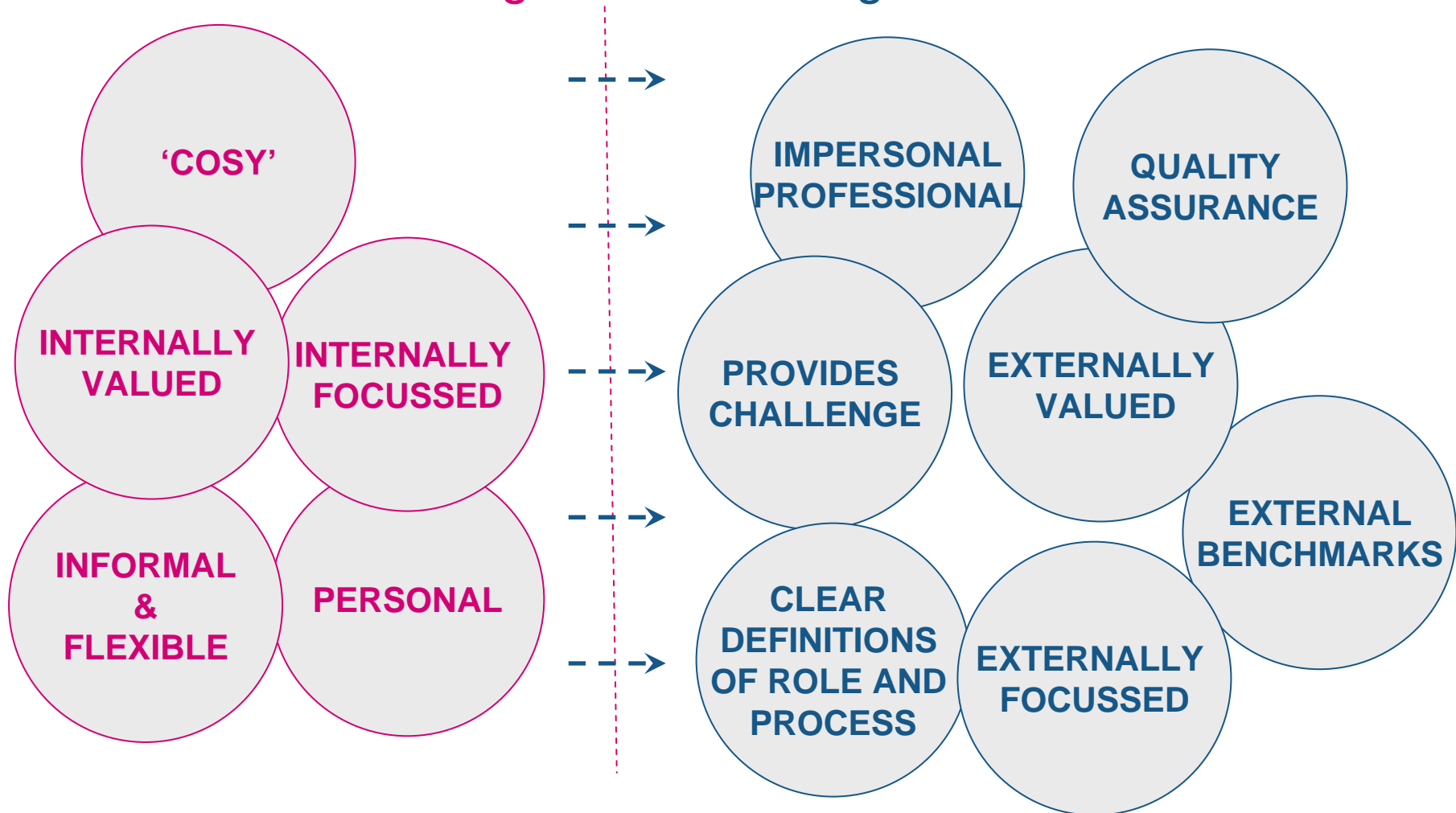
Use the PRD cycle and the examples of rigour handout to identify characteristics of Rigour within your PRD group (stages to be split across the small groups)

- 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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