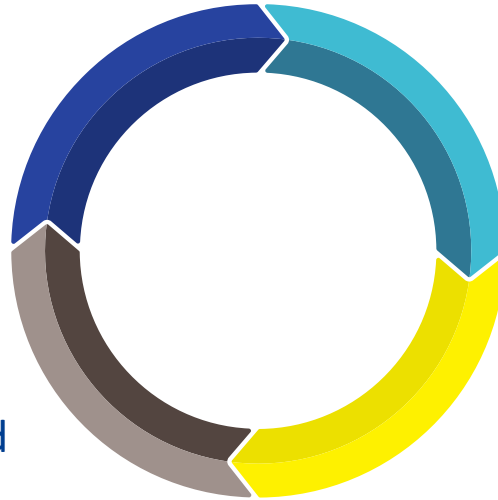


Evidence Ecosystem for Drugs Policy and Practice

Research, data, and evidence

Policy cycle

Understanding a
problem and its
causes



Selecting an option
for addressing the
problem

Monitoring
implementation and
evaluating impacts

Identifying
implementation
considerations

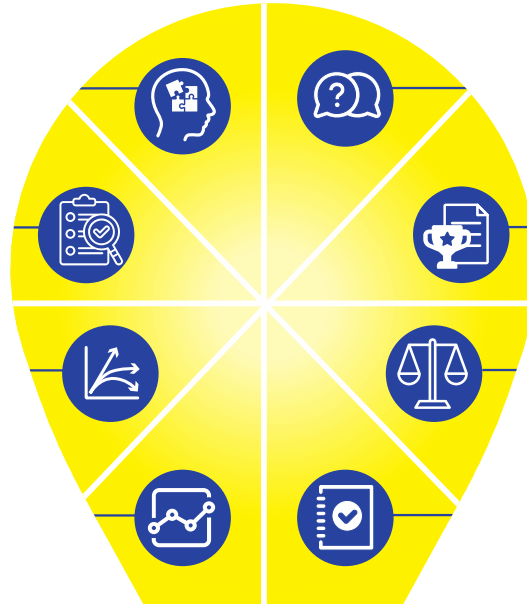
How evidence is used in decision-making

Behavioural /
implementation
research

Evaluation

Modelling

Data analytics



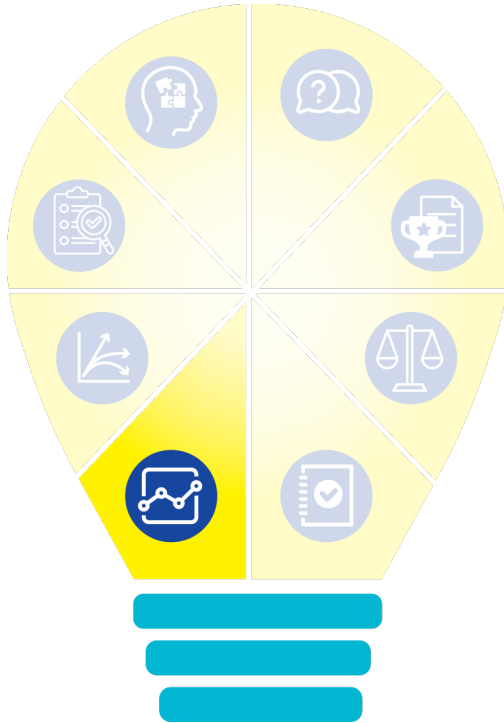
Qualitative
insights

Evidence
synthesis

Technology
assessment/
cost-effectiveness
analysis

Guidelines

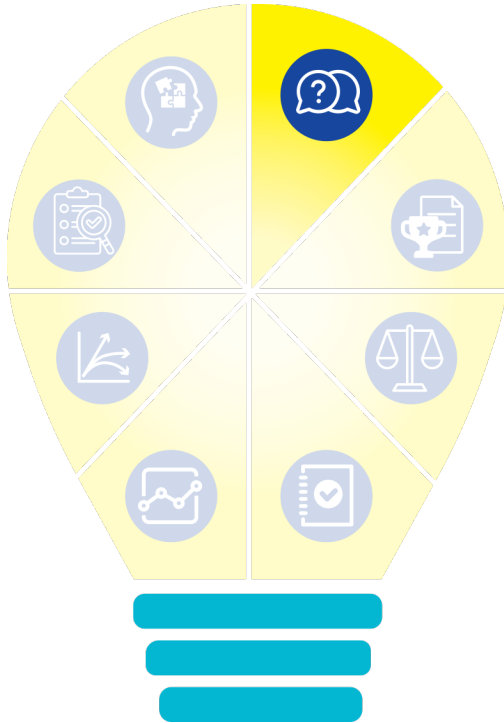
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Data analytics

- Drug-related deaths
- Drug treatment
- Estimating hidden populations

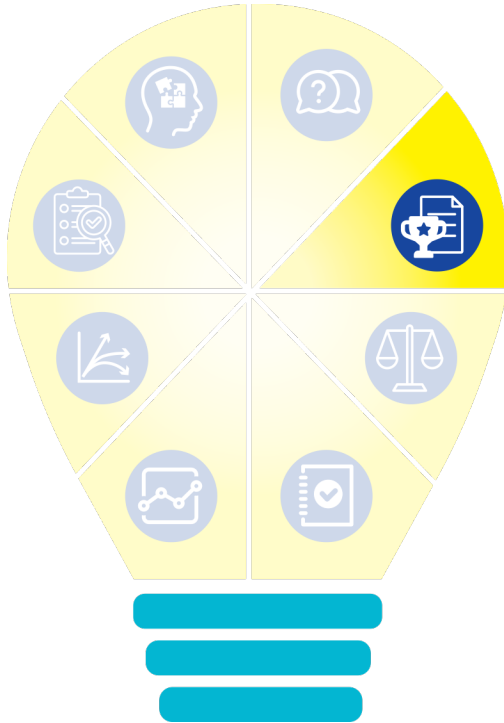
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Qualitative insights

- Drug use among prisoners
- Women's lived experience of substance use

How evidence is used in decision-making



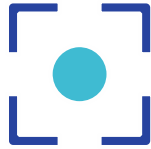
Evidence synthesis

- Interventions on gang violence
- Involvement of service users in service planning and delivery

Evidence ecosystem: Ireland's strengths



**Excellent
information
systems**



**Focus on
evidence for
policy & practice**



**HRB National
Drugs Library**



**Funding
opportunities**



**Policy
priority**



**Committed
research
communities**



**Skilled knowledge
translation experts**

Areas for growth: Data analytics



**Secondary
data analysis**

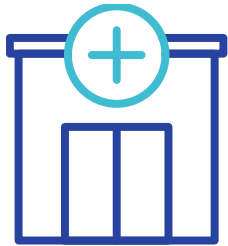


**Data linkage –
unique personal
identifier**



**Training in
data skills for
researchers**

Areas for growth: Evaluation



**Treatment
interventions**

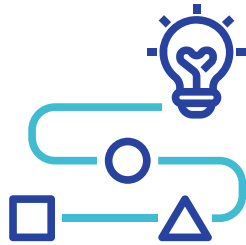


**Prevention
programmes**



**Policy
evaluation**

Areas for growth: Preparedness



**Strategic
foresight**



**Threat
assessment**

Conclusions

Substance Policy Research Centre



Collaboration across HEIs,
Government departments
and services



Early career skills
development



Research across
different disciplines



Modelling and testing
new ideas



Education environment
for policy makers



Connected to
international research