Focusing on what matters: learning from experience

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Our Vision

As a society we focus on what matters to people

Scottish National Outcomes Framework





Our Vision

Our public service system empowers and supports organisations and individuals to focus on what matters



In this presentation...

- Outcomes as a framework for action
- System challenges
- Our response



What are outcomes?

Outcomes are commonly defined as the end result of an intervention





Different levels of outcomes

Population

What we want for people

Programm e

The change we hope to see through our work

Personal

The change I want in my life



Focus on outcomes - framework for action

Vision of where we want to get to





Way to check on progress - flex as required

 Reflect on the process and share and embed our learning



Putting outcomes into action

- Is the practice of many organisations
- A practical and effective way of working
 - Satisfying and enjoyable
 - Realistic
 - Puts people front and centre
 - Values the unique skills, expertise and judgement of those who make the change
 - Recognises the contribution of everyone involved © 2019 Matter of Focus®





In many cases...

People put outcomes into action despite the system, not because of it

Why is this?



Three requirements for putting outcomes into action

Materials
Objects
Technologies

Meanings Ideas Aspirations Competencies

Skills

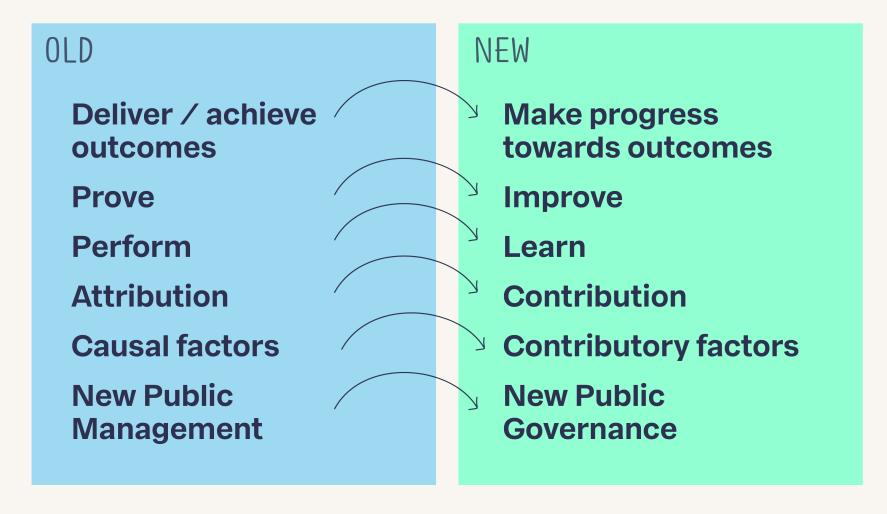
Know-how

Technique

After Shove et al (2012)

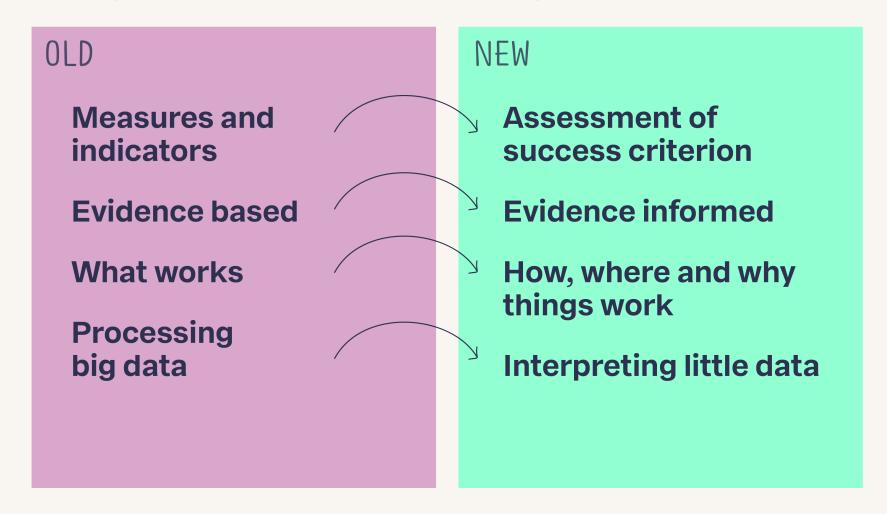


Meanings: A new paradigm for outcomes





Meanings: A new paradigm for evidence





Competencies and skills



For leaders

Outcome based working
Understanding and skills in evidence use
Communication and story telling



For everyone

Critical reflection and analysis
Listening and recording
Ability to respond and change
based on feedback



For data and evidence people

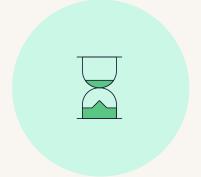
Project management

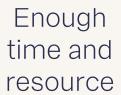
Qualitative and quantitative analysis

Evidence to action



Materials for an outcome focused system



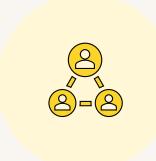




Flexible information systems



Practical tools for understanding change as it happens



Support for learning and sharing



Flexible and adaptable budgets



Our response

- Tailored support to put outcomes into action
- OutNav the software system we always wanted



Understanding cause and effect

Attribution

The relationship between the intervention and outcome is linear and direct



System is closed. External influences are predictable



Outcomes can be attributed to the intervention

Contribution

Intervention interacts with multiple other factors to influence the outcomes



System is complex and adaptive, influenced in unpredictable ways by internal and external factors



Intervention contributes to outcomes



Map Context:

Understand how factors outside your project help and hinder your contribution to outcomes

ISM Behaviour Change Model Scottish Government (2013)





Mapping your contribution to outcomes

What we do

Who with

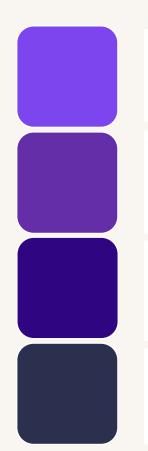
How they feel

What they learn and gain What they do differently

What difference does this make?



Our process to put outcomes into action



Map context and outcomes

Map the outcomes that matter to the programme and how they are influenced by context

Audit evidence and develop plan

How will you know your project is working and how will you get this evidence?

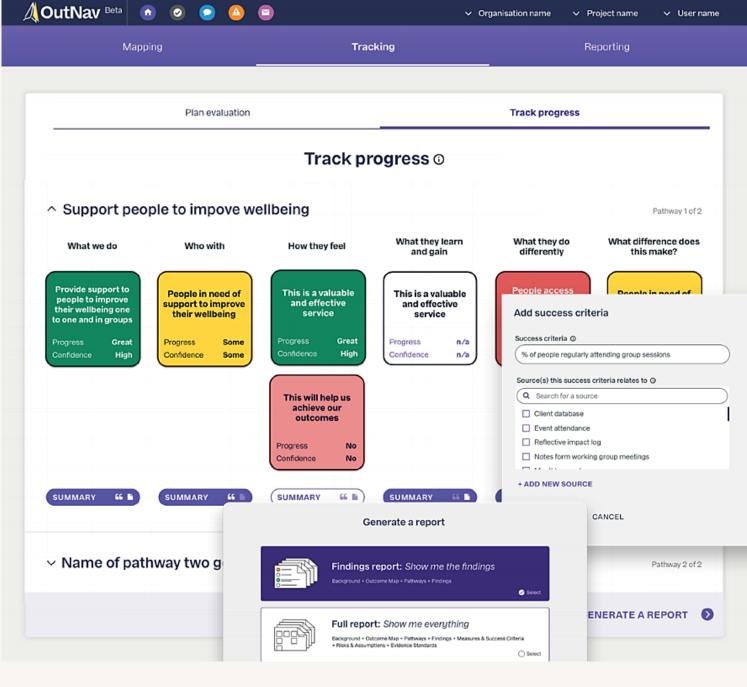
Track progress

Bring together data and information to assess how well the programme is progressing to outcomes

Ongoing discussion, reflection, analysis and reporting

Embed learning to improve the project

OutNav-A system for putting outcomes into action





Putting outcomes into action

What to avoid

- One-size-fits-all approaches
- Thinking we can manage or deliver outcomes
- Only focusing on one part of the system
- Trying to simply measure or attribute change





Putting outcomes into action

What to embrace

- Outcomes to help us manage change
- Celebrate diversity
- Appreciate context
- People matter most
- Data, evidence and information





Over to you...

What is helping and getting in the way of your work to put outcomes into action?



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