**Improvement Journey Questions**

**Preparing for submitting an improvement journey**

We have developed some short questions to gain a snapshot of the service challenges occupational therapists are facing and their ideas for improvement. You only need to answer as many as you feel appropriate to your project idea. The questions are:

1. Please give a short description of your change/improvement idea or project. If you can, please include what you’re changing and any rationale for why this would be better than the current situation? (100 words)
2. Which statement best describes the phase of your improvement idea or service challenge?

* i've noticed something that needs to change\*
* I’ve had a change of idea
* i'm currently building a case for change
* i'm running a pilot
* i'm implementing a change
* i've completed and evaluated my project
* i'm adopting and spreading the innovation.

\*if you are sharing a challenge that you recognise needs to change, you will skip all the questions and be asked how the innovation hub can support you.

1. Which statement best describes your overall objective for improvement?

* I’m developing a new role/service
* better meeting demand for our services
* reducing variations in care (inc. improving safety)
* providing information, support or training to others
* the professional development of OTs, learners and support workers.
* increasing preventive and early interventions
* better uses of digital and data tools
* improving access to occupational therapy
* improving staff wellbeing and/or recruitment and retention of staff
* a new intervention and/or new way of delivering an intervention.

1. What sources of data will you use to evidence the need for change?
2. Can you tell us what outcome measure/s you are currently using?
3. Can you summarise in one paragraph the key findings from your real-world and/or published evidence that you have collected?
4. Do you have any gaps in real-world/published evidence that you think will impact on you influencing the need for change?
5. Who are the key people you have worked with to move your idea forward?
6. What is your next step to move your idea forward?
7. Who will benefit from your change?
8. Generally real-world projects need 4-6 measures to evidence that a change was an improvement. What sources of data will you use to measure the benefits help of your change idea?
9. If you have completed your project, what has been the impact of the change? Please include cost savings and/or efficiencies alongside feedback from staff/people who access services if your have that information.
10. If you haven’t completed your project, please share any timeframes/significant project milestones for when we can get back in touch with you?
11. What advice would you give to other occupational therapists who are leading similar projects to yours?
12. What have you found most challenging so far? (50 words max)
13. Are you currently experiencing any blockages to completing your project?

* time to complete the project
* access to funding
* accessing data
* difficulties in influencing the need and/or value of the project
* need to develop my own skills e.g., project management.

1. What can the innovation hub do to support you and your project

* guidance on how to get started and develop my ideas
* Identify sources of evidence to justify the need for me project idea.
* Peer support drop in sessions
* i'd like to share my project and what I have learnt with others
* i'd like to improve how I use data to evidence impact
* i'd like to learn more about improvement tools
* i'd like to support others who are learning how to improve/innovate.

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