UKPRP: Funding

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UK Funding for Health Research 2014

- Underpinning
- Aetiology
- Prevention
- Detection and Diagnosis
- Treatment Development
- Treatment Evaluation
- Disease Management
- Health Services

Funding Comparison:
- 2004/05
- 2009/10
- 2014 (HRAF)
Agreed objectives

• build new multidisciplinary research teams
• provide substantial long-term investment
• foster whole systems approaches to prevention
• co-develop research programmes with users including industry
• translation of new knowledge
• capitalise on emerging technologies, big data and discovery research
• support methodological innovation
Funding

• Ambition to invest £40 - £50 million over 6-7 years
• Research that delivers impact through
  – cross disciplinary working
  – collaboration with policy makers, users and industry.
• Managed programme: flexible funding at scale/long term
• Funding recognises that research communities groups are at different stages of readiness:
  – Interdisciplinary teams: UKPRP Consortia (5yrs, £4-7m)
  – UKPRP Networks (2-4 yrs, £100k pa)
  – ‘Challenge funding’ (eg. cross-consortia issues, methods, emerging challenges)
UKPRP Consortia

- Can work across institutions
- Critical mass of interdisciplinary research
- Links to users
- Flexibly funded, large scale and long-term
  - Aligned research programmes addressing common theme
  - Accommodate a range of research activity eg. pilot projects, methods development, policy-related work
  - Capability to reach out to new partners and new disciplines
Consortium: Core expertise and linkages

Core multidisciplinary expertise
eg. Public health, social sciences, engineering, physics, economics, basic sciences; local users

Industry: Retail, technology, manufacture, design, planner, architects, construction

Policy interface, policy units, governments

Third sector: charities, NGOs, alliances

Data provider e.g. environmental, admin, health records, surveys. Linked cohort data

Other public sector, e.g. local authorities
UKPRP Networks

• Based around important prevention themes
• Objective to build capability for UK prevention research community over a longer term period
• Funding for leading, building and maintaining the network
• Scientific meetings and workshops
• Develop shared vision and shared best practice
• Can give rise to consortia or seek grant funding through ‘standard’ mechanisms
## Consortia or network?

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<td>• Nearly ready to go groups, need only to strengthen linkages (and can do this in six months)</td>
<td>• Significant networking needed across disciplines where no history or common language</td>
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<td>• Clarity about research questions</td>
<td>• Exploratory, scientific questions and approaches will emerge</td>
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<td>• Programmatic funding</td>
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<td>• Funding flexible and responsive</td>
<td>• Limited research for pilot studies?</td>
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<td>• Primary output: implementable change at scale</td>
<td>• Primary output: self-sustaining and interlinked research community</td>
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Assessment process

• Outlines for both networks and consortia
• Full application by invitation
• Short-listed consortia given consortia development grant
• Full applications for consortia and networks
• Not all CDGs transfer to consortia
• One decision panel (funders act in concert)
Possible Funding profile

Consortium Development Grants
4-6  2017 (only) £50k  for 6 months

Consortia
First call: 2-3 in 2018, £4-7m for 5yrs
Second call: 2-3 in 2019/20, £4-7m for 5yrs

Network awards
6-8 in 2018 £100k pa for 3yrs
## Partnership Steering Group

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