



What Works Trial Advice Panel (TAP)

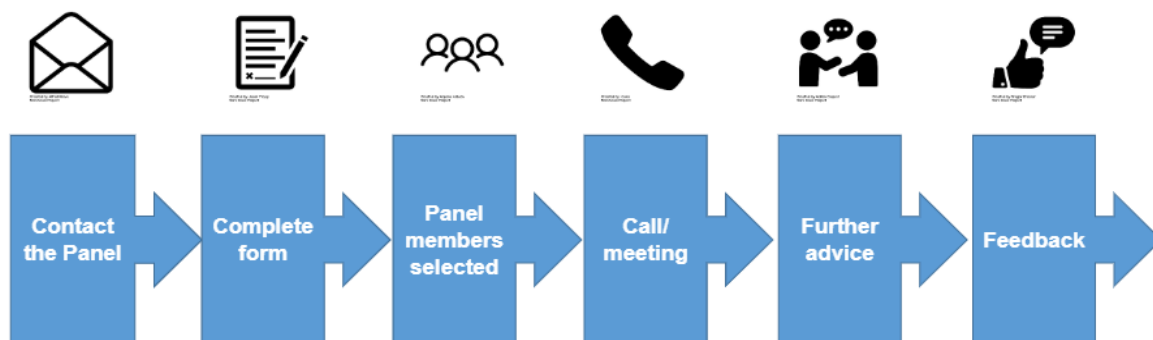


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The [What Works Trial Advice Panel \(TAP\)](#) was launched in 2015 to improve the quality and quantity of trialing across central government. Comprising around 50 experts from academia and the Civil Service, TAP provides pro-bono advice to policy teams and analysts who are thinking about conducting an impact evaluation.

Over the last 4 years, the panel has advised on 72 projects across 24 departments and public bodies, spanning a range of policy areas including energy, adult social care, housing, and family services. TAP has helped its clients in a number of ways, from power calculations to peer reviews. Panel members have expertise in a range of impact evaluation methods (both experimental and quasi experimental) and a broad range of policy areas.

How do I get advice from the Panel?



If you're looking to conduct an impact evaluation and need advice, you can get in touch via the government panel member within your Department (see List of Panel members) or the TAP mailbox (trialadvicepanel@cabinetoffice.gov.uk).

A Government member of the Panel will arrange to have a chat with you and conduct an initial assessment of your project to check if it's suitable. You will be asked to complete a form providing information on your project and the specific questions you have for the Panel.

You will then be matched with experts with the relevant methods/policy area expertise and a call/meeting will be arranged. If you require further calls/meetings, the government panel member will arrange as necessary.

Once you no longer require advice from the Panel, you will be asked to complete a feedback form. This is important to ensure we are continuously improving our service.