



How can ProjectMap help you manage and develop your Trust?

There have been a number of recent publications supporting good Governance in schools for example “A Framework for Governance: A flexible guide to strategic planning” (The Wellcome Trust and National Governors Association 2015)

The growth of Multi Academy Trusts has created an added dimension with central teams and Trust Boards responsible for multiple schools and priorities; the principles of good governance remain the same, but are inevitably more complex to manage requiring a professional, consistent and transparent approach. With the pressure now increasing to show that the MAT structure can effectively deliver school improvement and in the medium to long run, reduce costs; a number of reference documents and frameworks have been produced.



ProjectMap incorporates “The 9 Characteristics of Effective Multi Academy Trusts” 2016. (Alternative QA frameworks will be offered as they are developed and approved by the DfE.) We can also add your own if you have one and/or help you develop one.

We have used this framework and level descriptors to provide a comprehensive reference point for a CEO, their team and the MAT Board to assess their current stage of development and help guide strategic planning.



A useful set of “Guiding Questions” are linked to each step in the framework, these have been informed by the Future Leaders CEO development programme for use at the initial audit stage and also as a reference point when developing actions and assessing the quality of evidence.

Providing a consistent and transparent process for recording and assessing risk in all schools, being able to view and interrogate common areas of risk and their potential impact across the Trust as a whole is a powerful tool and excellent first step in increasing accountability.

ProjectMap includes an easy to use risk register at Trust level and free for up to 3 individual schools**. This is an area that is perhaps less familiar to those who have not worked in project management or in a more corporate environment before, but is a core element of good governance and as such, likely to be scrutinised.



What does it cost?

ProjectMap is sold as an annual subscription of £750 (+ vat), including risk registers for up to three schools. **Additional school level risk registers cost £150 (+vat) per school, per annum.

Want to amend or develop your own framework?

We can add your own framework to ProjectMap for a small additional one off fee depending on how developed / structured it is.

We have significant experience in developing strategic and implementation plans and using project management processes having managed and successfully delivered large complex projects for amongst others, the Department for Education. If you need help to develop your framework, guiding questions or to assess your current situation and start to plan next steps we can provide cost effective and professional advice and support. We are happy to discuss your needs and provide a quote.

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