



**Commissioner for  
VictimsSurvivors**

WORKING FOR VICTIMS & SURVIVORS

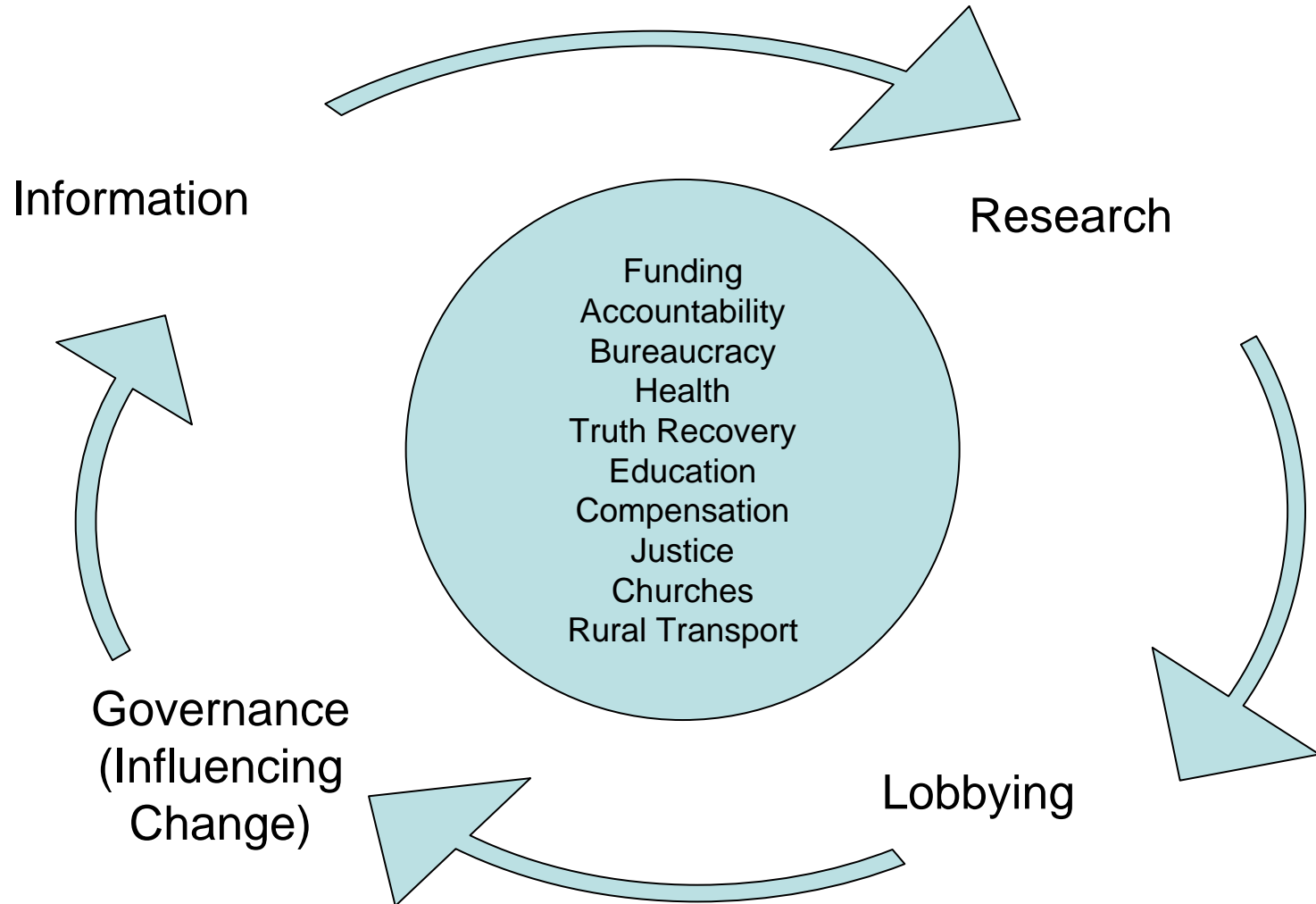
# Remit

Consider the practical issues in establishing a Victims' and Survivors' Forum.

# Background

- Consulted on possible role and purpose of a forum
- Now need to focus on:
  - Who might participate
  - How a forum might operate
- Best option for current circumstances

# Issues Raised During Consultation



## What model can best deliver?

- Four possible models for consideration today based on feedback and guiding principles
- Consider the advantages and disadvantages of each option
- Evaluate each option against identified guiding principles
- Establish views on which option is likely to work/ command the most support

# Guiding Principles

- Independent
- Accountable
- Effective
- Inclusive
- Productive

## Option 1

An independent round table forum of individuals and representatives from victims and survivors groups

- A constituted body representative of victims and survivors - venue, secretariat, structure
- Responsible for:
  - Representing the views of v and s
  - Trying to reach consensus on priorities
  - Bringing identified priorities to CVS for action under the work programme



## Option 2

A round table forum that builds on the experiences and structures already in place

- Interdepartmental Working Group (reconvened) to include nominated members from
  - Trauma Advisory Panels
  - Victims and Survivors Groups



## Option 3

**A forum coordinated and driven by the CVS**

- The forum would be an integral part of the office of the CVS
- The Commissioner would:
  - develop priorities and action plans with the involvement of victims.
  - consult with experts and stakeholders such as groups, members of TAPs and individuals on specific matters.
  - set up working groups with the expertise to respond to issues affecting victims.



## Option 4

A forum using the TAPs as the forum

- TAPs feed into OFMDFM
- OFMDFM links with the CVS

# Evaluating the options - some thoughts

- There will not be a perfect option
- It will be a painful process and must be undertaken sensitively
- Consider how it could be a legacy for the future
- Staged approach. Forum will evolve

## Task for today

- Take time to consider each option
- Consider the questions asked about each option
- Record the advantages and disadvantages of each option
- Encourage everyone to participate
- Feedback