

A worked example

**Evaluating Sistema Scotland** 



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## Big Noise orchestral programmes

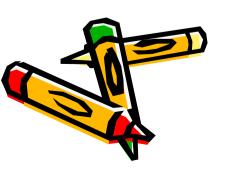
- Children aged 6 months to school-leaving age
- Open to all: no fee, audition or waiting list
- Wide variety of elements: 'Baby Noise', in-school music lessons, one-to-one instrument lessons, band and orchestra rehearsals...





## Asset-based approach?

- Providing structure, care, education, cognitive and social stimulation and opportunities to overcome challenges
- Supporting young people to develop their confidence, resilience, and social, emotional and cognitive abilities
- Potential for significant impacts on health over the life course.



### **Evaluation**

- Strengths and areas for further development (GCPH and Audit Scotland)
- Quality of teaching and delivery (Education Scotland)
- Impacts existing and potential (GCPH and Audit Scotland)
- Cost benefit analysis
   (Glasgow Caledonian University)

## Key issues: health economics

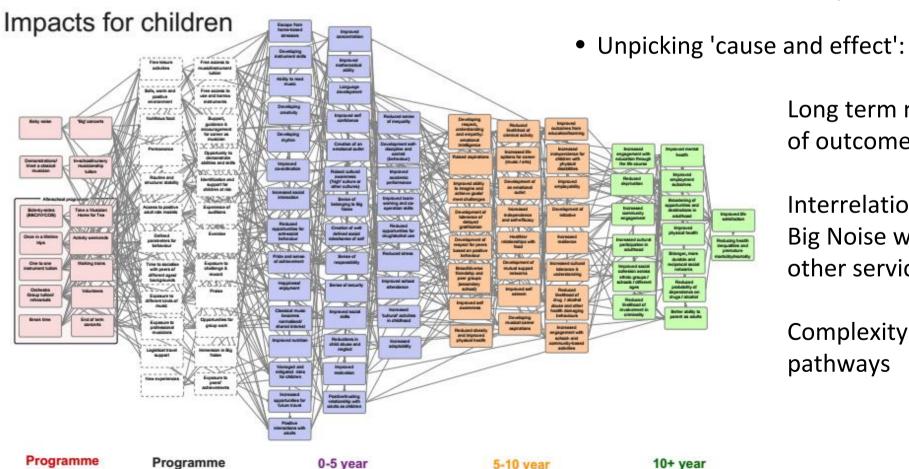
- Complexity and fluidity of the intervention
- Strong integration with other services
  - Valuing 'in-kind' contributions
  - Counterfactual(s)?
- 'Soft' outcomes
  - Quantifying 'value'
  - Comparing 'value'
- Cocktail funding
  - Funder's interests
  - Counterfactuals



# Key issues: underlying evidence

- Appropriate methods
- Variety and diversity of outcomes
- Interrelation of outcomes and pathways

outcomes



outcomes

elements

outputs

Long term nature of outcomes

Interrelation of Big Noise with other services

Complexity of pathways

### Issues for discussion

### Monetary value

- Appropriateness
- Proxies

#### 'Robust' evidence

- Do we have enough?
- What does it look like?

### Diverse and complex interventions

- Stripping down = losing meaning?
- Comparability

### Analyses that simplify

- How?
- Losing added-value of holistic approaches?

