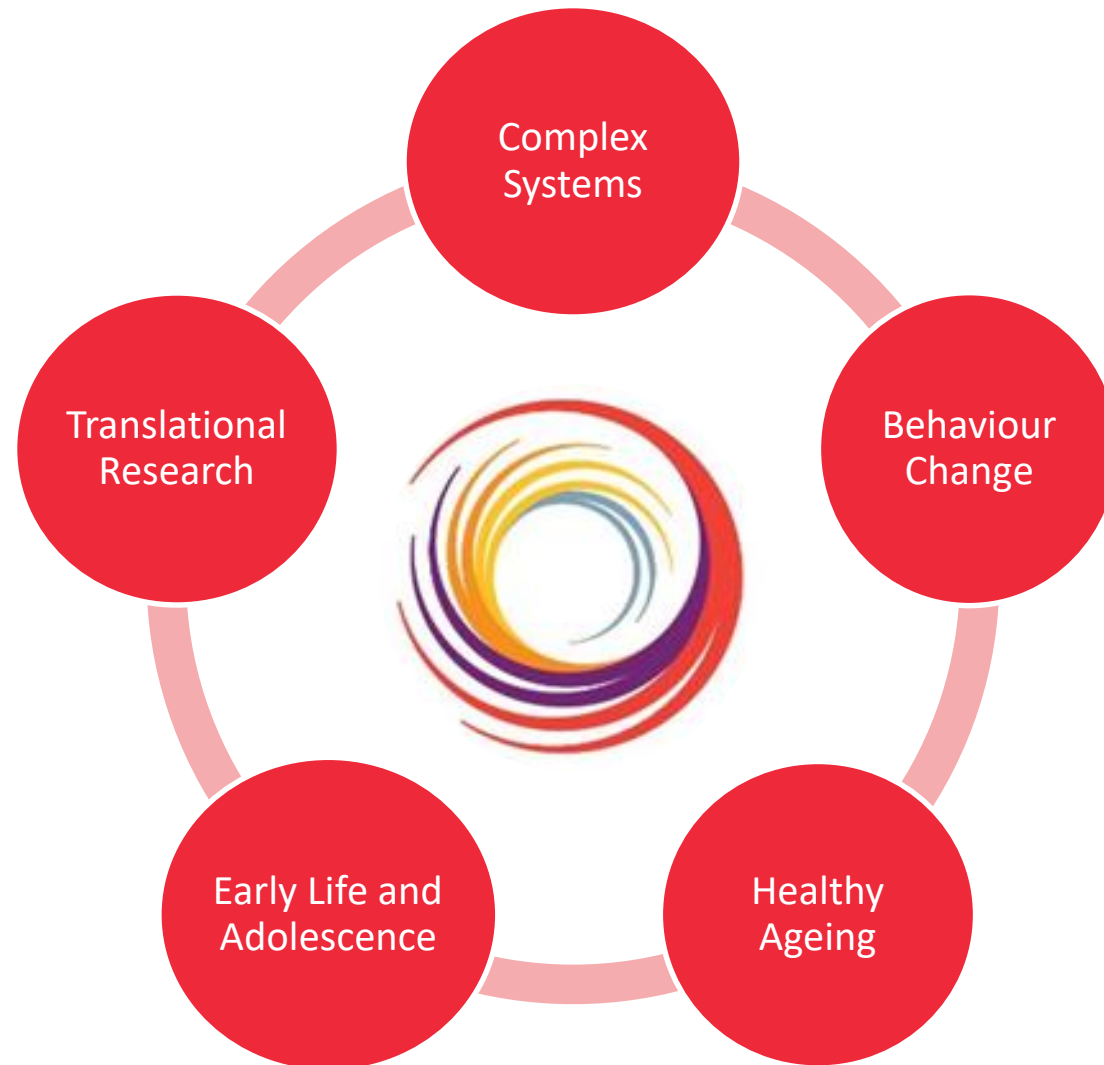


What is Fuse?

- Centre of Excellence in Public Health Research
- A virtual centre, operating across the 5 NE universities
- USP - Translational Research in Public Health
- Working in partnership with policy makers and practitioners, enabling research findings to be understood and applied to public health issues
- Founding member of the NIHR School for Public Health Research



Fuse Research Programmes



What has Fuse achieved? (1st June 2013 – 16th March 2023)

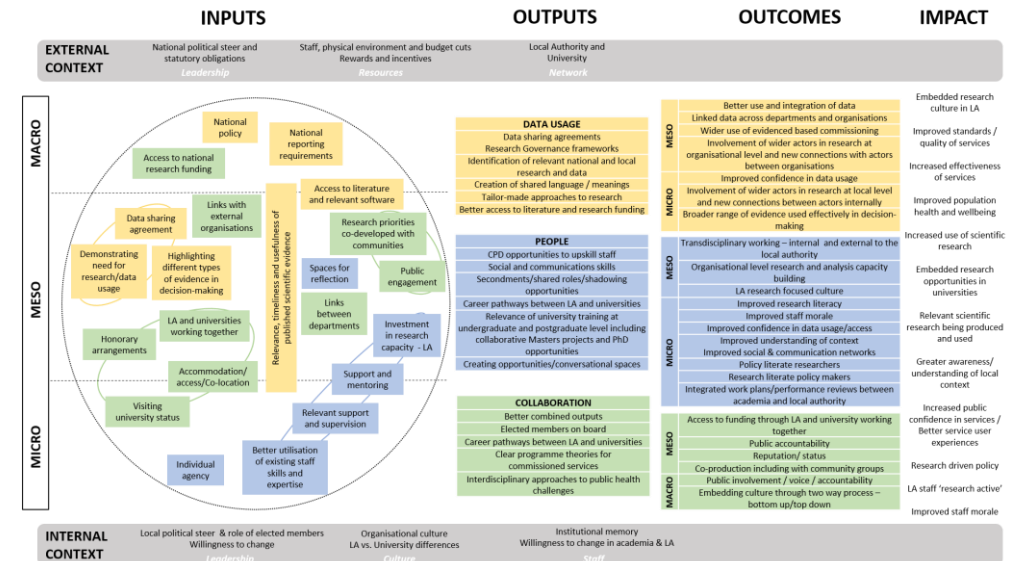
- **474 Research grants** have been awarded to Fuse Senior Investigators and staff generating an income of over £200m
- **1,399 publications** have been reported by Fuse Senior Investigators/Fuse Researchers
- **518 engagement events** have been organised
- **110 collaborations** and partnerships reported
- Fuse **Associate Members** (academic and practice) currently at **472** and **network membership at 1,755**



NIHR Local Authority Research Systems (LARS) projects - 2020

1. Southampton City Council
2. **Newcastle City Council**
3. Bradford Metropolitan District Council
4. Wakefield Metropolitan Borough Council
5. Kent County Council and Medway Council
6. Doncaster Council
7. South Gloucestershire Council
8. **Middlesbrough Council and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council**

9. Blackpool Council
10. Birmingham City Council
11. Norfolk County Council
12. Plymouth City Council
13. **South Tyneside Council**
14. Cardiff Council



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Online Fuse event, 1 November
2021: co-hosted with NIHR ARC,
CRN and RDS NENC

[Developing Local Authority
Research Systems in the North East
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working across research
infrastructures](#)

Recommendations:

- Utilise existing infrastructures and networks
- Developing and maintaining relationships
- Capacity building/ research skills of LA staff and KE skills of academics
- Work across departments, including social care
- Pragmatism: what can we do to work around system barriers?