

National Evidence Institute: Some Initial Ideas

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A National Evidence Institute that

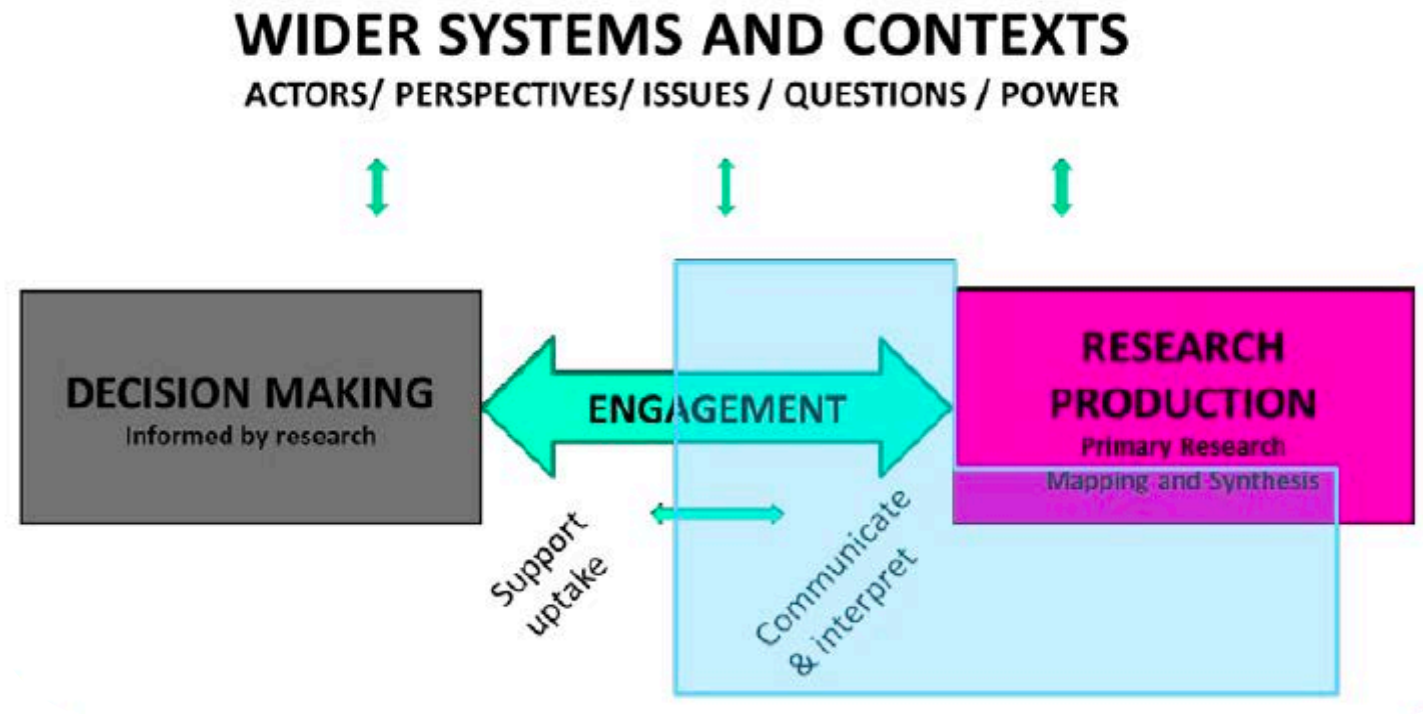


1. Focuses on use as well as evidence

‘We see less activity in the “adopt” category than for “generate” and “translate”.

There is also predominantly a research production (push) approach to the use of research.’

(Gough et al., 2018:7)





2. Supports quality of use as well as of evidence

‘To improve the use of evidence in policy requires an explicit engagement with the question of what constitutes better use from a political perspective.’

(Parkhurst, 2017: 170)



Using Evidence Better



3. Frames everything around
improvement

‘Social scientists tend to ask:
‘How can we increase the use of
research in decision making?’ ...

... rather than: ‘How can we
make wiser decisions and in
what ways can research help?’

(Weiss, 1978:78)



4. Follows an ethos of 'less is more'

Digital Minimalism

‘A philosophy of technology use in which you focus your online time on a small number of carefully selected and optimized activities that strongly support things you value, and then happily miss out on everything else’

(Newport, 2019: 28)

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