

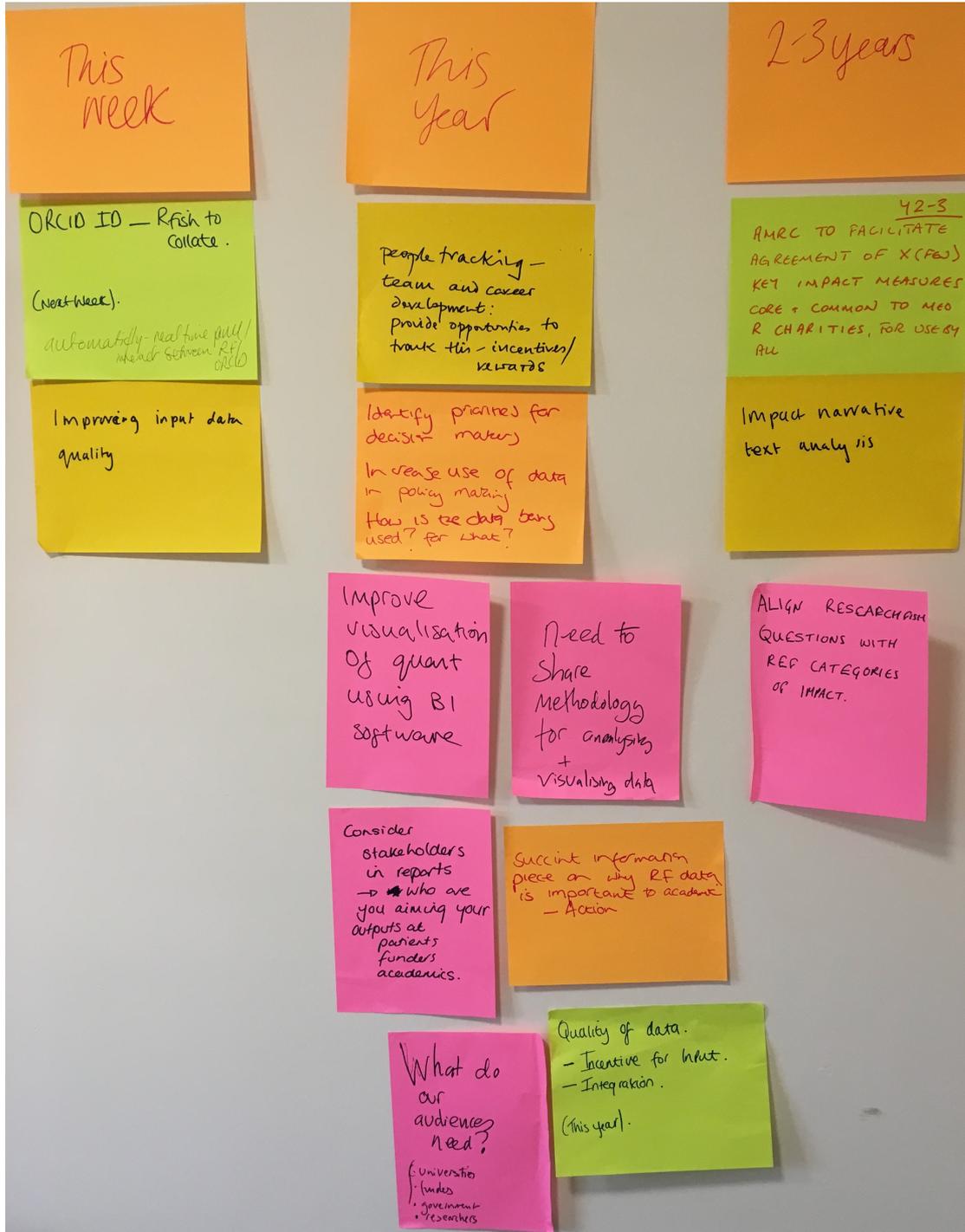
Researchfish Strategy of Impact Conference (16th November 2017)

Breakout 2: Priorities for Understanding, Measuring and Reporting Impact

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Session 1 (13:45 – 14:30) Prioritised challenges/actions identified



This week	This year	2-3 years
<p>ORCID ID — Rfish to collate. (next week). Automatically - real time pull/insert between Rf/ ORCID</p>	<p>People tracking — team and career development: provide opportunities to track this - incentives/ rewards</p>	<p>42-3 AMRC TO FACILITATE AGREEMENT OF X(F&J) KEY IMPACT MEASURES CORE + COMMON TO MEO R CHARITIES, FOR USE BY ALL</p>
<p>Improving input data quality</p>	<p>Identify priorities for decision makers Increase use of data in policy making How is the data being used? for what?</p>	<p>Impact narrative text analysis</p>
<p>Improve visualisation of quant using BI software</p>	<p>Need to share methodology for analysis + visualising data</p>	<p>ALIGN RESEARCH QUESTIONS WITH REF CATEGORIES OF IMPACT.</p>
<p>Consider stakeholders in reports → who are you aiming your outputs at patients funders academics.</p>	<p>Succinct information piece on why Rf data is important to academic — Action</p>	
<p>What do our audiences need? • university • funders • government • researchers</p>	<p>Quality of data. - Incentive for impact. - Integration. (this year).</p>	

This week	Next 12 months		2 – 3 years
<p>ORCID ID – RF to collate publications from ORCID automatically, real time pull, not just enable researchers to access ORCID and get them themselves.</p>	<p>People tracking – team and career development: provide opportunities to track this – incentives/rewards.</p>	<p>Identify priorities for decision makers. Increase use of data in policy making. How is the data being used? What for?</p>	<p>AMRC to facilitate agreement of X (few) key impact measures core and common to Medical Research Charities, for use by all.</p>
<p>Improving input data quality.</p>	<p>Improve visualisation of quant using business intelligence software.</p>	<p>Need to share methodology for analysis and visualising data</p>	<p>Impact narrative text analysis.</p>
	<p>Consider stakeholders in reports – who are you aiming your outputs out? Partners Funders Academics</p>	<p>Succinct information piece on why RF data is important to academics – Action.</p>	<p>Align Researchfish questions with REF categories of impact.</p>
	<p>What do our audiences need? Universities Funders Government Researchers</p>	<p>Quality of data: - incentive to input - integration</p>	

This week	Next 12 months		2 – 3 years
	Long term tracking of impact is problematic now – prepare for the future.	Too many sources of data.	
	Alignment of definitions of impact.	Making system useful/beneficial to researchers – ‘value to me’	
	<p>Researchers have reporting fatigue. Slightly different priorities for funders/RO’s.</p> <p>Action: Who main RO contact is for funder to talk to.</p>	<p>Sharing follow on data/outputs from further funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cooperation between funders/sharing data in Researchfish - building links between grants (also preceding grants) 	
	<p>Joined up communication (funder, HEI, [RF])</p> <p>Send out invitations to submissions together with other funders.</p>	<p>RF to bring added information to RO’s internal system (PURE) – used for PDR by RO.</p> <p>Needs to work both ways so RO system can provide data to RF.</p>	
	<p>More communications re: guidance.</p> <p>What does a ‘good’ entry look like?</p>	Data pooling of RF-data.	
	Synchronising submission dates.	<p>RO challenges – only part of portfolio/activity, complexity of different policies, burdensome, culture change, system interoperability,</p>	

Non-prioritised challenges/actions from both sessions

- Ability to link quantitative data with qualitative info in reports created in Researchfish.
- Institutions & funders using same metrics to get useful quantitative data.
- Release of Y2 on funds conditional on inputting to Researchfish – enforce terms & conditions of the grant, - get AMRC to publicise.
- Co-funding joint to work together – for the same end result (this year).
- Researchers creating impact to be ‘rewarded’ with further research funding (this year).
- Researchfish allow admin tool to go in and allow you to correct data (streamline the process) Researchfish/funder/researcher (this year).
- Identifying outputs/outcomes that multiple funders have contributed to understand whole ecosystem contribution.
- The team underpinning the research.
- Career track: pathways, impact of investment.

Summary of key findings from both breakout sessions:

- Data linkages - enhance data with information from other sources
- Better alignment with other systems and data sharing across systems/sources (reduce burden, enable landscaping etc)
- Communication - help improve data quality, aim to explain ‘what’s in it for me?’ For the researchers, feedback to researchers on when/how the information reported has been used
- Researchers understanding how the data is being used
- Ability to track people involved in projects & careers