Research Excellence:
Research Active staff, excellence and delivering impact

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A brief introduction to Coventry University

- ‘Modern’ university, i.e. post-92
- Improvements driven by focus on L+T, and business engagement
- Highest ranked modern university in Guardian and Sunday Times
- 2015 THE University of the year

- REF2014 strategy focussed on GPA
- 2014 launch of ‘Excellence with Impact’, £150M research strategy

- Research Excellence team leading REF planning, impact, metrics

Where are we at with REF2021?

- Thank you to HEFCE for listening to the sector post-Stern
  - very constructive consultation earlier in year
  - and considerable time taken to digest all the responses
- HEFCE's recent letter and clarification
- But still not quite clear
  - who?
  - which outputs?
  - how many case studies?

Who is this?

REFing in a time of uncertainty – our approach

- We have Rumsfeldian ‘known unknowns’
- Rather than focus on Rumsfeldian-isms, at CU concentrating on creating environment in which ‘good research’ can flourish
- In very simple (simplistic?) terms, our ‘strategy’ is to encourage and support colleagues to:
  - do good research
  - generate impact from the research
- Large volume of good research in > good REF2021 results out
- **Naïve? Questions, comments, thoughts, challenge?**