

Adding Value in Research

Adding Value in Research: The case of NIHR.

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1: Understand your purpose



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2: Not less bureaucracy – SMART bureaucracy.

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

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

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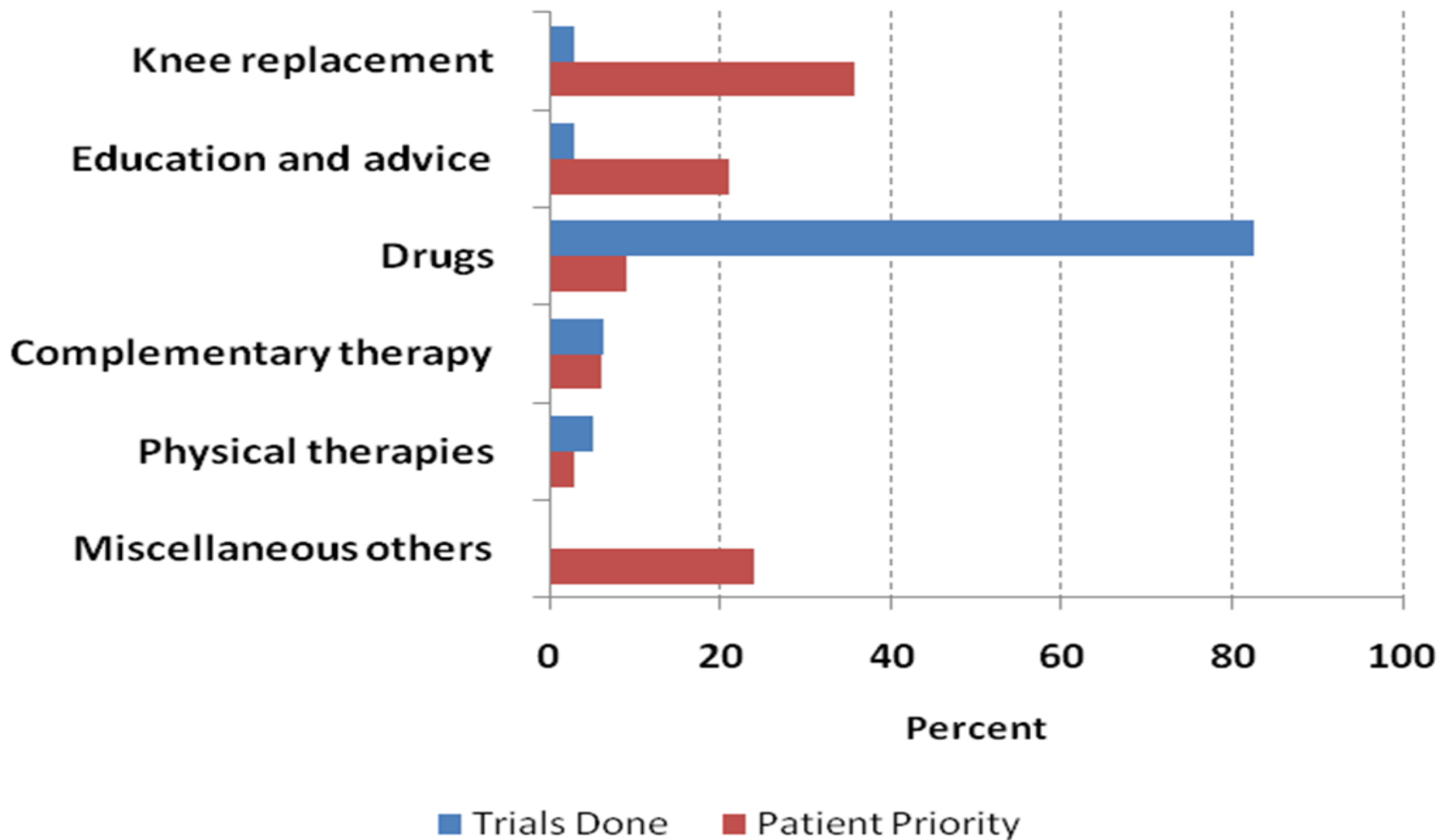
Hard

Impossible

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3: Focus on relevance:

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



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James Lind Alliance

Priority Setting Partnerships

Questions relevant to users of research

“The idea of bringing together clinicians, patients and carers to discuss research priorities seems obvious – why shouldn’t all those affected have a chance to jointly discuss frustrations about the things we don’t know, and aspirations for the future?”

- *Irenie Ekkeshis, patient involved in the Sight Loss and Vision James Lind Alliance priority setting partnership*



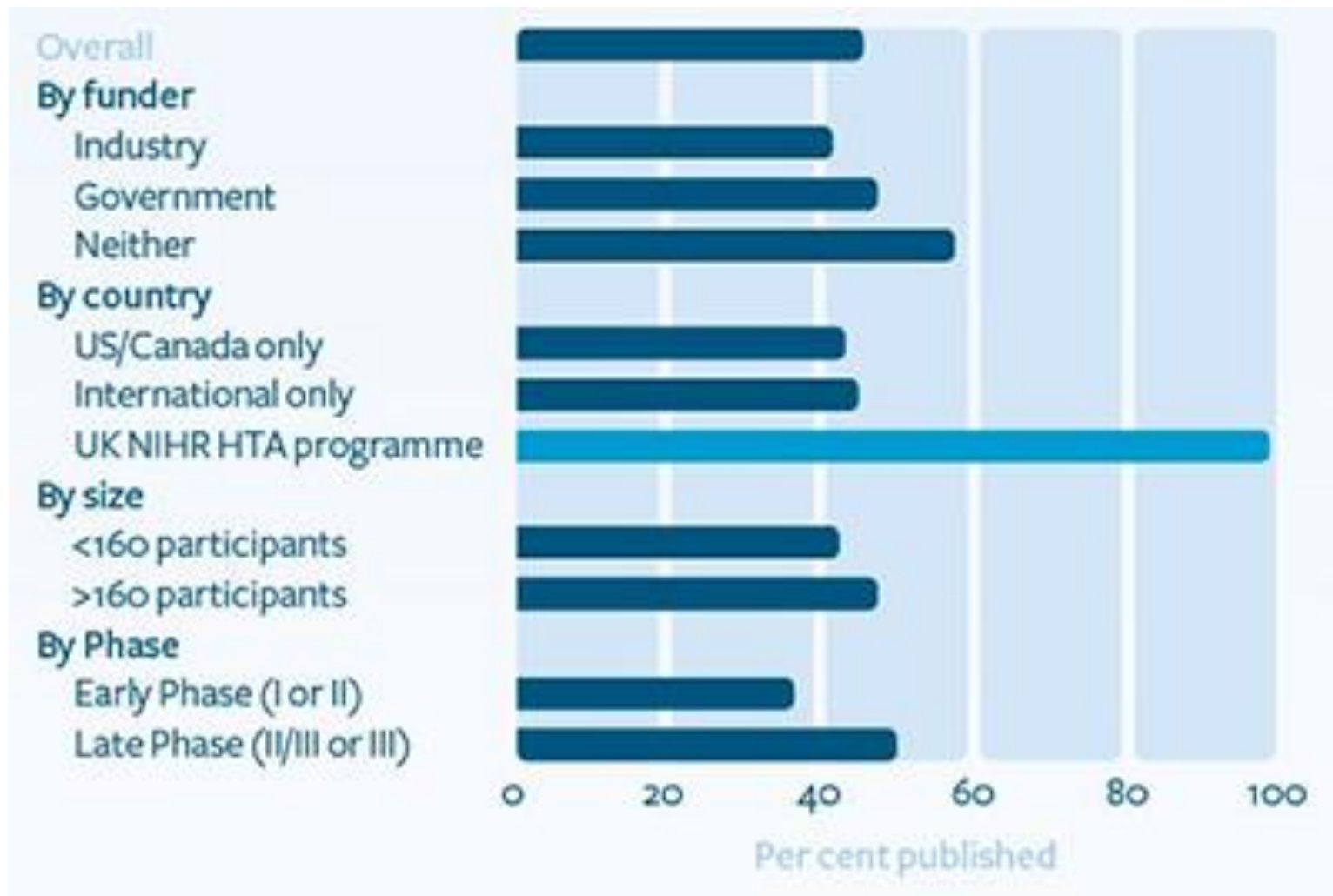
4: Focus on quality:
Only embark on new research
it is *justified* by what is
already known

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5: Focus on openness:

Register all studies
Publish all research

Publication bias



Achieving full publication



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Health Research

Journals Library

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Key messages

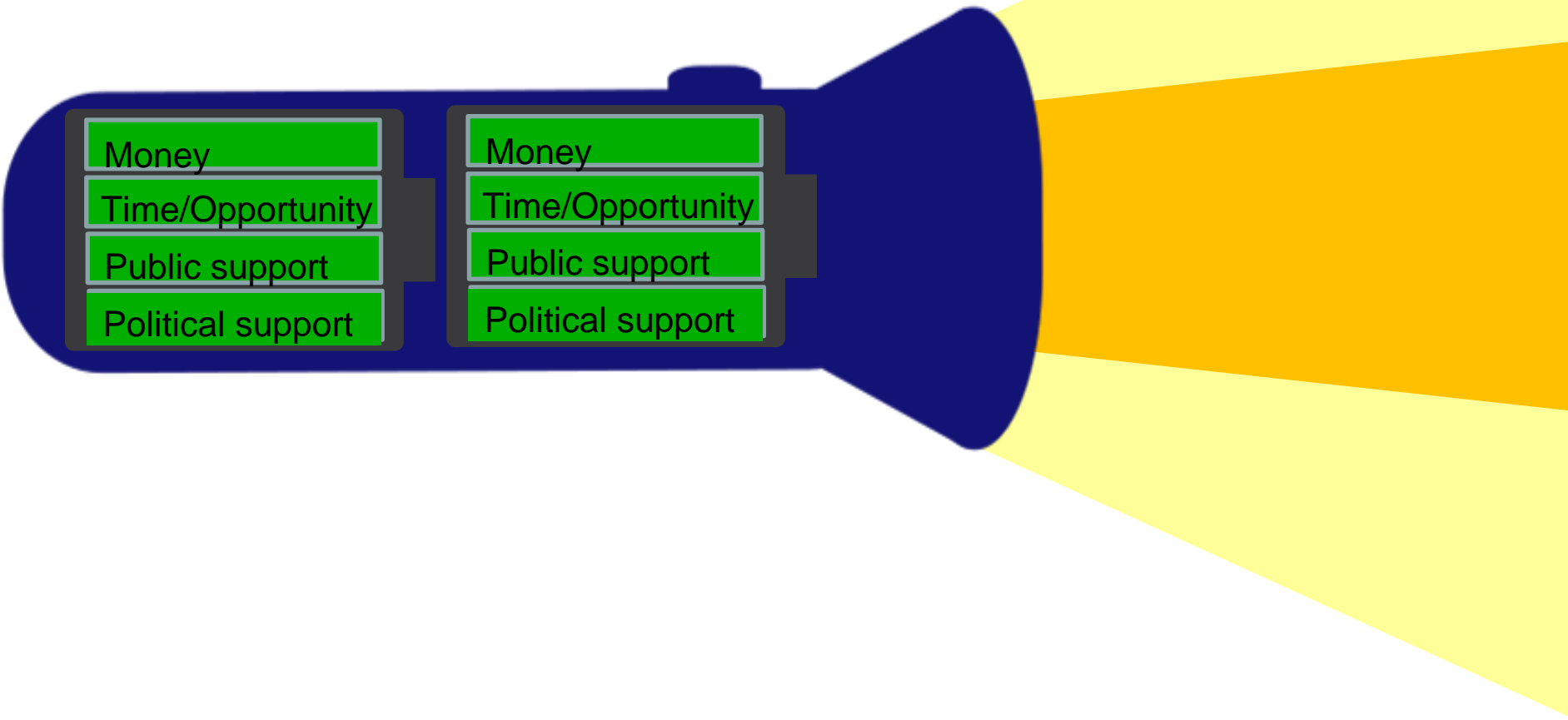
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Where to start:

- 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

What you can do to start building your “laser”

- 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
- Contact me”@matt_westmore matthew.westmore@nihr.ac.uk



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Time/Opportunity
Public support
Political support

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

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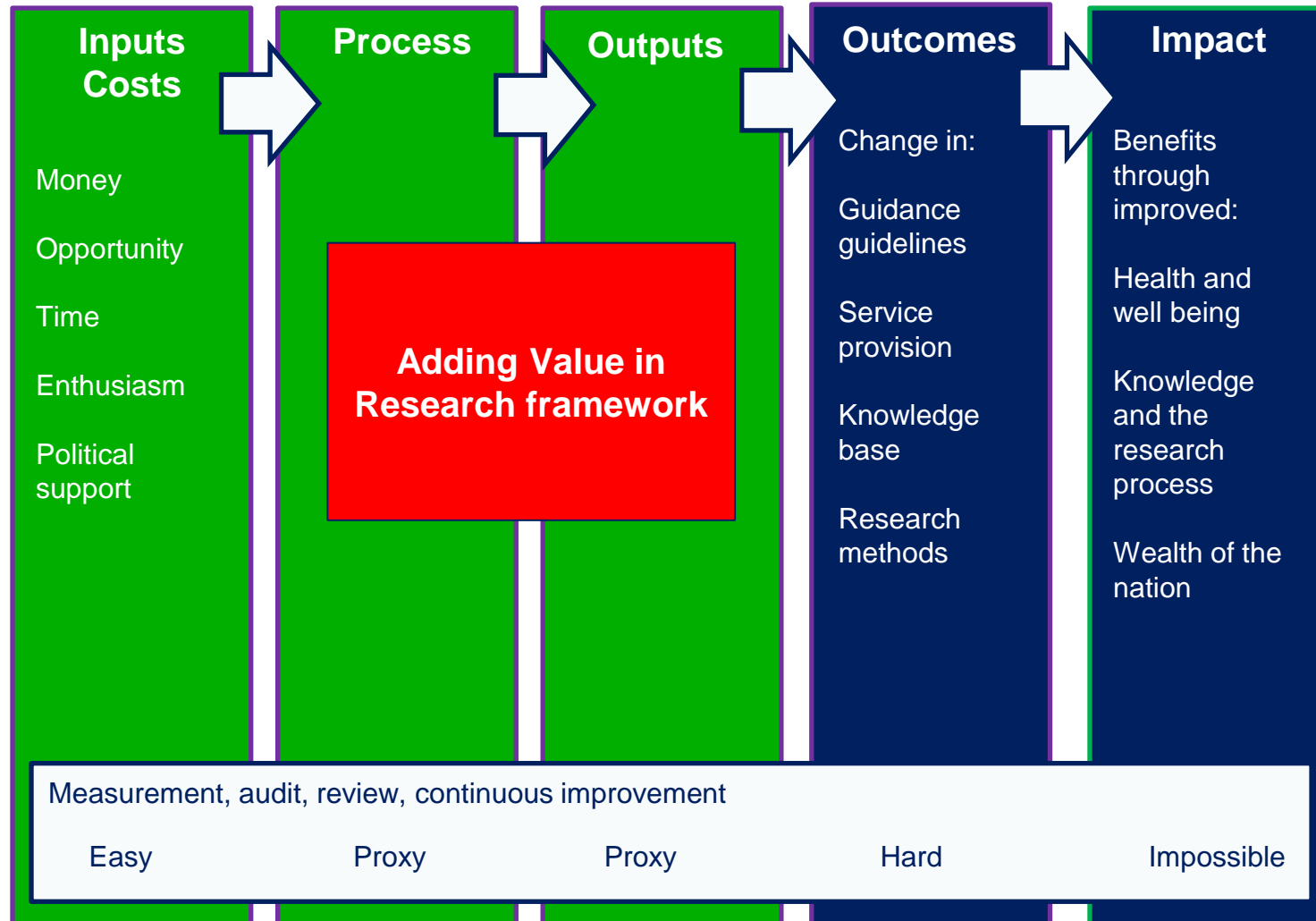
Summary

1. The NIHR
2. Adding Value in Research as a logic model to raise the **probability** of impact of the **portfolio** for a given cost
3. Examples
 - James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnerships
 - NIHR Journals Library



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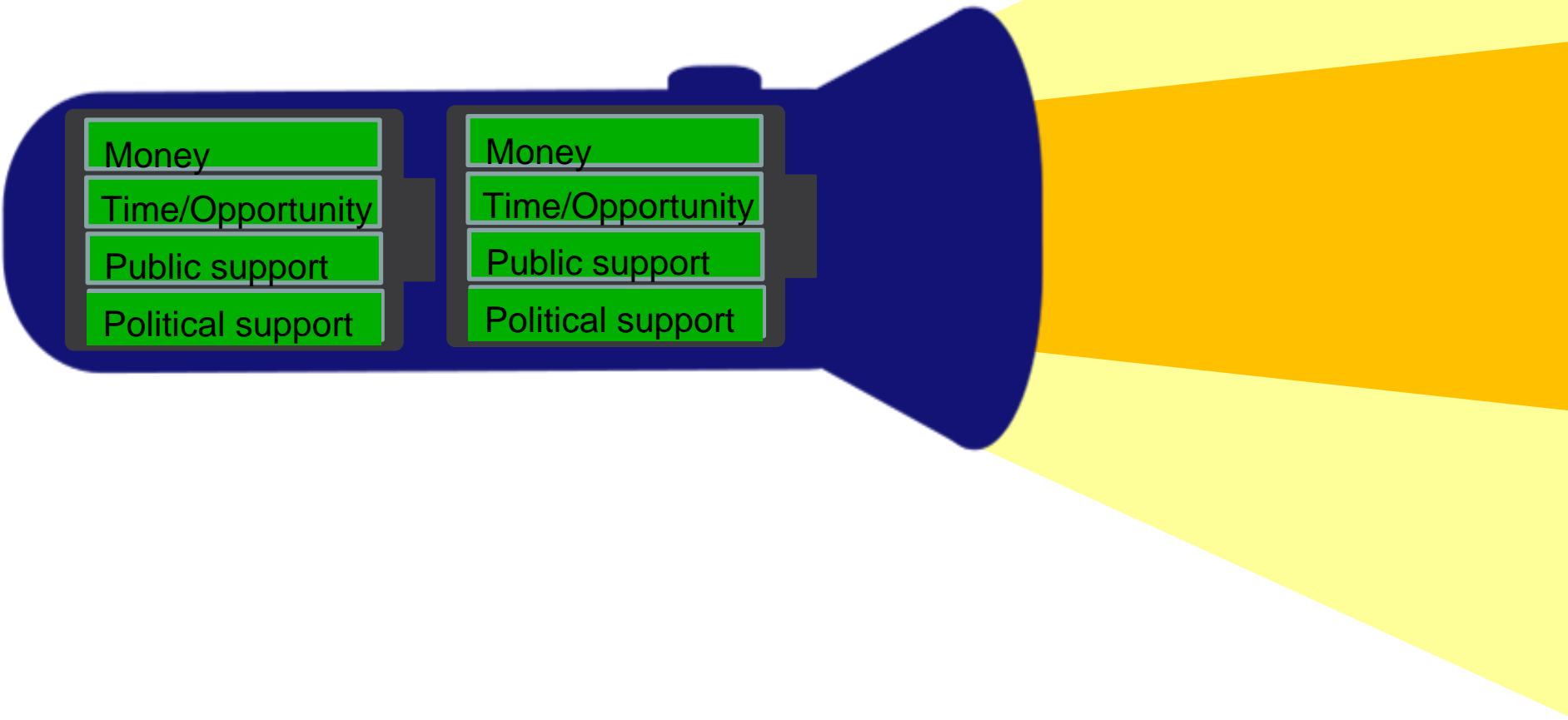
Adding Value in Research: a logic model for impact



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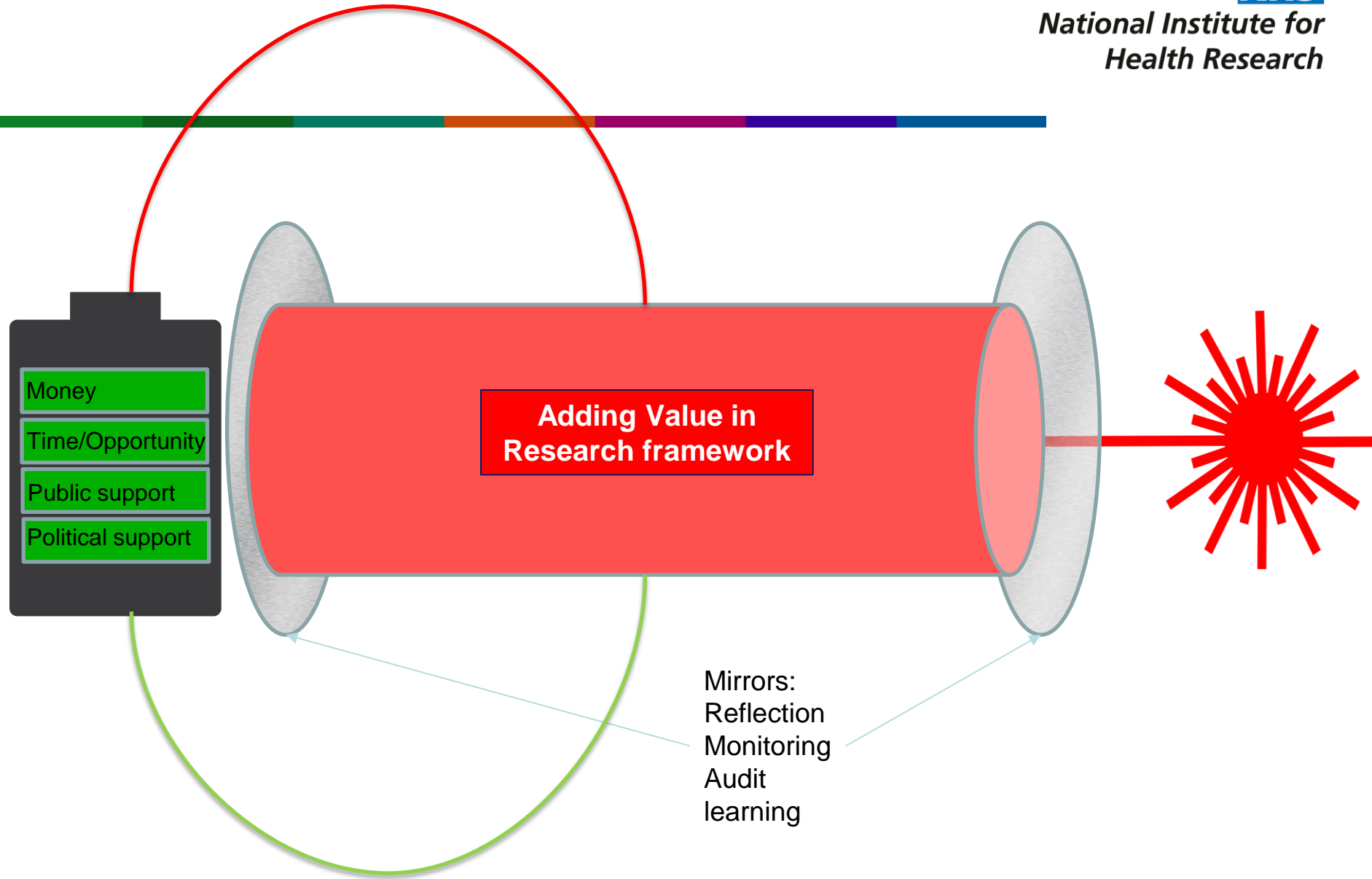
Raising the probability of impact for a given cost





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Mirrors:
Reflection
Monitoring
Audit
learning

Thank you and further information

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Examples:

Set research priorities with the intended beneficiaries of the research

James Lind Alliance – and equal partnership of patients and clinicians to set research priorities

Publish everything!

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