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EQUIP presents: a snazzy checklist to help select your projects

Here's one great way to make sure that Improvement brings you joy: enjoy successful projects.

And here's one way to enjoy successful projects: pick them well.

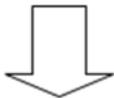
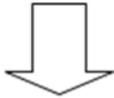
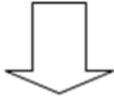
We looked at the pitfalls of project selection in one of these little emails in December (27th December, *not* that I need to remind you, of course). To make choosing the project even easier, today we share a worksheet that might be helpful in thinking through your choice.

Who is the key person in choosing a rock 'n roll project?

1. The coach
2. Jenny Cooke because she is The Boss
3. Tom because we love his smile
4. The sponsor
5. The unanimous consensus of the team
6. A patient
7. Matt Hancock because he loves everything digital and his family has a software business (fact)

And the answer is.....

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The (ever elusive) SPONSOR

The sponsor (perhaps using our worksheet) determines that:

- The project is **important** to both the practice and its registered population
- The project **does not belong to an area likely to undergo other major changes**. For example, you would not look to project to improve your QOF performance if you were planning to come off national QOF this year...
- The project is **simple**: you know where it starts, and you know where it ends. If you don't, you are able to break it down into bite size components. Also, crucial here is **localising**: pinpointing exactly where and when the problem occurs, so you know which specific part of the process you are working on.
- The project is **FAST!** You can measure daily, or maximum weekly, and are not looking at an endless series of waiting for monthly data. If you're looking at DNAs, for example, you can start measuring your performance every day. One simple click on Edenbridge, boom!

Here's something that might help thinking – hopefully this will be useful (sponsors, I am talking to you!!), or perhaps you might have something even better to share. Good luck choosing juicy, specific problems within your control which you are eager to fix – Life QI is excitedly tracking your progress.

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Project Selection Worksheet

Instructions: Write a problem statement for your project, and then evaluate the statement using the criteria below. For example, if you check several "Don't Know" boxes, gather more information on this project before going forward. If you rate several criteria as "5" or "No," then reconsider the project.

Project: _____ Date: _____

Problem Statement: _____