

Adding Value in Research

The UK NIHR's "Adding Value in Research" program: lessons from 6 years of improvement.

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1: Understand your purpose



Funded by the UK Departments of Health to improve the health and wealth of the nation through research.

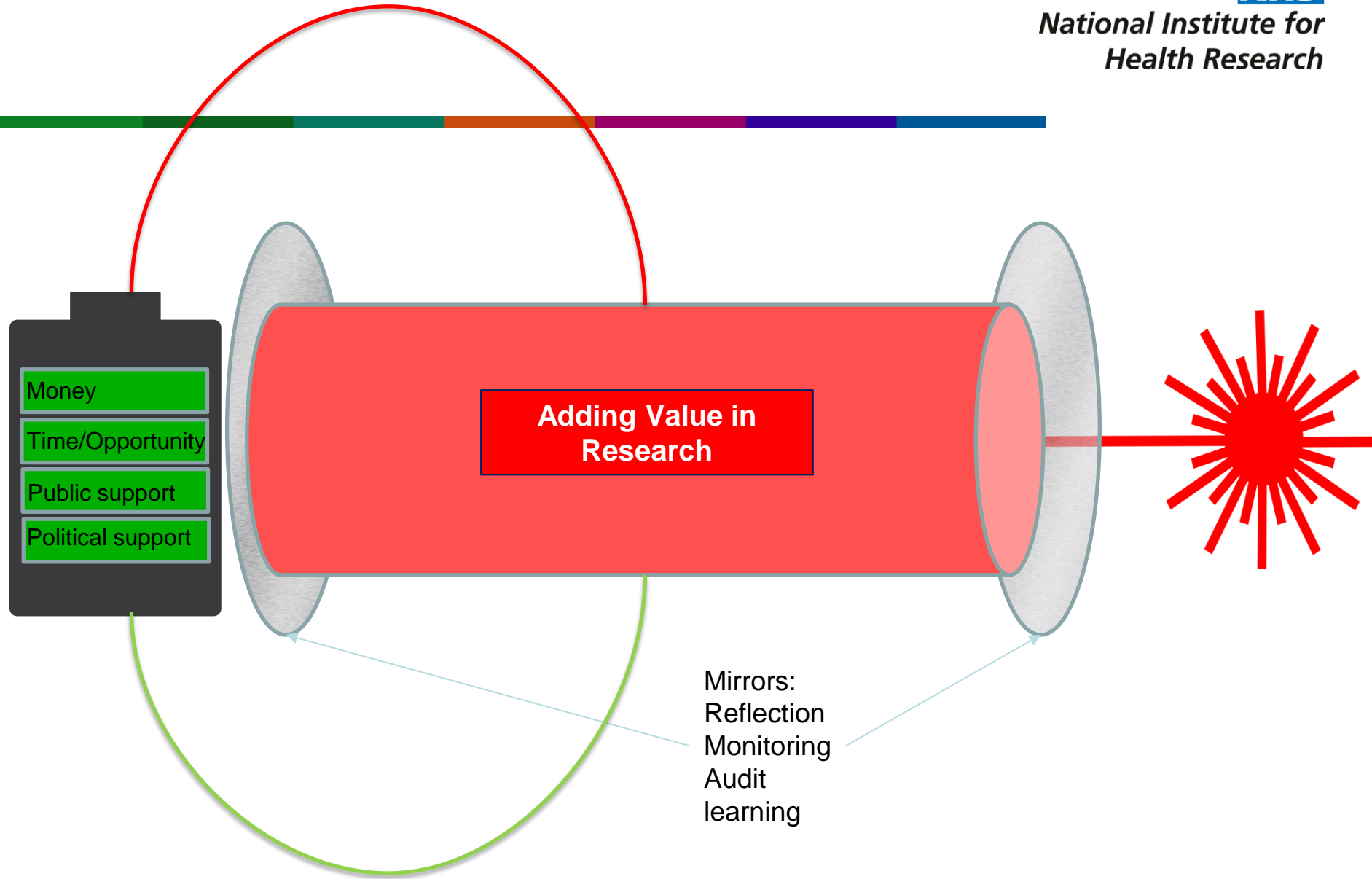
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2: Not less bureaucracy – SMART bureaucracy.

**Create a logic model; connect to
your purpose; make it useful.**

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3: Build a laser not a flashlight



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4: Focus on relevance:

Set priorities with users of research; e.g. patients, health professionals



5: Focus on quality:
Only embark on new research
it is *justified* by what is
already known

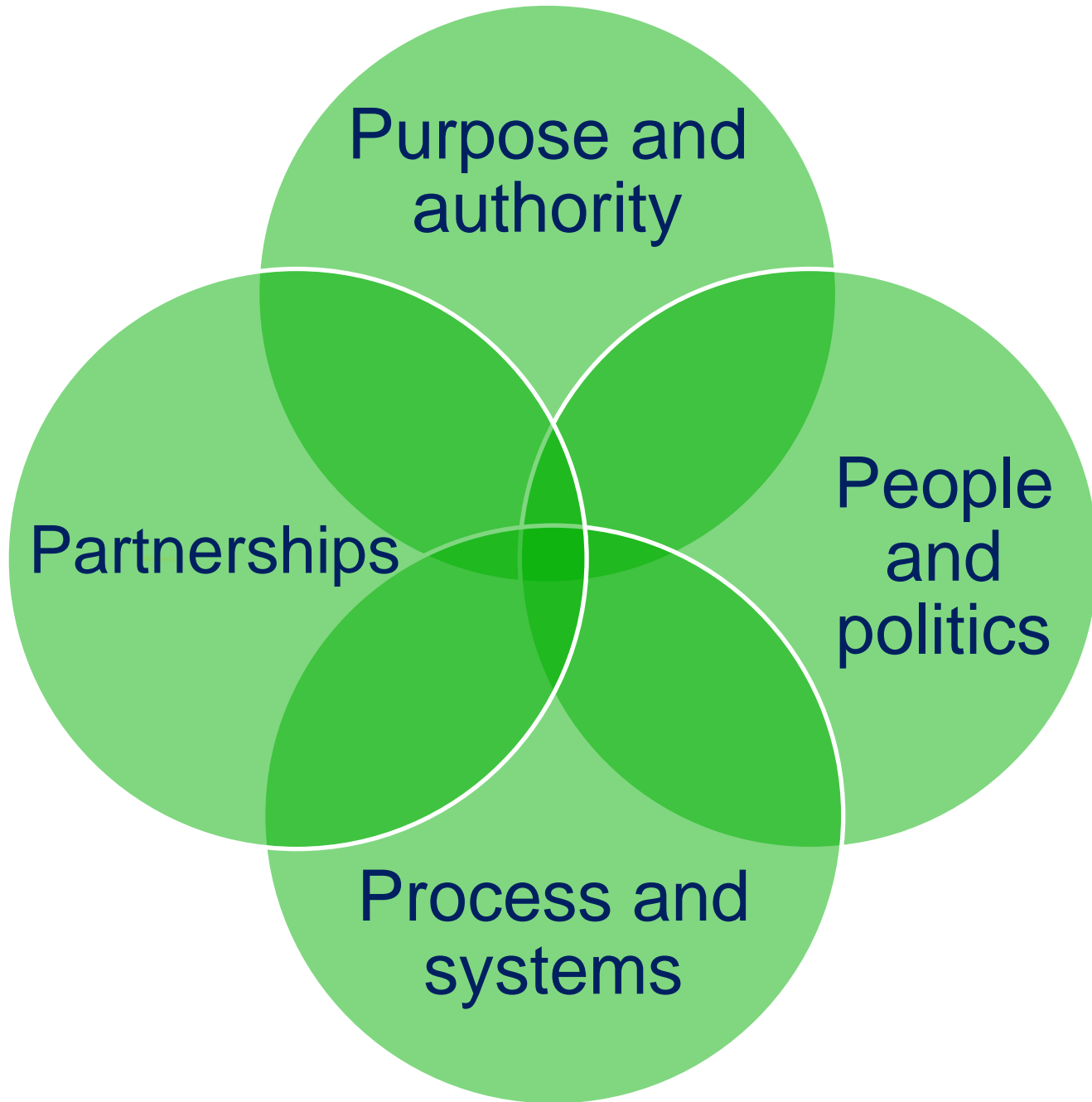
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6: Focus on openness:

Register all studies
Publish all research

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7,8,9,10: Laser physics is easy, culture is hard



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**11: Hear the "cant-be-done-ers" but
don't necessarily heed what they say**

Thank you and further information

Key messages

Adding Value in research is a way of raising the **probability** of impact of the **portfolio** for a given cost

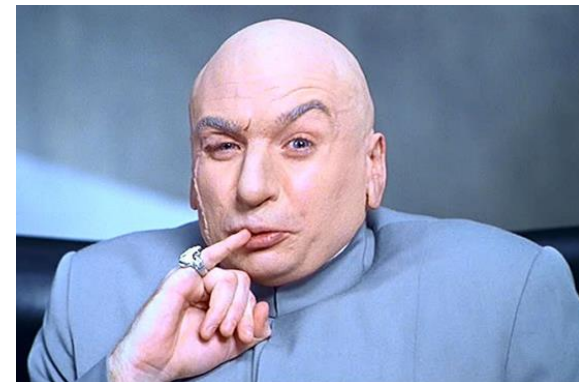
Where to start:

- Set priorities with users of research; e.g. patients, health professionals
- Only embark on new research it is **justified** by what is already known
- Register all studies
- Publish all research

Building lasers is easy – changing people and organisations is hard. Don't underestimate that but don't give up either!

What you can do to start building your “laser”

- Attend symposium 6 tomorrow
- Visit www.nihr.ac.uk/adding-value-in-research
- Think about what small step forwards you could take
- Join the Evidence Based Research Network
- Visit us in the trade exhibition



Relevance

Quality

Openness

**Inputs
Costs**

Process

Outputs

Outcome

Impact

Money
Opportunity
Time
Enthusiasm
Political
support

**Adding Value in
Research framework**

Change in:

Guidance

Service
provision

Knowledge
base

Research
methods

Benefits
through:

Health and
well being

Knowledge
and the
research
process

Wealth of
the nation

Measurement, audit, review, continuous improvement

Easy

Proxy

Proxy

Hard

Impossible