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## **Position statement – usage and reporting of evaluation research findings**

As an evidence-based organisation, MOPAC is committed to using evaluation research in a timely manner to help inform learning and providing commissioners with the necessary insight on how an intervention is performing and whether it is delivering what it set out to do. MOPAC's intention is to publish all evaluation reports (final and interim) on our external website.

MOPAC often produces interim evaluation reports, focused on examining the development, set-up and early implementation of its programmes and interventions, and where feasible, assessing the effectiveness of what's being delivered. This approach ensures that learning is continuous as opposed to only being delivered upon completion of a given programme or policy. Having to wait until the end of a policy before sharing learning would be counterproductive and unhelpful. This approach is broadly known as 'action research'.

Such interim research can prove vital in supporting MOPAC's decision-making processes, by offering insight into whether to continue with the current direction of delivery, if and where to make adjustments, revise goals, or add/re-allocate project resources. However, the provisional nature of interim reports – in particular, the often-tentative assessments of effectiveness or impact that are reportable early-on or midway through the life cycle of projects – means that findings need to be caveated (sometimes heavily so).

Nonetheless, it is wholly appropriate to draw from interim reports to advance learning. This is to be 'evidence based'. In the spirit of transparency, MOPAC intends to publish such interim findings.

To manage some of the risks that specifically accompany interim reports, we will ensure that:

- The report itself is clearly referenced as 'A MOPAC ***interim report*** on [TOPIC]'
- Any discussion of interim findings will ensure that the appropriate health warnings/caveats are clearly stipulated (e.g., these are interim findings and may be subject to change).