Senior Impact Evaluation Manager (Fixed term position)

Background

MDC is currently in year 4 of our first 5-year grant funding agreement, referred to as GFA 1. To support our GFA1 impact evaluation, we have a Logic Model outlining our theory of change, and a supporting Evaluation Methodology, which we are in the process of updating and implementing.

In parallel to our GFA 1 activities, we now need to update our Logic Model and Evaluation Methodology to support our next five-year grant funding agreement, known as GFA 2.

Role Purpose

In this short-term role, you will be responsible for leading the delivery of MDC's Logic Model and Evaluation Methodology, working with senior stakeholders at the Catapult.

The position will be responsible for delivering two related workstreams:

Workstream 1:

Review our existing evaluation methodology for GFA1 to,

- Ensure it captures our impact and aligns with government guidance (i.e. Magenta Book),
- Identify any areas for improvement and simplification, and
- Advise on the data gathering requirements to support the implementation of our evaluation methodology (such as establishing a counterfactual).

Workstream 2:

- Working in collaboration with senior stakeholders at MDC, deliver MDC's GFA 2 Logic Model aligned to our emerging five-year delivery plan.

- Update our Evaluation Methodology to support GFA 2 Logic Model, specifying any new techniques/approaches and ensuring alignment to government guidance on evaluating impact.

- Identify the metrics/measures and associated data collection requirements required to support the updated evaluation methodology.

- Work with internal and external stakeholders (including the Catapult Impact Steering Committee) to obtain sign-off of our GFA 2 Logic Model and supporting Evaluation Methodology.

Timelines: Based on current planning assumptions, our GFA 2 Logic Model and Evaluation Methodology will need to be completed by the end of October 2021.

Key Deliverables:
- Feedback on MDC's GFA 1 Evaluation Methodology
- Delivery of MDC's GFA 2 Logic Model and Evaluation Methodology
- Presentation of MDC's GFA 2 Logic and Evaluation Methodology to the Catapult Impact Steering Committee

Key skills and experiences required
- Experienced in designing and implementing Logic models and impact evaluation methodologies within a public sector setting,
- Detailed understanding of the theories, concepts and approaches to evaluation,
- Detailed knowledge of government guidance on impact evaluation (i.e. Magenta Book)
- Ability to clearly communicate in writing and verbally with senior stakeholders stakeholders
- A broad understanding of life sciences and, ideally, medicines discovery