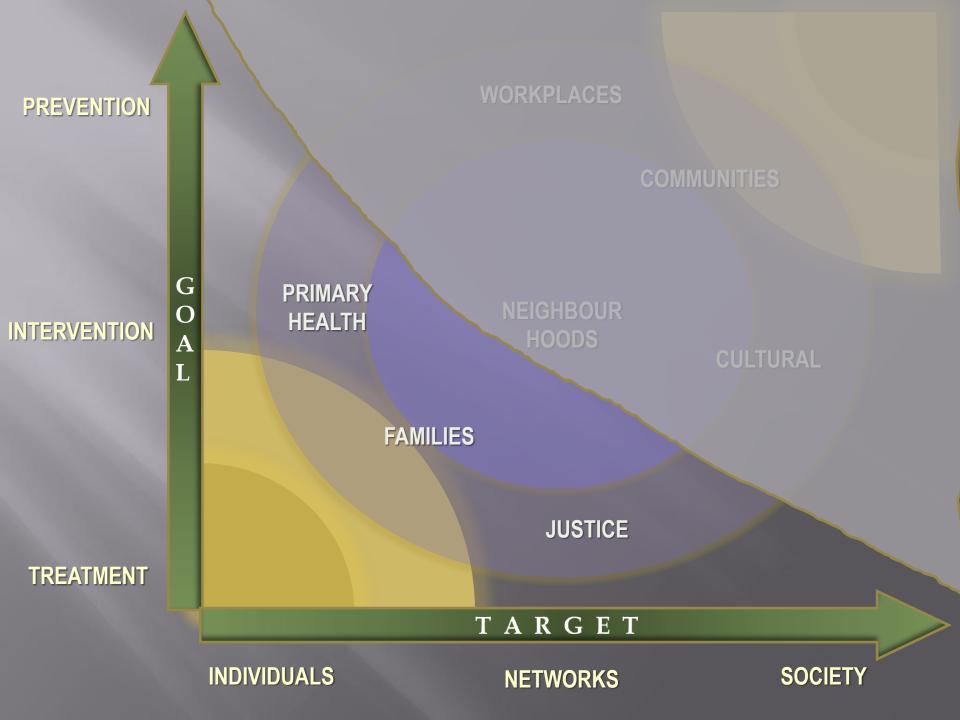
## WORKING WELL TOGETHER

RESEARCH & PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT IN AOD SERVICES IN NZ

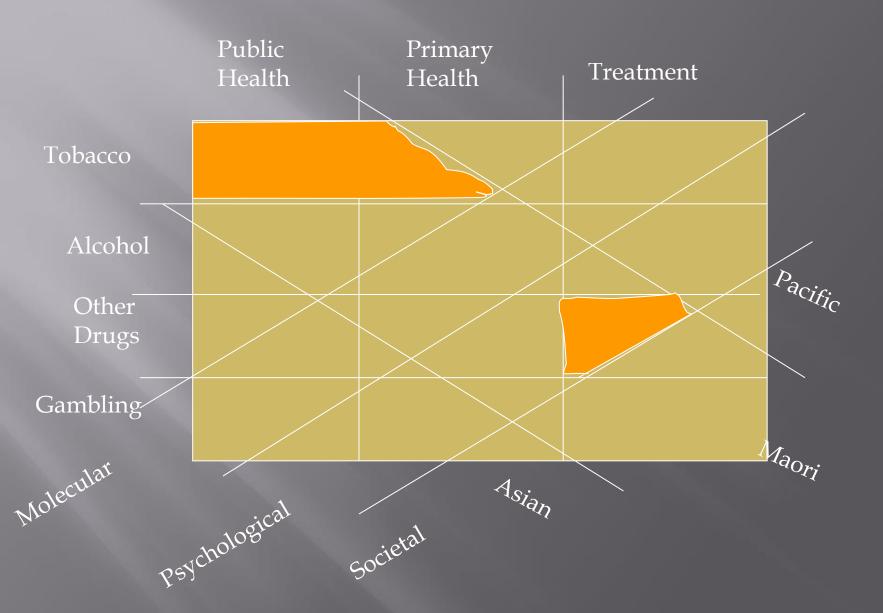
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### Why AOD Service Research?



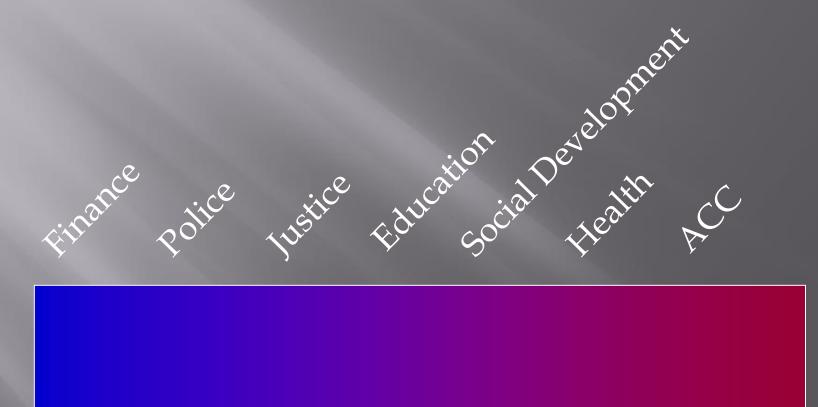
- Evidence for what works
- New ideas
- Transfer other ideas
- Improving quality
- Reflective stance



### Disciplinary Diversity

Molecular Medicine
Pharmal Medicine
Redicine
Red

### Ministerial Diversity



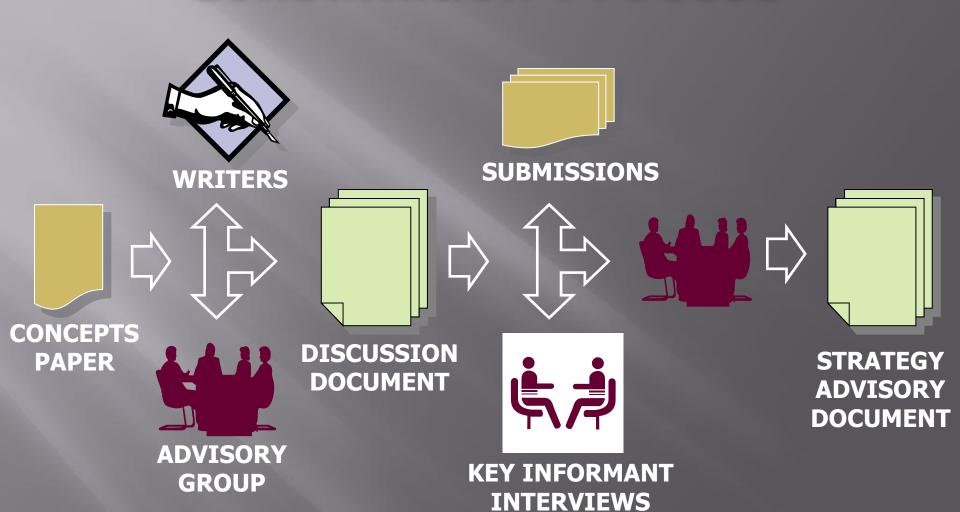
### Between Two Stools







### Consultation Process



### Ongoing Problems



- Minimal funding
- \* Workforce small & transient
- Little overall coordination
- Few continuous research programmes

### Main Issues

### COORDINATION

FUNDING MECHANISMS

RESEARCH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

COMMUNICATION/ DISSEMINATION

## HOW TO GET AOD SERVICE RESEARCH GOING?

BUSINESS OF RESEARCH (BOR) BUSINESS
OF
SERVICE
(BOS)

AOD Service Research BUSINESS OF RESEARCH (BOR)

BUSINESS OF SERVICE (BOS)

**RESEARCH ACTIVITY** 

**OUTPUTS** 

**PRACTICE ACTIVITY** 

RESEARCH QUALIFIED

STAFF

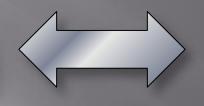
**PRACTICE TRAINED** 

RESEARCH ENABLING

**FACILITIES** 

PRACTICE ENABLING

BUSINESS OF RESEARCH (BOR)



BUSINESS OF SERVICE (BOS)

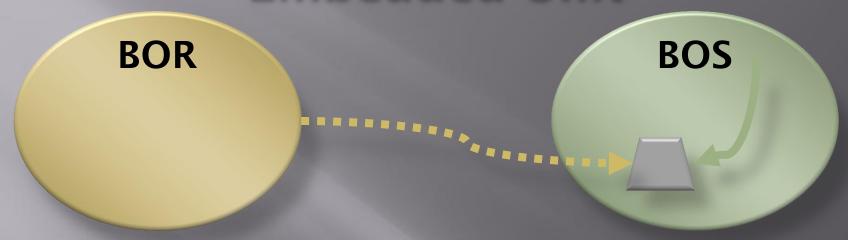
A Sidelong Glance

**A Flirtation** 

**An Affair** 

A Marriage

#### **Embedded Unit**



### Strengths:

- Easier to set up
- > Focus on specific needs
- Research/practitioner students

- Business clashes
- Data ≠ Research
- Marginalisation & ownership problems

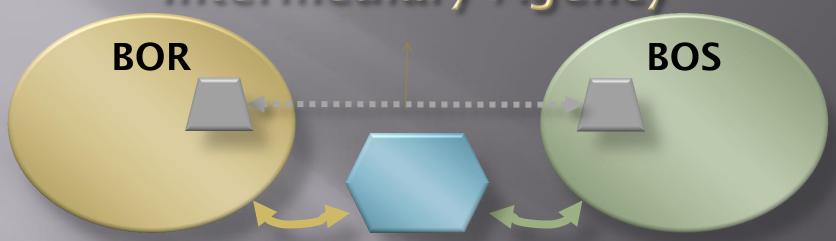
# BOR BOS

### Strengths:

- Good buy-in
- > Practitioner input
- Staff secondment

- Keeping the goodwill going
- Getting governance right
- Making it real

### Intermediary Agency



### Strengths:

- Embedded funding
- Links to government
- Responsive to issues

- Business of communication & relationships
- Lack consistency
- Gravitate to contract research

### Long-term Partnership



BOS

### Strengths:

- Joint appointments?
- > Consortiums?
- > Tackle important questions

- Big commitment (both ways)
- Keeping a long-term focus
- Attracting & retaining quality researchers

### ALL AGREE AOD SERVICE RESEARCH IS DESIRABLE!

But enabling it to happen is another question...

### Future: With Investment



- Engaging research funding agencies
- Look at joint ventures& partnerships
- Cross-consumption collaborations?
- \* An AOD Service Research Strategy?

### Future: Business as Usual



- Practitioners doingMasters & PhD
- Practitioners & researchers sharing ideas
- Project-by-project collaborations
- Centre for AddictionResearch (CFAR)