

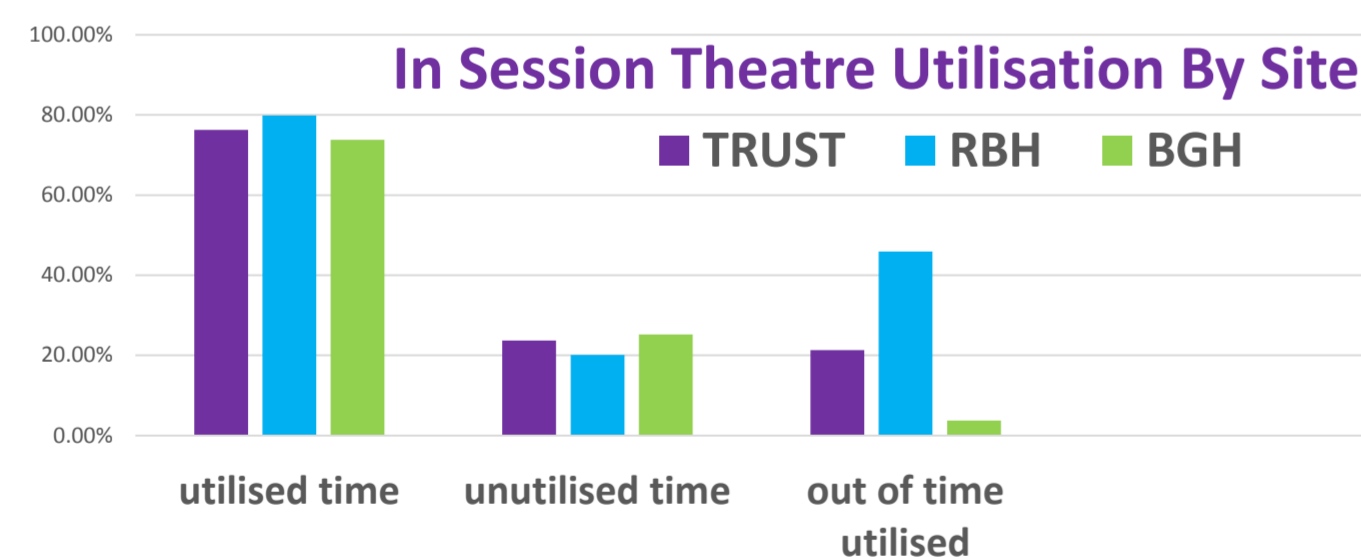
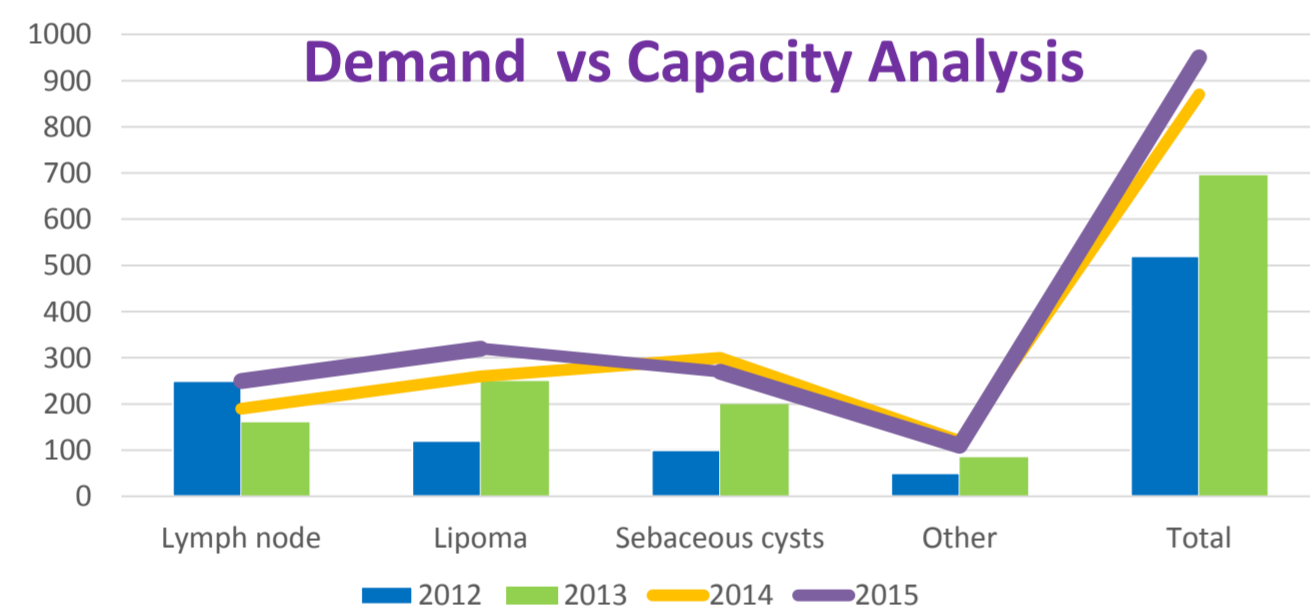
# Developing an Advanced Practitioner Minor Surgery Service: Challenges and Opportunities

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## Background

- The CQC report, ELHT(2014) have identified areas for care improvement: Patient experience, Workforce development.
- European Working Time Directive (2016) and the NHS Plan(2000) have generated huge logistical challenges in the East Lancashire General Surgical Services to achieve government targets.
- The introduction of ANPs to perform minor surgery supports surgical training of junior doctors, reduce waiting times, cost can be reduced and maintain surgical services (Kingsnorth, 2006; King's Fund, 2016).
- Locally, a retrospective Audit showed Extended Waiting Times (Referral to Treatment pathways) and a rise in capacity lists. (ELHT, 2015).

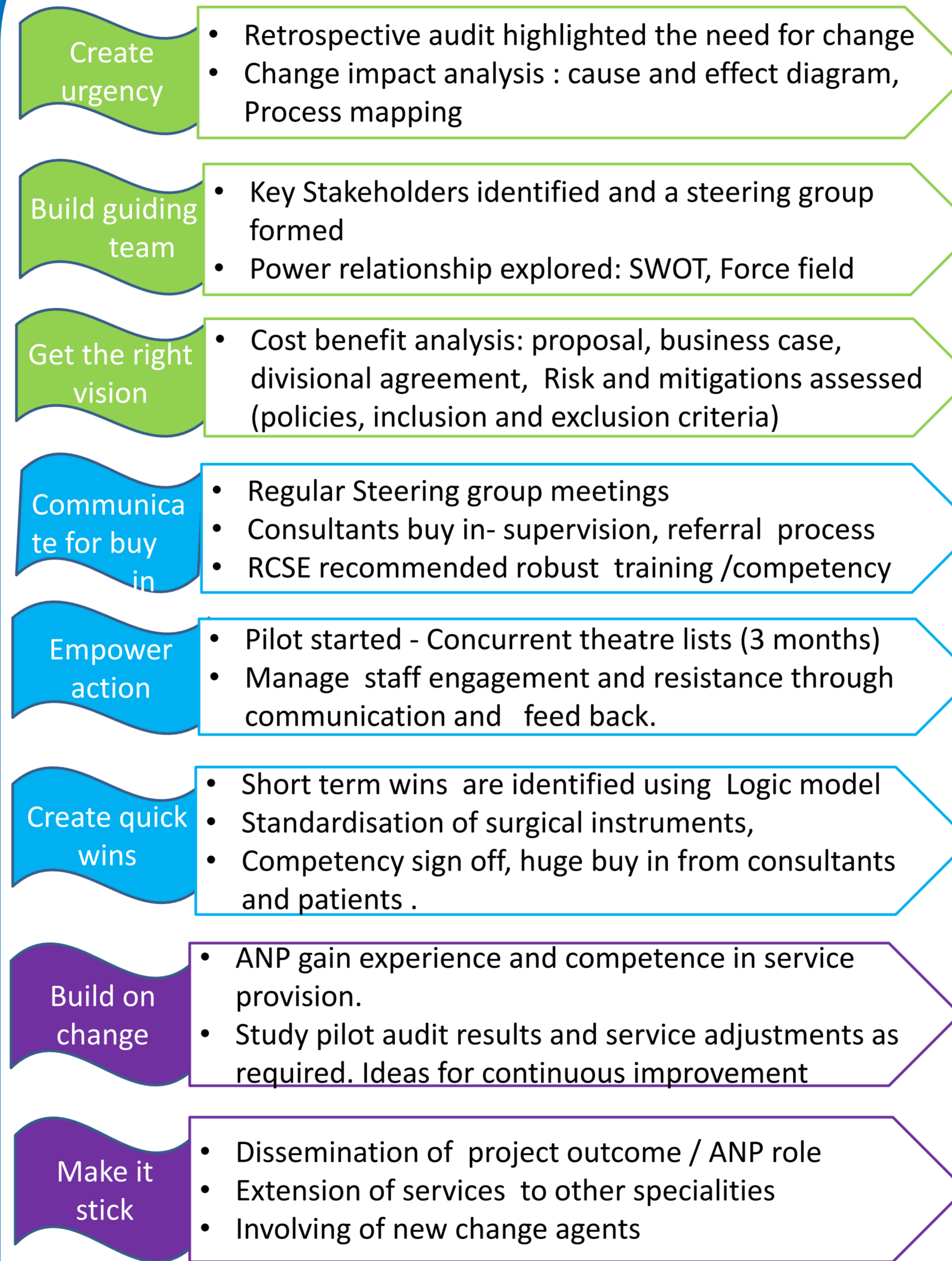
## Audit



## Aim

- To implement an advanced nurse led minor surgical pathway with the aim of increasing efficiency and productivity to reduce delays in achieving 18 week patient journey.
- To improve patient experience and access to efficient surgical services.
- To free up surgical resource to treat more new patients, increase day case surgical activities and reduce the waiting times for general surgical patients.

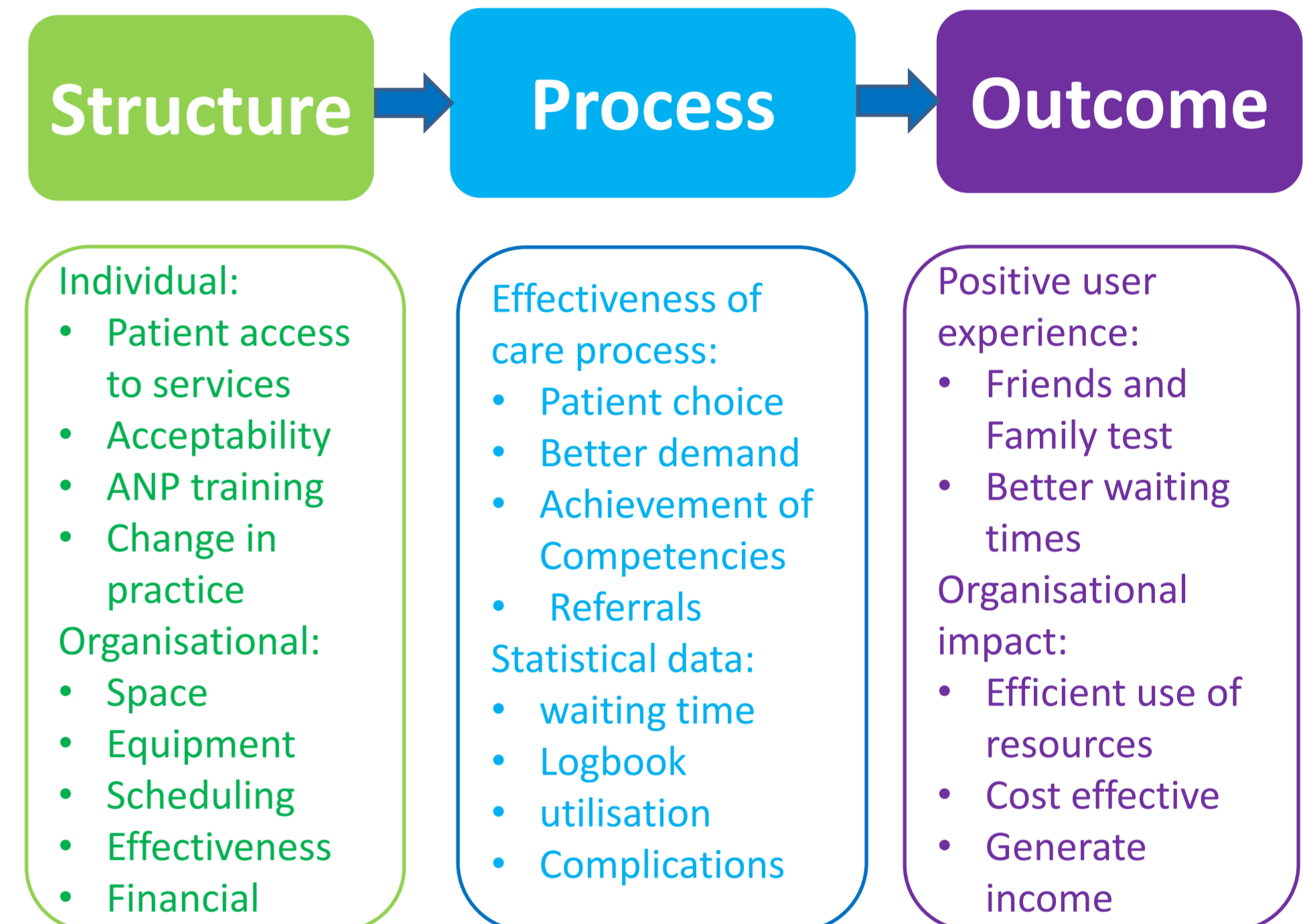
## Implementation



(Kotter Change Management Model, 2007)

## Evaluation

- Summative evaluation of the project will be carried out using the Donabedian conceptual framework (1966) with the aim of appraising the outcome measures that prevent delays in achieving 18 week patient journey.



## Sustainability (NHS Sustainability Guide, 2009)

- "Quality improvement often takes longer than expected to take hold and longer still to become widely and firmly established within an organisation" (Ham et al, 2002).
- Revisit the competency and skills required for the service regularly through Personal Development Plan, Log book and Portfolio.
- Evaluation findings will provide a sustained focus to promote the vision and values of ELHT to ring fence surgical services.
- Expansion of ANP training to different surgical specialities to embed new surgical pathways to deliver safe personal and effective care.