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Bacterial Plant Diseases Programme

Why funded research should have impact

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Programme funders

- BBSRC and NERC: part of UKRI, funded by Department of Business, Innovation and Skills (Department of UK Government)
- Defra: Department of UK Government
- Scottish Government: Devolved Administration

All of the programme funding is derived from **UK taxpayers**



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What is impact?

Impact is not just publications and products. It can include:

- Policy
- Skills and training
- Societal issues
- New companies
- International development
- Environmental protection
- Public dialogue
- Lots of other things...



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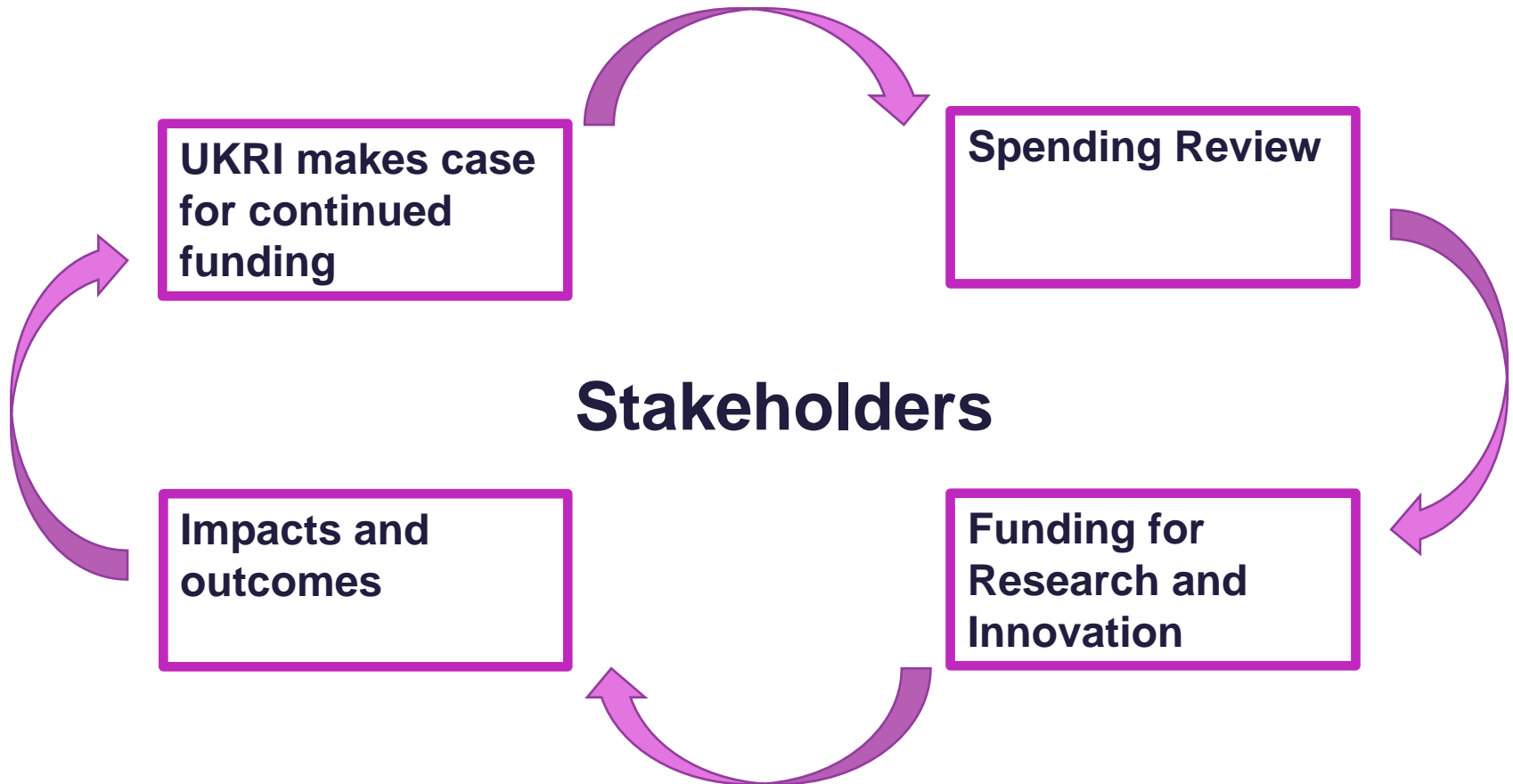


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The Funding/Impact Cycle



Impact of BPD Programme

The funders were keen to ensure that stakeholders were involved at all stages of the programme

- A Town Meeting allowed the funders to clarify the aims of the programme and gave people a chance to meet and start to develop collaborations
- Stakeholder engagement was required in applications and included in the assessment process
- A Coordination Team was appointed to enhance stakeholder engagement over the lifetime of the grants

Thank you!



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