



# Is This a Quality Improvement Project?

QI in the context of other approaches to improve health and social care



We have identified a challenge

All of these approaches contribute to improving quality and patient safety in health and social care. They can inform and augment each other, and there is often overlap. But each approach has its own purpose, methods, and intended outcomes - so defining your project can help you identify the best way to achieve your aim.

Do we know the expected outcome / solution, and how we will get there?

YES

Is the aim to implement a specific deliverable or service?

YES

This may be **Project Management**

No

Is the aim to dramatically redesign how care is delivered, with a clear end point?

YES

This may be **Clinical Transformation**

Is the aim to assess a standard of care?

YES

Is the aim to define how a service is performing, to inform decision-making?

YES

This may be **Service Evaluation**

No

Is the aim to assess compliance with a predetermined standard?

YES

This may be **Audit**

Will the project test a hypothesis to derive generalisable new knowledge?

YES

This may be **Research**

No

Will the project test different approaches to solve the problem?

YES

This may be **Quality Improvement**



Still not sure? Contact us for advice.