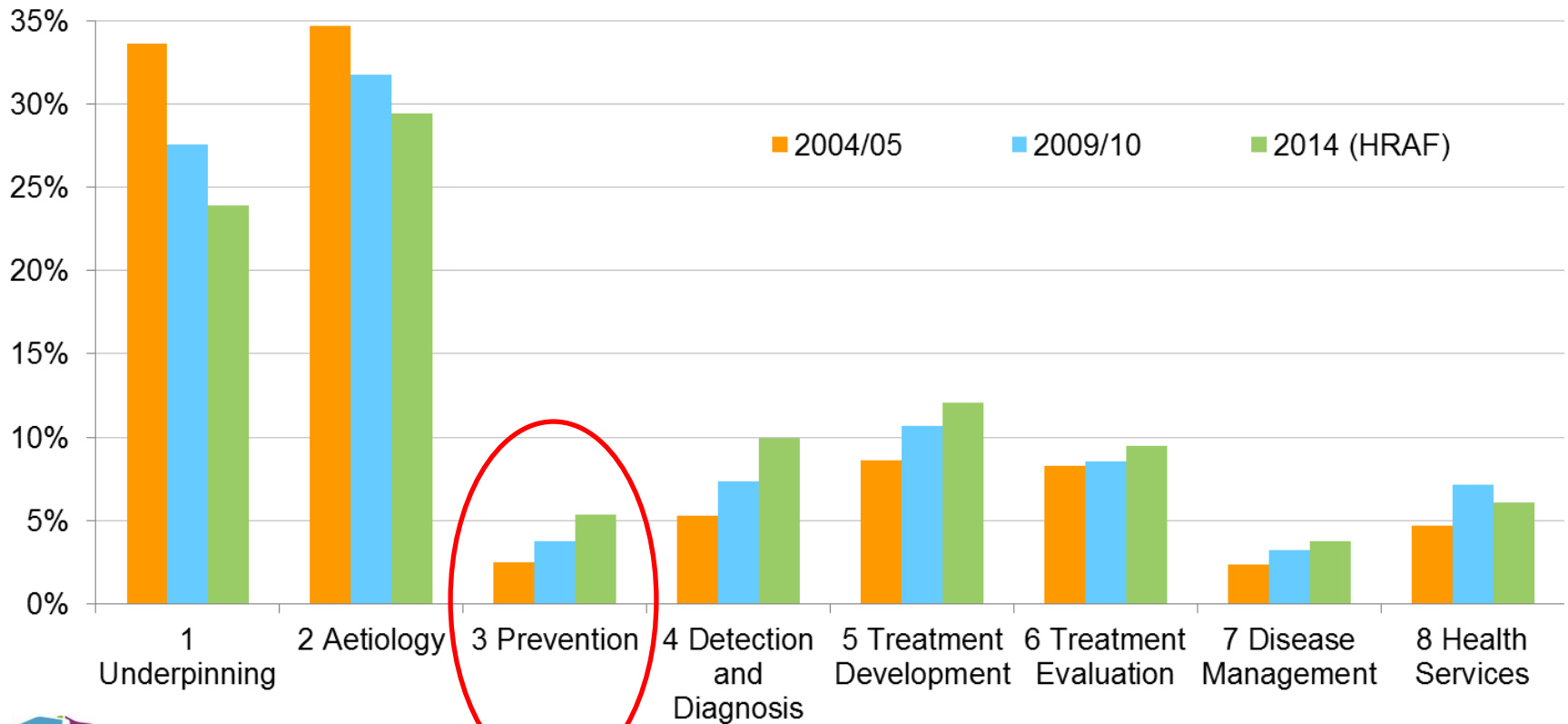


UKPRP: Funding

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UK Funding for Health Research 2014



Agreed objectives

- build new multidisciplinary research teams
- provide substantial long-term investment
- foster whole systems approaches to prevention
- co-develop research programmes with users including industry
- translation of new knowledge
- capitalise on emerging technologies, big data and discovery research
- support methodological innovation

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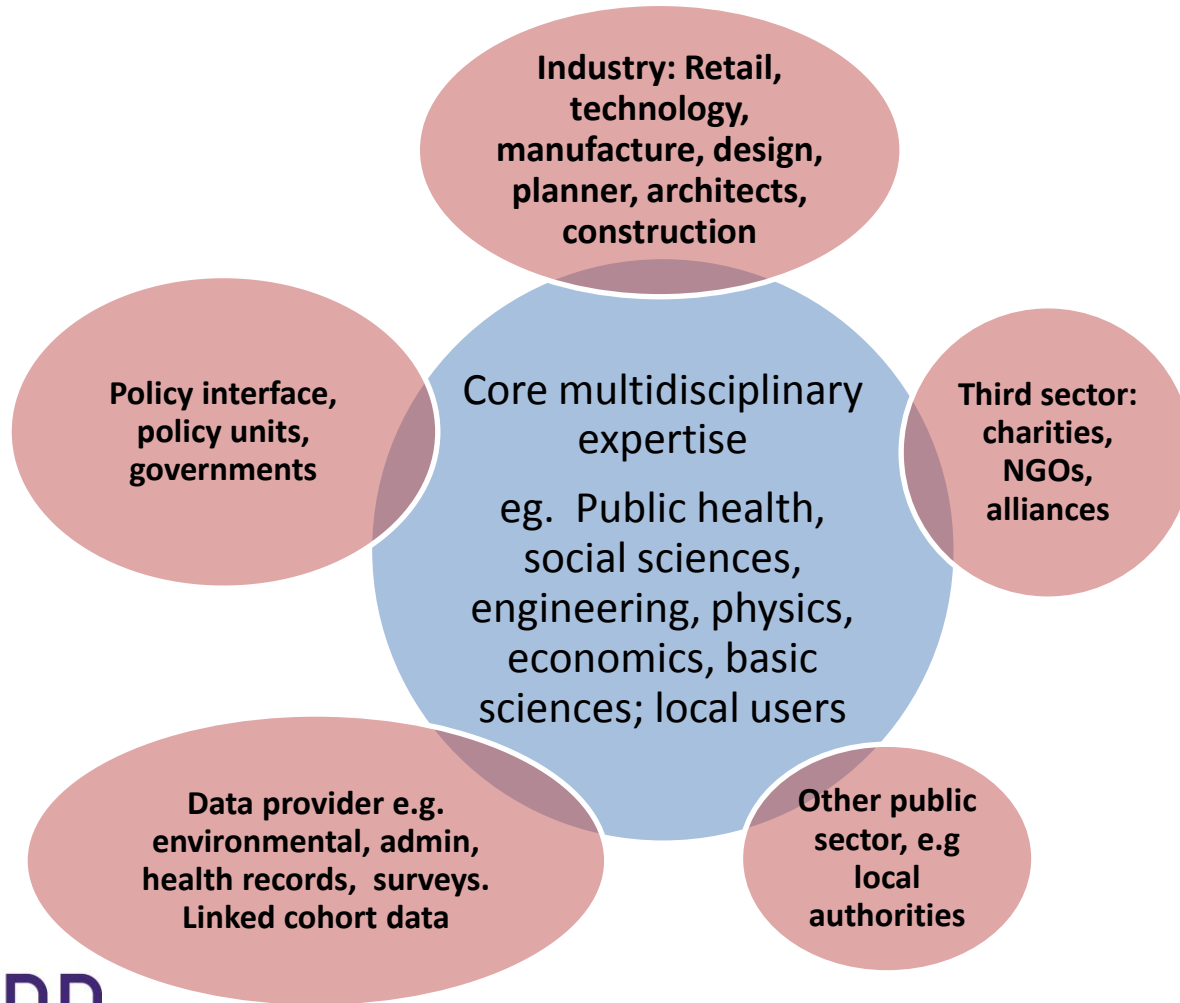
- Ambition to invest £40 - £50 million over 6-7 years
- Research that delivers impact through
 - cross disciplinary working
 - collaboration with policy makers, users and industry.
- Managed programme: flexible funding at scale/long term
- Funding recognises that research communities groups are at different stages of readiness:
 - Interdisciplinary teams: UKPRP Consortia (5yrs, £4-7m)
 - UKPRP Networks (2-4 yrs, £100k pa)
 - 'Challenge funding' (eg. cross-consortia issues, methods, emerging challenges)

UKPRP Consortia

- Can work across institutions
- Critical mass of interdisciplinary research
- Links to users
- Flexibly funded, large scale and long-term
 - Aligned research programmes addressing common theme
 - Accommodate a range of research activity eg. pilot projects, methods development, policy-related work
 - Capability to reach out to new partners and new disciplines



Consortium: Core expertise and linkages



UKPRP Networks

- Based around important prevention themes
- Objective to build capability for UK prevention research community over a longer term period
- Funding for leading, building and maintaining the network
- Scientific meetings and workshops
- Develop shared vision and shared best practice
- Can give rise to consortia or seek grant funding through 'standard' mechanisms



Consortia or network?

Consortia

- Nearly ready to go groups, need only to strengthen linkages (and can do this in six months)
- Clarity about research questions
- Programmatic funding
- Funding flexible and responsive
- Primary output: implementable change at scale

Networks

- Significant networking needed across disciplines where no history or common language
- Exploratory, scientific questions and approaches will emerge
- Funding for meetings/workshops and PIs time
- Limited research for pilot studies?
- Primary output: self-sustaining and interlinked research community

Assessment process

- Outlines for both networks and consortia
- Full application by invitation
- Short-listed consortia given consortia development grant
- Full applications for consortia and networks
- Not all CDGs transfer to consortia
- One decision panel (funders act in concert)

Possible Funding profile

Consortium Development Grants

4-6 2017 (only) £50k for 6 months

Consortia

First call: 2-3 in 2018, £4-7m for 5yrs

Second call: 2-3 in 2019/20, £4-7m for 5yrs

Network awards

6-8 in 2018 £100k pa for 3yrs

Partnership Steering Group

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Professor Sally Macintyre (Chair)	University of Glasgow
Professor Linda Bauld	University of Stirling
Professor Rachel Cooper	Lancaster University
Professor Nancy Edwards	University of Ottawa
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