

Two years down, one to go

An NIHR Programme Grant in numbers

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Background

There is more emphasis than ever on producing priority systematic reviews to a high standard as quickly as possible. This is a key element of Cochrane's Strategy to 2020, and the focus of Production Models within Project Transform – Cochrane's initiative to "improve the way people, processes, and technologies come together to produce Cochrane content".

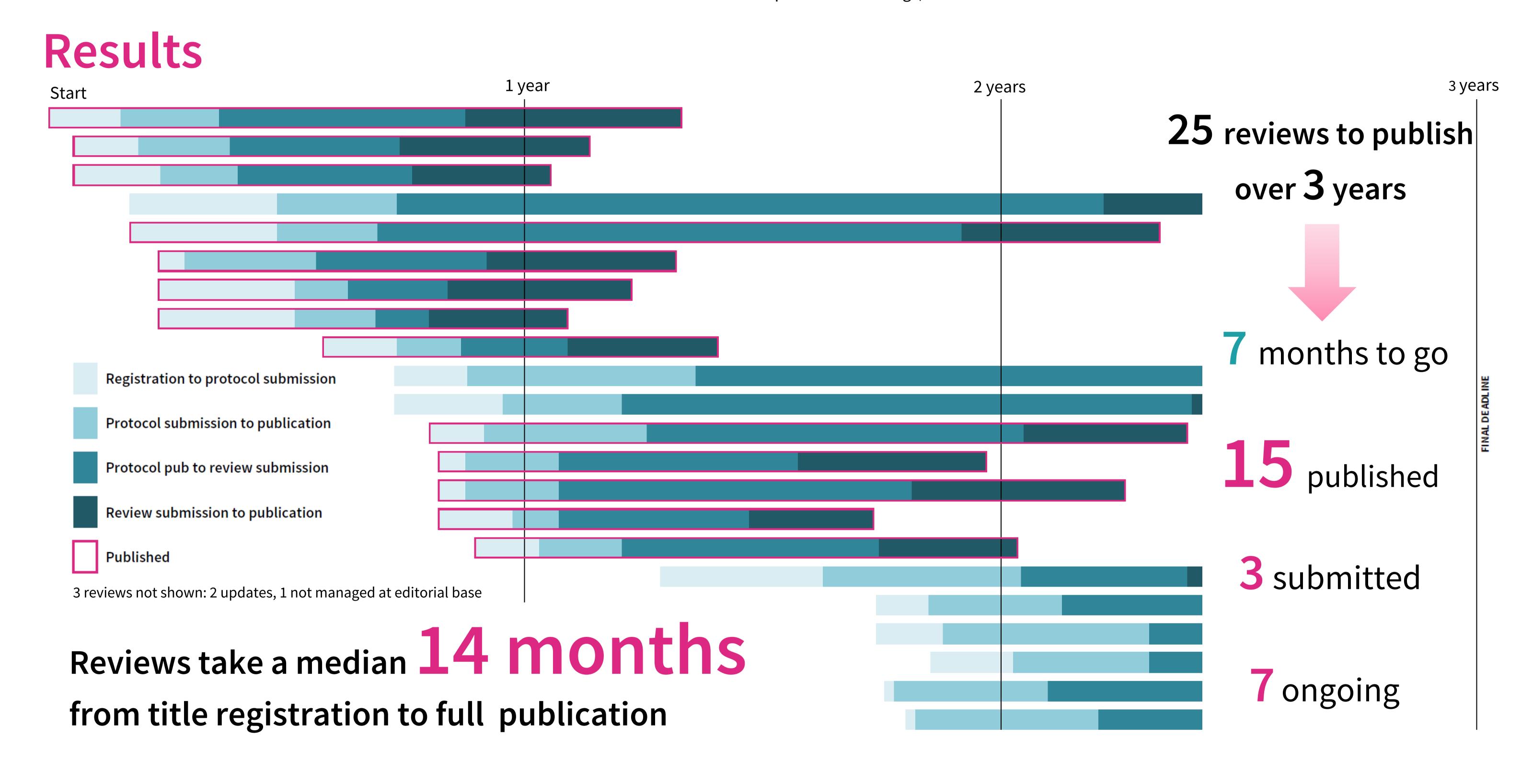
Cochrane Airways started a three-year NIHR programme grant in May 2014 on the subject of asthma. We presented reassuring progress at the end of year 1 in Vienna, and listed aspects that sped up or slowed down development. Another year on and with under a year to go, we have updated and extended the analyses.

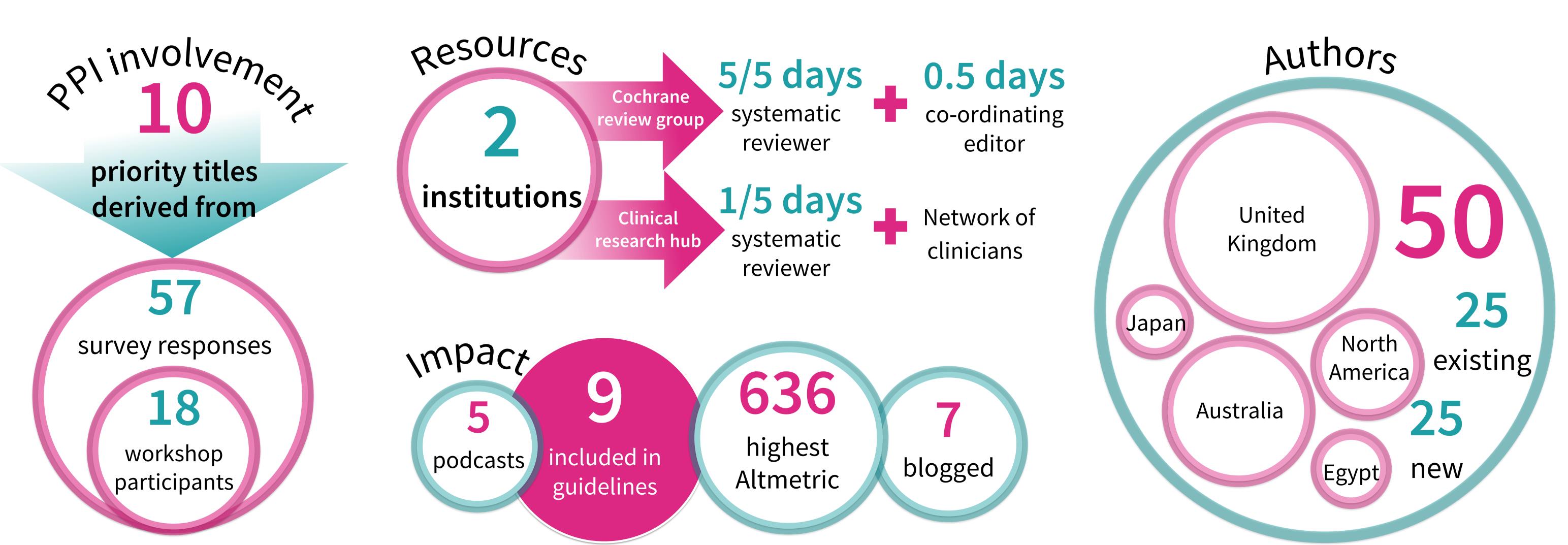
Objective

To assess an NIHR programme grant as a production model in terms of productivity, authorship, resources, and impact.

Methods

We used Archie data to track the 25 programme grant titles and conduct analyses of median time taken to reach milestones. We collated data about PPI involvement, number and geography of contributing authors, resources, and impact (guideline inclusion, Altmetrics, podcasts and blogs).





Conclusions

The model continues to be an efficient way of producing priority reviews quickly in the Airways group. Resource implications may be a barrier to implementing the model more widely, and improvements are needed to enhance impact and inclusion, especially from authors in LMIC.

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