

YJB Research and Effective Practice:

Developing our evidence in partnership

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Origins in YJB Statutory Functions...

Under Crime and Disorder Act, statutory functions include:

- **To identify, make known and promote good practice.**
- **To commission research and publish information in connection with good practice.**

YJB Corporate Plan commitment to...

- Continue to strengthen our links with the academic sector.
- Establish and maintain links and partnerships with those in wider effective practice and research communities.

Our current academic collaborations

- Effective Practice Classification Panel
- AssetPlus working group
- Externally commissioned research and steering groups
- Project-specific steering groups and boards
- Research Seminar series

What the research says... (1)

Nutley, S. et al (2002)

Four requirements for increasing the use of evidence in practice:

- agreement on **what counts as evidence** in what circumstances
- a **strategic approach to the creation of evidence** in priority areas, with systematic efforts to accumulate robust bodies of knowledge
- **effective dissemination of evidence** to where it is most needed, and the development of effective means of providing wide access to knowledge
- initiatives to ensure the **integration of evidence into policy** and encourage the utilisation of evidence in practice

What the research says... (2)

Oliver, K. et al (2014)

Main facilitators

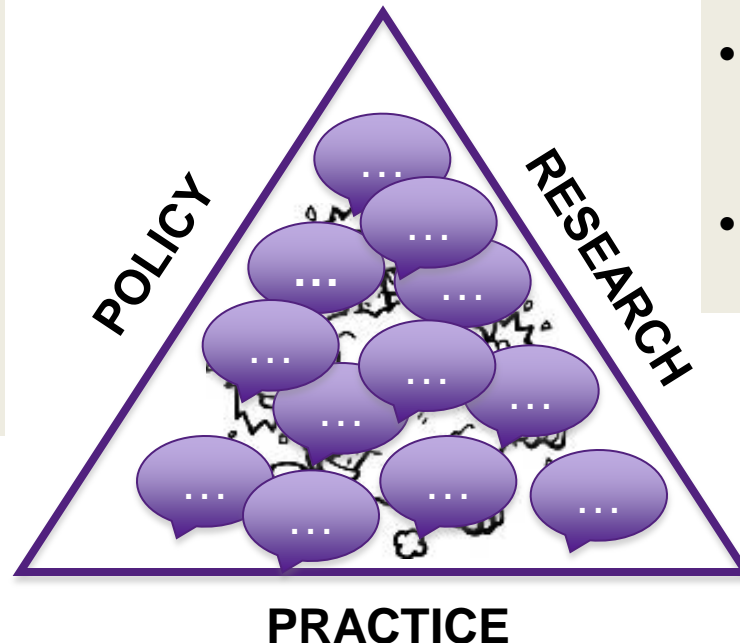
- Available, clear and relevant research evidence
- Relationships, collaboration & contact between researchers and policymakers
- Timing, practical managerial support

Main barriers

- Lack of clear or relevant research evidence, costs
- Lack of timeliness or opportunity
- Lack of policymaker research skills or awareness

Promoting interaction...

- How do we support better collaboration?
- How can we create opportunities for local partnerships (nationally and internationally)?
- How can we respond quickly to the sector's needs?



- How can evidence be made more useful?
- How can evidence be presented in more practitioner-friendly ways?
- What new research methods can be used?

- What are the sector's research priorities?
- How should evidence be presented/disseminated?
- Local vs. national interaction

The YJB's role...

- National coordination and guidance
- Sharing lessons and advice among partnerships
- Promoting the work of the partnerships
- Identifying national and international opportunities
- Not prescribing!

Future vision for YJB Research and Effective Practice...

- New approach to research and effective practice, including:
 - Revised standards of evidence
 - An improved Effective Practice Library
 - Proactive work to interpret YJ evidence base
 - Products to enable sector to translate and apply the evidence base
 - Closer alignment with workforce development activity.
- Informed by other models of working (e.g. Cabinet Office What Works agenda).
- Build upon collaborations with the YJ sector, effective practice organisations and academics.

Where you can find information

Effective Practice Library

<http://www.justice.gov.uk/youth-justice/effective-practice-library>

YJB Research

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20140715125548/http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/research-and-analysis/yjb>

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