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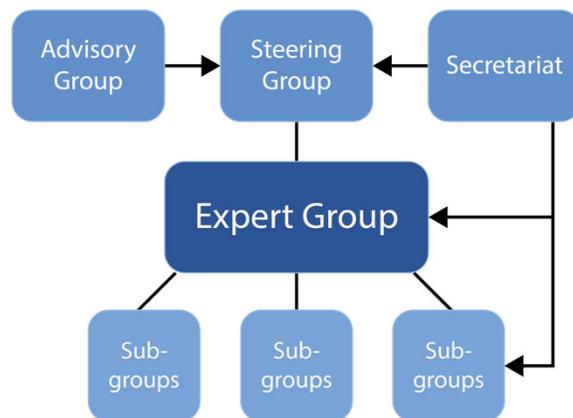


# Aims & Objectives



- Unlike many European countries, UK lacks a Ministry of Labour/Employment. Responsibility split across three government departments. Even so, many gaps in responsibility.
- Initial UK response to Covid was piecemeal, ad hoc and fragmented; though included individualised, mono-disciplinary expert inputs - very different from health crisis response.
- Aim of ReWAGE to provide consensus-driven, high-quality, collective evidence-based advice to policymakers on work and employment.
- Objective to influence government strategic policy development around the recovery of work and employment in context of the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic (and Brexit).

# Operation





## Outputs

- Outputs: evidence papers and policy briefs - what we need, what we know and what we don't know but need to know.
- Provided by sub-groups of experts, which are created and dissolved as need arises and report to UK Government.
- Currently:

Pay & income	Technical skills
Health & work	Adult skills
Flexible working	Careers guidance
Creating good jobs	Labour supply/migration
Labour market data	Social care sector
Levelling Up/regional disparities	Hospitality sector
Regional employment charters	Gig economy



## Lessons

- Demand exists from government for this support; demand stimulated, now includes UK home countries' (Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland) and English regional government.
- Engagement with practitioners through the Advisory Group is strong and expanding.
- What about UK work and employment? Two emergent cross cutting themes from ReWAGE work and consultation:
  - Crisis of participation needs to be addressed
  - Better jobs a key but not the only solution

## About ReWAGE



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