

Reflections on impact from REF UoA 22 and UoA 23

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General Reflections

- Multi-disciplinary nature of the panel
- Substantial quantity of gerontological work
- Quality of outputs in terms of originality, rigour and significance was high
- Higher grades for impact than other panels-considerable impact in terms of reach and significance

Impact

- Importance of a coherent and concise strategy for impact (clear sense of direction)
- A clear narrative and clearly presented evidence is crucial (an evidence and impact trail)
- Need to pay attention to criteria (reach and significance; real change)
- Impact is not just dissemination, capacity building or esteem

Impact

- Assertions need to be supported (avoid overstated claims)
- Importance of impact assessors and academics understanding each other's worlds
- Importance of improving on REF 2014 impact cases - long term and short term impact
- Impact is complex and messy!