Building the evidence supply: Supporting experimental government

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Other government departments
1. Establishing a baseline

‘Evidence audits’ on the use and generation of evidence in departments
2. Stimulating interest in experimentation

Talent programs

• Training
• Coaching

More than 800 participants in the Civil Service Future Leaders Scheme
3. Providing technical support

Cross-Government Trial Advice Panel

28 academic experts

+ 18 government experts
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- Reduced fraud and environmental harm by tackling the illegal disposal, misclassification, and export of waste
4. Creating incentives

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Implementation Taskforces

HM Treasury

Government Office of Science

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Parliamentary select committees
5. Raising Awareness and Transparency

Anniversary reports (1, 3, 5 years)  

https://whatworks.blog.gov.uk/
6. International collaboration

Global Experimentation Team Network

Canada

UK

Finland

USA

France

UAE

Denmark

Colombia
Impact

1. Helping embed a culture of experimentation
2. Tackling complex policy issues
3. Better use of evaluation budgets
4. Making academic research more policy-relevant