



Successful Pilots

Does yours pass the test?

Pilot: a Definition

A small-scale test of methods and procedures with the intention for subsequent use on a larger scale.

Maximising Learning Opportunities

If a pilot doesn't deliver the expected results or is unsuccessful it can still provide lots of learning to inform the design of effective services.

Firm Foundations

Being successful depends on several facilitating factors:

- An idea with merit
- Support from colleagues and senior leaders
- Fit with strategic vision / care pathways / local priorities
- Access to sufficient resources to enable it to happen
- Avoids duplicating existing pilots
- Performance evaluation using outcome measures and reporting

Adopting into the Mainstream

For mainstream adoption a change of funding source is usually required. With scaling that may need to be at an increased level. Pressures on existing budgets may affect opportunities for adoption. Where a pilot is cost neutral or cost saving, compared to current practice, its potential is strengthened.

Choosing Greatest Potential

Consider piloting ideas which can readily be adopted if successful at the pilot stage.

