PLANNING FOR SUSTAINABILITY

| Key elements | Questions |
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| Planning for sustainability | * What do we sustain – the whole programme or part of it?
* Is sustainability planning an active component of all stages of implementation?
* Can existing organisations, agencies etc. integrate the programme?
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| Credibility of the evidence | * Are benefits to service users, staff, and organisations visible?
* Is there evidence that this type of change has been achieved elsewhere?
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| Seeking commitment and support | * What leaders/managers in the community support the programme?
* Is the programme congruent with other policy objectives/political contexts at the time/future?
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| Engagement and partnerships | * Is there evidence that appropriate and influential community members are accepting/supportive of the programme?
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| Programme champions | * Are there local ‘champions’ to promote the value of the programme and is interest likely to be ongoing?
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| Fit with organisation | * Is the programme contributing to the overall organisational aims?
* Is ‘fit’ assessed in an ongoing manner?
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| Building capacity – organisational and community | * Are staff involved in the implementation of the programme?
* Is there a capacity-building infrastructure to ensure the skills necessary to continue implementation will exist/remain?
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| Infrastructure for sustainability | * Have crucial elements of the programme been embedded into policies and procedures?
* Are new requirements built into job descriptions?
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| Adaptability | * Do structures and policies allow adaptation and evolution, as required, to maintain and improve outcomes?
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| Monitoring & evaluation | * Are outcomes measured to determine continued benefit?
* Is evidence used to develop and improve implementation?
* Are there feedback mechanisms in place to communicate results and initiate action?
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| Funding | * Is funding available to support implementation to a level that effects are maintained (or increased)?
* What other funding sources can we investigate?
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| Political/economic environment | * What changes are occurring in the political and economic environment that may have an impact on innovation?
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