UK Research and Innovation

## UKRI 'Investigator-led' and 'Directed' funding: Summary report

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Question 1: Which of the following best describes your current role? If more than one is relevant, choose the option that is most relevant to your responses to the survey.


Question 2: How long, approximately, have you worked in any role that is relevant to this survey?
Duration


| Option | Percent |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Up to 5 years | 2 |  |  |
| 6 to 10 years | 0 | $25.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |
| 11 to 20 years | 5 | $62.50 \%$ |  |
| 21 years or more | 1 | $12.50 \%$ | 0 |
| Prefer not to say | $0.00 \%$ |  |  |
| Not Answered | 0 | $0.00 \%$ | 0 |

## Question 3: What type of organisation do you work in?

## OrgType



| Option | Total | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Business/private sector | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| University or other higher education institution | 7 | $87.50 \%$ |
| Government or other public sector | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Charity | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Other research or innovation organisation | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Other organisation type | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| None | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Prefer not to say | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Not Answered | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |

Question 4: Which of UKRI's component councils are relevant to your role?

## CouncilsRelevant



| Option | Total | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| AHRC | 4 | $50.00 \%$ |
| BBSRC | 4 | $50.00 \%$ |
| EPSRC | 3 | $37.50 \%$ |
| ESRC | 6 | $75.00 \%$ |
| Innovate UK | 5 | $62.50 \%$ |
| MRC | 4 | $50.00 \%$ |
| NERC | 3 | $37.50 \%$ |
| Research England | 3 | $37.50 \%$ |
| STFC | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| Unsure/prefer not to say | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Not Answered | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |

## Question 5: Looking at the definitions of 'Investigator-led’ and 'Directed' funding:

IndicatorResponses - I feel that the distinction outlined, between 'Investigator-led' and ‘Directed’ funding, is a useful one


| Option | Total | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 - Strongly disagree | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 2 | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| 3 | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 4 - Neither agree nor disagree | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| 5 | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| 6 | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 7 - Strongly agree | 0 | $50.00 \%$ |
| Unable to say | 4 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Not Answered | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |

IndicatorResponses - The definitions of the two categories are sufficiently clear to me


| Option | Total | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 - Strongly disagree | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 2 | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| 3 | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 4 - Neither agree nor disagree | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| 5 | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| 6 | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| 7 - Strongly agree | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| Unable to say | 2 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Not Answered | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |

## IndicatorResponses - Their clarity aside, I think the definitions of the categories are appropriate



## ReasonDistinctionNotUseful

There were $\mathbf{2}$ responses to this part of the question.

## DefinitionsUnclear

There was 1 response to this part of the question.

## DefinitionsWrong

There were 0 responses to this part of the question.
If you think the categorisation will have any unintended or negative consequences, please explain what they might be There was 1 response to this part of the question.

Question 6: For each statement, please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree
AppliedToAll - I think the indicators should be applied to all UKRI funding streams, to get a picture across the whole organisation


| Option | Total | Percent |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 - Strongly disagree | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| 2 | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| 3 | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 4 - Neither agree nor disagree | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| 5 | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| 6 | 1 | $12.50 \%$ |
| 7 - Strongly agree | 2 | $25.00 \%$ |
| Unable to say | 2 | $0.00 \%$ |
| I do not agree with the proposal | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |
| Not Answered | 0 | $0.00 \%$ |

AppliedToAll - I think the proposal should be implemented even if not all UKRI funding streams can be included


| Option | Total | Percent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1-Strongly disagree | 3 | 37.50\% |
| 2 | 1 | 12.50\% |
| 3 | 0 | 0.00\% |
| 4 - Neither agree nor disagree | 0 | 0.00\% |
| 5 | 1 | 12.50\% |
| 6 | 2 | 25.00\% |
| 7 - Strongly agree | 0 | 0.00\% |
| Unable to say | 0 | 0.00\% |
| I do not agree with the proposal | 1 | 12.50\% |
| Not Answered | 0 | 0.00\% |

Question 7: We propose applying the indicators in a binary way, so that each UKRI funding stream is assigned entirely to one or the other. The alternative is to assign funding streams fractionally (for example a particular stream might be described as $40 \%$ 'Investigator-led' and $60 \%$ 'Directed'.) Please indicate which of the following statements best matches your views.

## BinaryFractional



