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## The importance of navigating PPI activities with partner organisations and participants on their drug use recovery journey: more is not always better

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# Introduction



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- In 2023, funded by Research Data Scotland (RDS) to explore the views of using administrative data for research among people who used substances.
- We worked on this project in partnership with Restoration Fife, a drug and alcohol recovery community in Fife.
- Louise Marryat, Hazel Booth, Sarah Gray, Andrea Mohan, Senga Robertson-Albertyn, Sreekanth Thekkumkar, Jade Whyte, Nicola Smith and Nicola Turner.

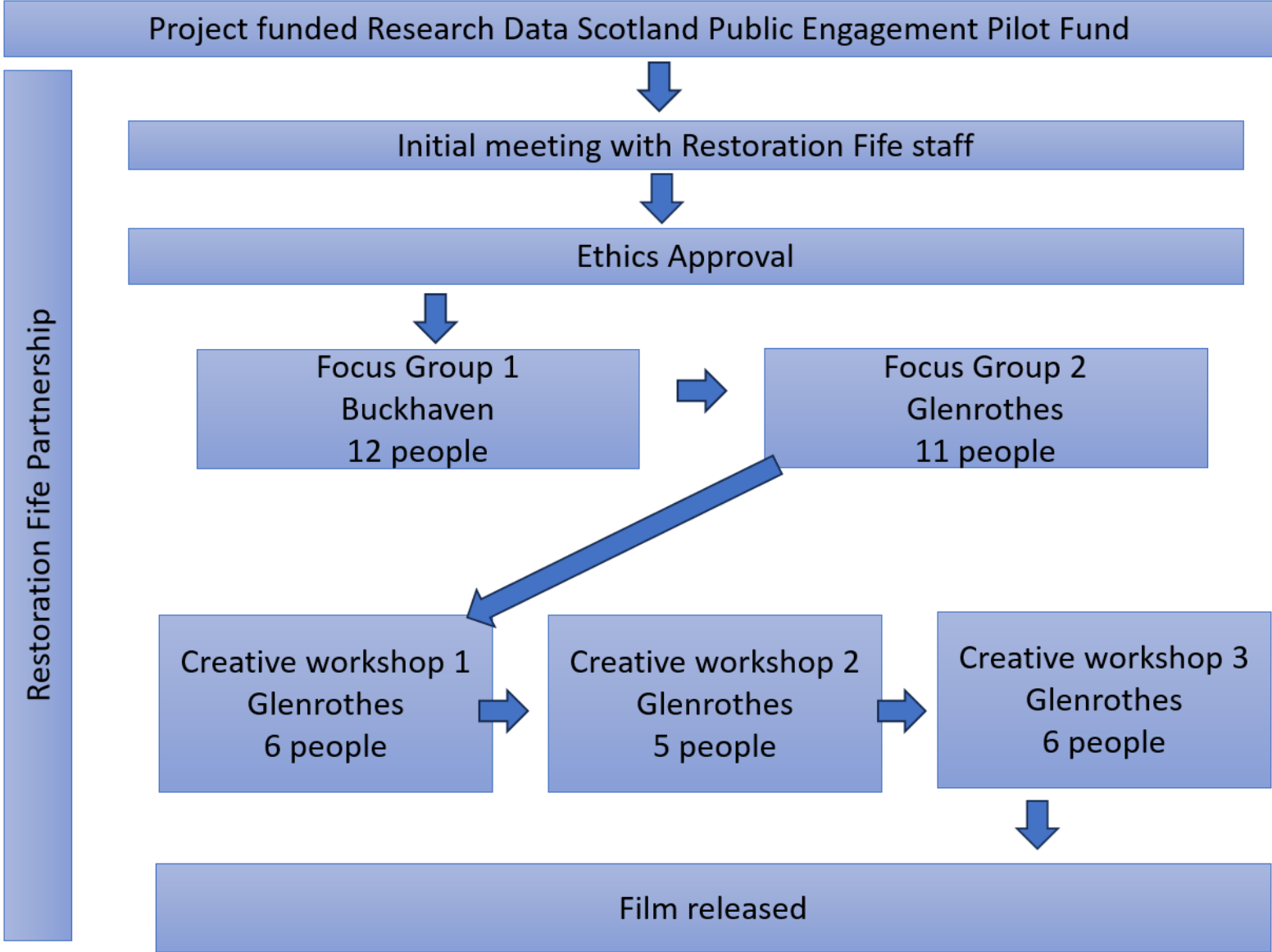
# Aims



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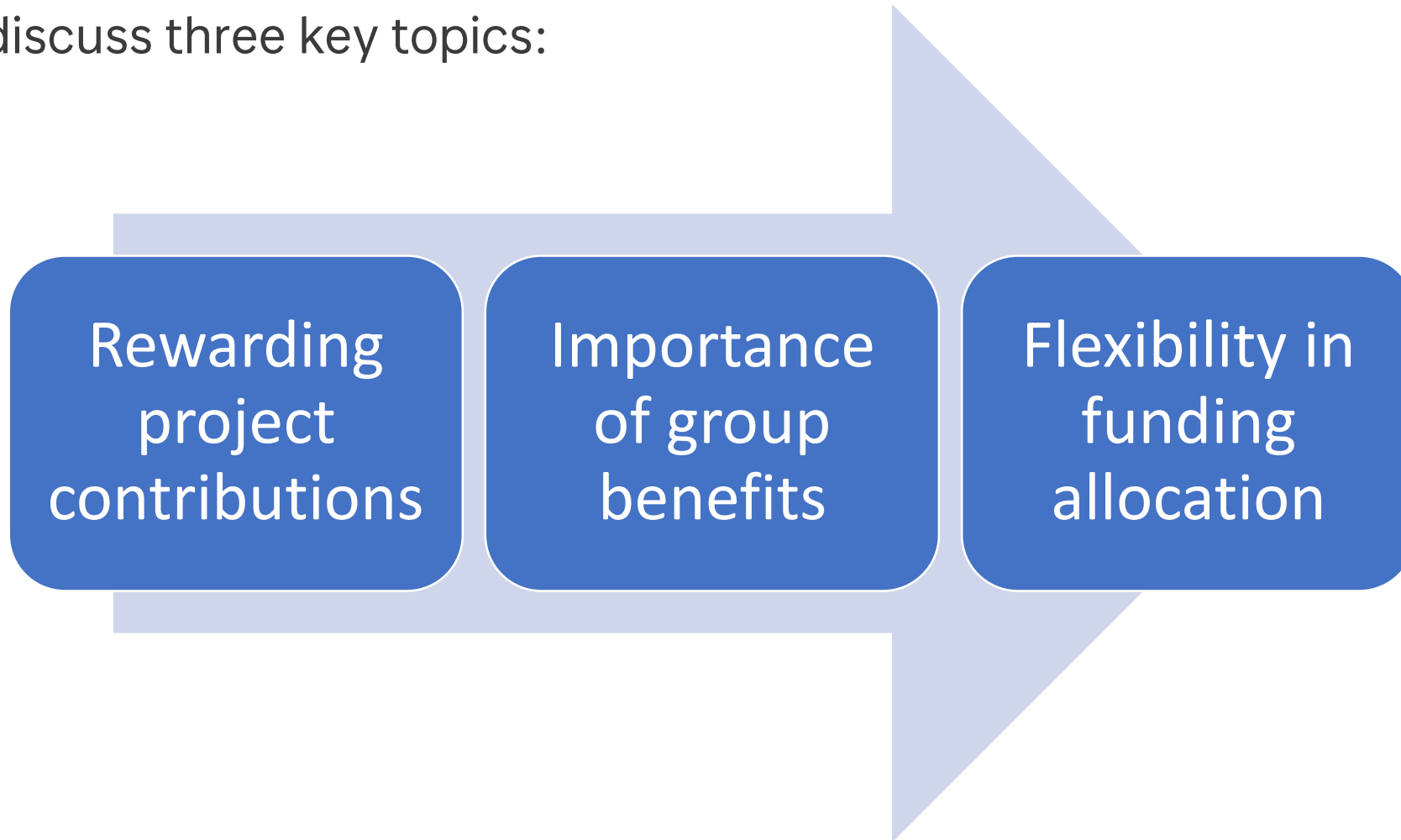
- To discuss challenges and highlight recommendations for implementing financial rewards in PPI activities.

# Pathways



## Results

- We will discuss three key topics:



## Results: Rewarding project contributions

- We followed NIHR guidance (payment rates).
- £50 and £75.
- Challenges navigating university and external systems - useful format.
- Concerns about type and level of incentive.
- To address concerns, we gave each participant a £25 multi-shop voucher.
- Vouchers were also provided to those who read and commented on the easy-read report.
- What participants can access, prefer, and need?





## Results: Importance of group benefits

- We purchased pizza for the group.
- Participants' choice.
- Participants felt valued for it.
- Build relationships



## Results: Flexibility in funding allocation

- RDS were highly supportive of the research team redistributing resources and allocating the remaining funds to the partner institution.
- Funding for activities that benefit the entire group.
- Contribution of time, personnel, expertise, and consultation throughout the project's development, even before it was funded!





## Final remarks

- Reflection around formal guidance on participation pay rates.
- Valuing people X participant safety.
- Combination of individual and institutional benefits.
- **Choice** - catering and vouchers.
- Barriers for payment - signature!
- Flexible funding schemes.
- Formal compensation and recognition to establish long-term partnerships with stakeholders.

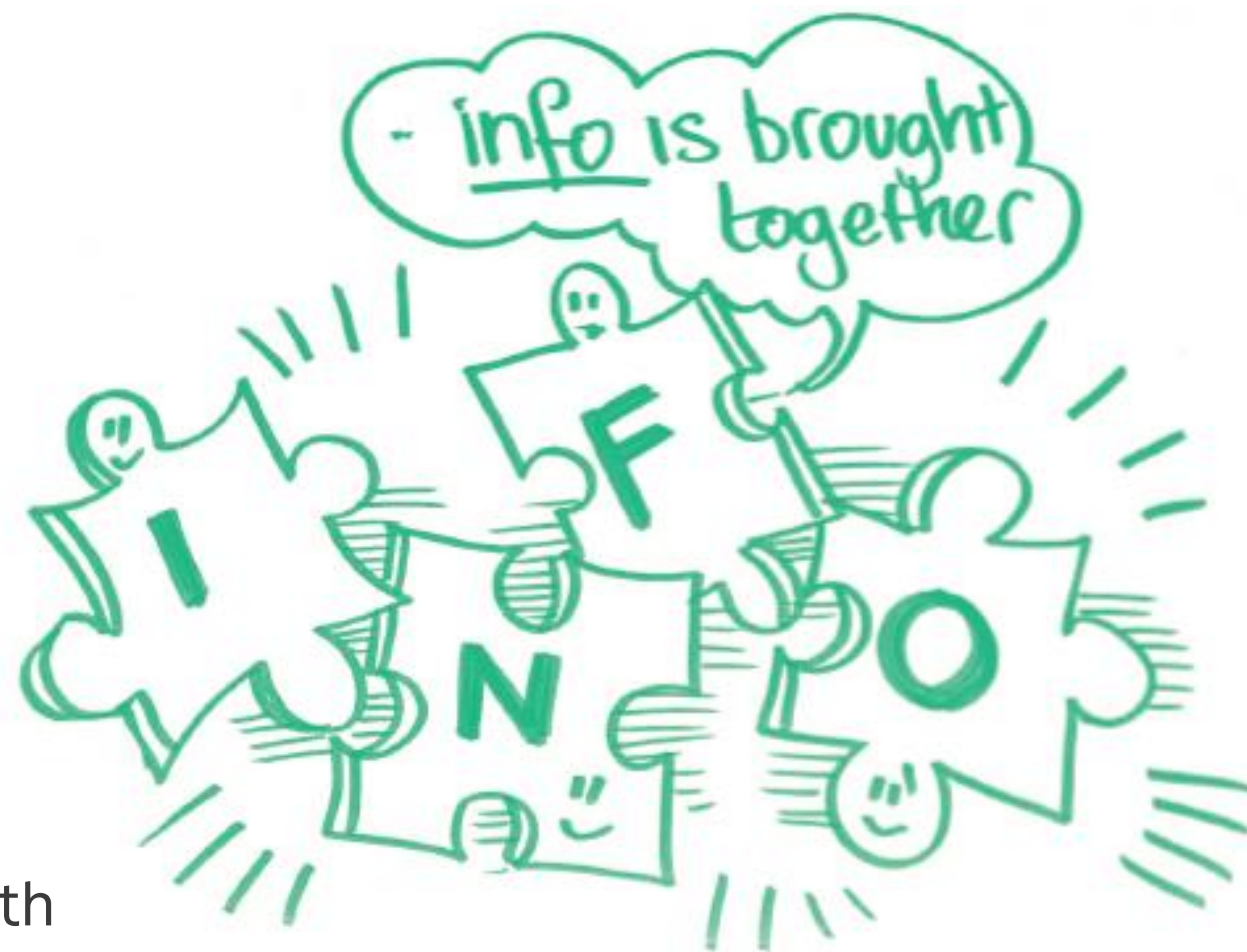
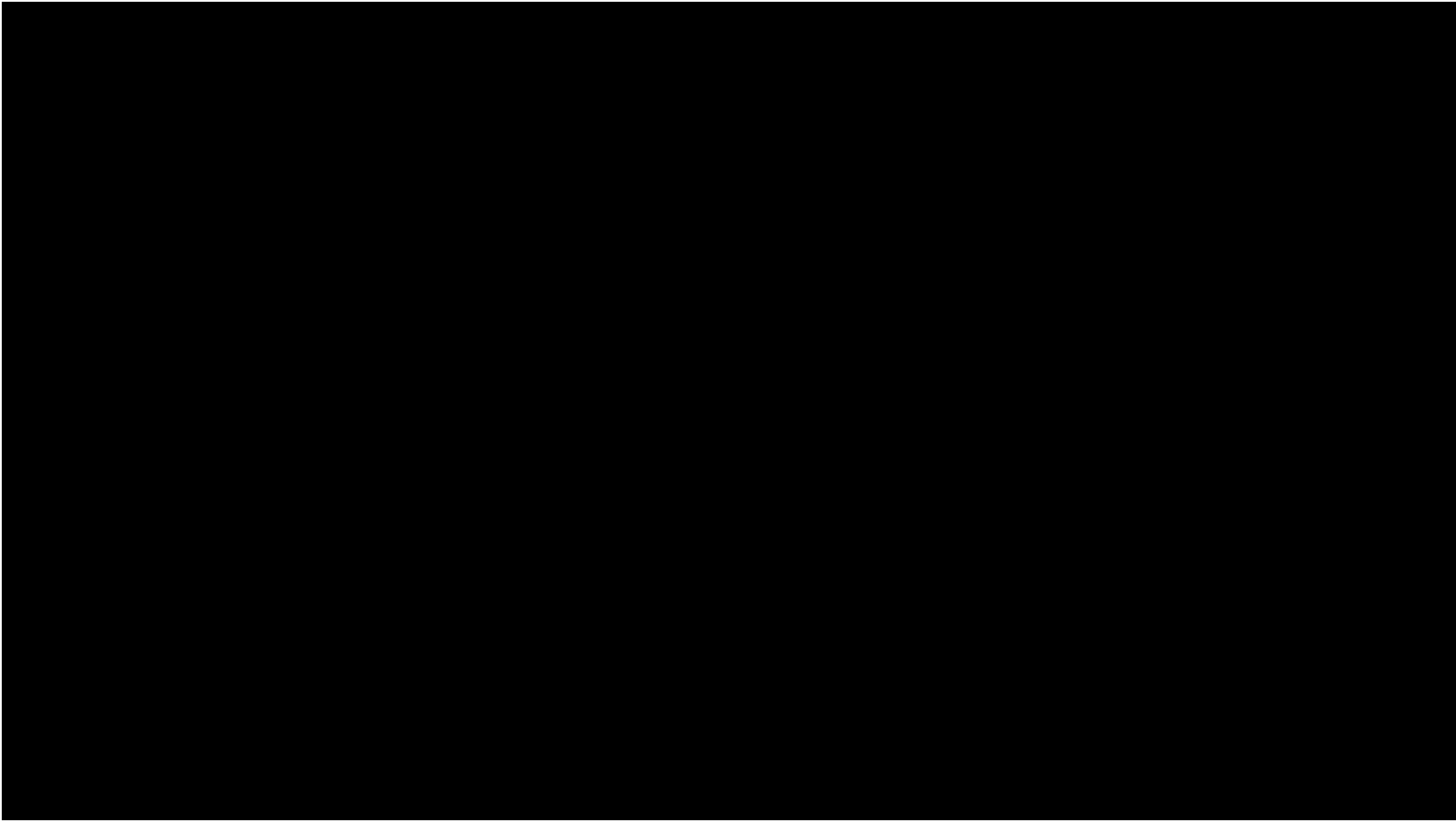


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# My data: an animated film, co-produced with people who use drugs



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Thank you!

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