

Pathways to Impact Example - Low Grade

(Comments added to understand the reasoning behind the low grade)

1. Proposal Title

Something to do with monitoring a river for pathogens released from farm waste and effects on down stream river ecology

2. Who and How?

No immediate users identified, however certain results from the ecology workpackage may be of interest to JNCC.

General public are usually interested in this type of research. Results will be communicated to the public during "Science Week" at the university.

Comment: low grade because of the lack of engagement with user needs. Few users identified when this is an area where there will be great user interest and need. Good idea to use "Science Week" as a forum, but how does the PI know what the public want to find out?

3 What?

JNCC will get some free information about what species can be found in certain areas. This will be sent to them at the end of the grant after draft papers have been written up. This might tell them about the condition of designated areas.

Comment: little or no evidence of real engagement here, no genuine knowledge exchange, just JNCC being told what has been found. As set out here there is little chance the results will find a use in JNCC in the foreseeable future.

Attendance at conferences, publishing in journals and data management (costs included on JeS form not here)

PDRA to be sent on training course at NERC on communicating science to the public and, if JNCC can supply this, on an external training day shadowing a policy maker in head office.

Comment: an excellent idea that would be better if there was some certainty to this, for example JNCC being consulted in advance about the availability of the shadowing opportunity.

A website detailing the more accessible field sites will be set up for access by anyone with interest - some local landowners are keen to use this type of approach to advertise farm open days and it might help recruit some extra help with the project work.

Comment: other groups are now being identified here that may want real engagement. Why weren't they identified earlier and so that real engagement could take place?

4. Milestones and measures of success

Website established; science week event organised; results posted to JNCC.

5. Summary of Resources

Training course to provide some communications training for the PDRA = £200

Web page design costs to communicate with landowners and farmers = £2000