

### Research

The Department of Health defines research as:

*"the attempt to derive generalisable new knowledge by addressing clearly defined questions with systematic and rigorous methods."*

### Development

The development aspect of R & D is all about *using research to inform practice.*

OR

Finding, gathering and interpreting  
**Evidence and knowledge**

**Applying it**  
in a consistent and transparent way  
to improve service delivery

## The Role of Evidence in a Project's Lifespan

