

# Regional Clean Air Champion for Wales

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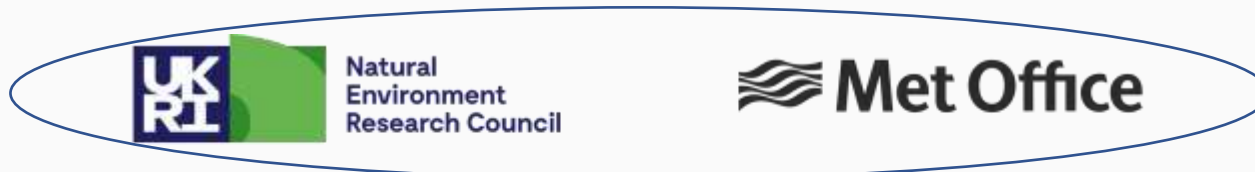
- Overview of SPF Clean Air Programme (CAP)
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# The UKRI SPF Clean Air Programme

- The Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) is an £830 million across 34 themes being led by UKRI
- The Clean Air Programme (CAP) is a £42.5m research and innovation investment supported through the UK Research and Innovation Strategic Priorities Fund (SPF) and is delivered across two waves of SPF funding.

- CAP is jointly delivered by:



Innovate UK



Economic and Social Research Council



National Physical Laboratory



Medical Research Council



Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council



Science and Technology Facilities Council



Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs



Department of Health & Social Care



Department for Transport



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# SPF Clean Air Funding – Two Waves

## Wave 1 - Clean Air: Analysis & Solutions

Developing solutions to air pollution to help policymakers and businesses protect health and work towards a cleaner economy. (£20.5m)



## Wave 2 - Clean Air: Addressing the Challenge of the Indoor/Outdoor Continuum

The programme aims to equip the UK to proactively tackle new air quality challenges related to changing emissions and exposure patterns, in order to protect human health and support clean growth. (£22m)



# Wave 1 – Clean Air: Analysis & Solutions

- Develop **solutions** to air pollution to help policymakers and businesses protect health and work towards a **cleaner economy**
- Drive forward new **multidisciplinary** research and innovation
- Leverage existing UK investments and enable a **challenge-focussed** multidisciplinary **community** to work together for the first time
- inform implementation of the **Clean Air Strategy and related strategies**
- develop **new solutions to reduce emissions and exposures** and **protect public health**, whilst avoiding perverse consequences
- **Clean Air Champions** to maximise links across the programme, knowledge exchange, business convening, and links into international efforts, and start to refine the priorities for future investment.

# Wave 1 Funded Projects

ANTICIPATE

QUANT

DREaM

APEX

OSCA

National  
Physics  
Laboratory

DIMEX-UK

MAQS-  
Health

DUKEMS

Food Transport  
Refrigeration with  
Engine Exhaust and  
Metal Hydride  
Reactors

Clean Air  
Framework

Lower troposphere  
and boundary  
layer  
measurements

UK air quality  
reanalysis

Kilometre scale air  
quality model for  
the UK

Auto-Align

CAGE

Cool Run

Food Transport  
Refrigeration with Engine  
Exhaust and Metal  
Hydride Reactors

NERC

Met Office

InnovateUK

# Wave 2 – Clean Air: Addressing the Challenge of the Indoor/Outdoor Continuum

Wave 2 aims to equip the UK to proactively tackle new air quality challenges related to changing emissions and exposure patterns, in order to protect human health and support clean growth.

- Build a **new UK interdisciplinary community** at the interface of indoor/outdoor air quality emissions, exposure and health impacts.
- Deliver new knowledge that:
  - provides **critical foresight on emerging air pollution challenges** and associated health risks; and
  - enables us to better understand and quantify **human behavioural change and practices** and how to influence through communication and technology interventions in order to limit exposure routes and mitigate health risks at vulnerable stages of the life course.
- Provide **consistent, evidence-based advice** for stakeholders through **open data** and **tools** in order to stimulate **policy** and **regulatory innovation**.
- Stimulate **business-led innovation for sustainable products** and services to protect health at the indoor/outdoor interface and grow UK businesses

# Wave 2 Funded Projects

## Consortia

A new pollutant hazard platform

Air Quality and Urban Homes

Air Pollutants and Child Asthma

NERC

## Networks

BioAirNet

TRANSITION  
Clean Air  
Network

HEICCAM)

TAPAS

Breathing  
City

CleanAir4V

Metrology  
Network



# Clean Air Champions

# Regional Champions

Professor Sir  
Stephen Holgate



Dr Jenny  
Baverstock



Dr Gary Fuller



Neil Rowland

Heather Price

Paul Lewis

Suzanne Bartington



# Clean Air Champions

## Clean Air Champions provide a solution-focused approach to air pollution research and its uptake

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### Strategy

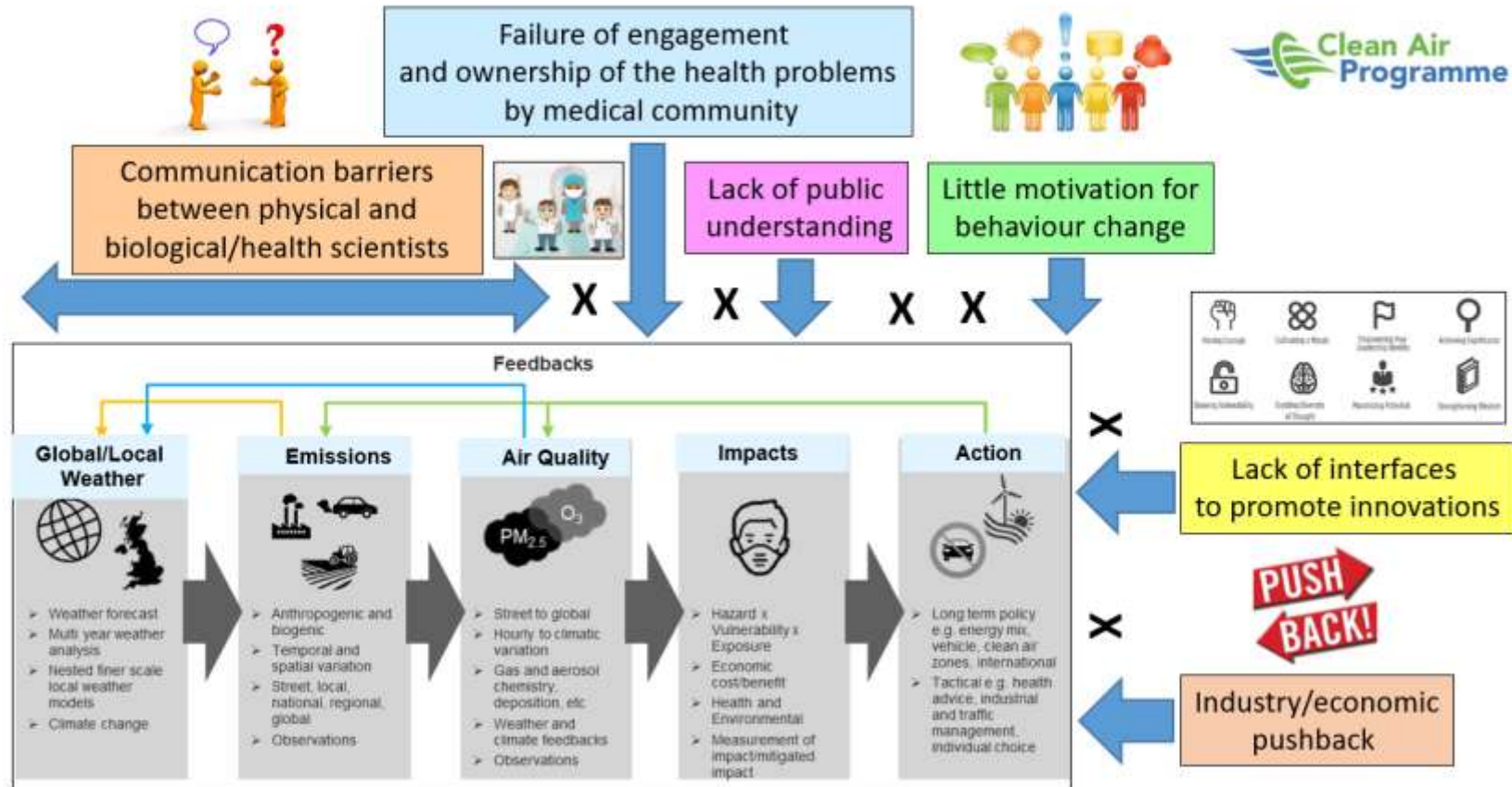
- **Map** competences and **dimensions** of currently funded air pollution projects - overlay these to identify effective activities or gaps to target.
- **Unify** key researchers and **stakeholders** around visionary missions using horizon. scanning, workshops, sandpit sessions to scenario simulations.
- **Uncover** and **challenge** barriers/obstacles and **produce** interdisciplinary solutions.
- **Create** an “opportunities **ideas portfolio**” leading to innovations to test.
- Translate ideas into **practical interventions** targeted at the right people.
- Develop a **professional** and **public communications** strategy using the best available evidence and exemplars.

# Regional Clean Air Champions

- **Engage** with the **SPF Clean Air-funded researchers** in their area to explore ways of promoting **knowledge exchange** between the programme and relevant research **end-users**, engaging **local business, industry, health professionals, Local Authorities** and the **public**.
- **Gather intelligence** on new **local research, policy or industry developments** and trends, which could help enhance or synergise with existing Programme activity.
- Help **catalyse wider communication** activities in their locality (e.g. Clean Air Day)
- **Identify challenges** and **barriers** to research and innovation in their local area and communicate these to the Programme.
- Come up with **new ideas** to **enhance** the effectiveness of the Programme.

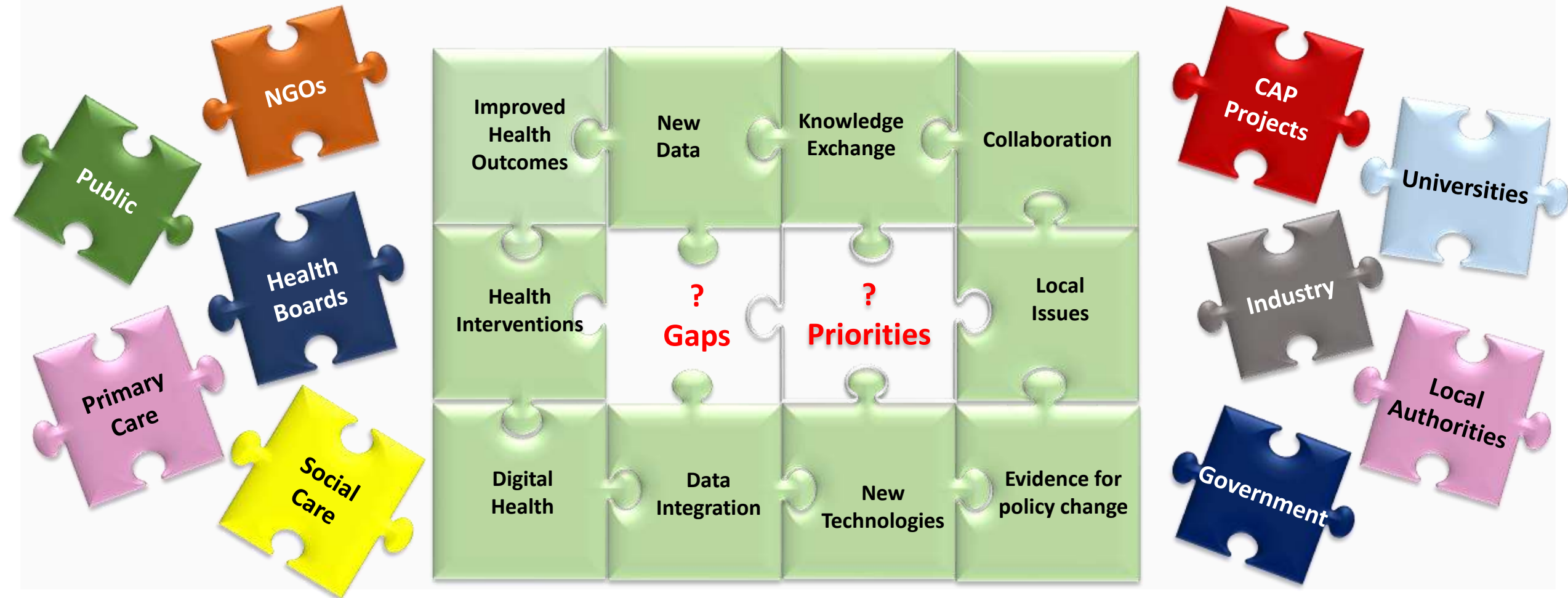
# Key barriers and hurdles to overcome

## Air quality dependencies and basis for Clean Air systems analysis framework



Capability/Linkages limited, fragmented and not aligned: Street ↔ Global a particular challenge

# Stakeholders, Challenges, Gaps and Collaboration in Wales



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