Project Healthcheck: Blueprint for Project Success

"Clarion worked very closely with our people and ensured that the [project management] methodology was clear and usable and worked within a healthcare context. Our project managers are now able to compete with the best."

Tony Carroll, Director ICT Services, Health Service Executive, Eastern Region

"We greatly value the contribution made by Clarion in helping us to achieve greater transparency and operational control of key organisational projects"

Paul O'Callaghan, CIO Worldwide Technical Operations, PepsiCo

Project failure can be attributed to many factors. Surprisingly, issues with people and processes occur much more frequently than they do with technology. Project failure can very often be traced back to basic issues like a lack of sponsorship, failure to agree objectives or provide the right resources.

At Clarion Consulting, we believe that a growing skills deficit, evident across public and private sectors is strangling organisational competitiveness and hampering the smooth rollout of services. The result is budget overruns, missed business opportunities and lost customers.

Defining projects properly at the outset, implementing good governance structures and following a structured approach can greatly improve your chance of project success.

Project Healthcheck can help to achieve consistency in project management delivery. The service is specifically designed to externally assess your project and identify any risks endangering project success.

Our consultants, with significant cross-sectoral experience, will help you to maximise the likelihood of delivering your project in line with stated objectives, taking into account the triple constraints of time, cost and quality.

Following a detailed assessment of your project structure, staff, project management processes and tools, we will deliver a blueprint for project success, allowing you to keep your project on track and develop project management capabilities from within.

How does Project Healthcheck work?

A senior consultant will be tasked with delivering a key set of activities and deliverables as part of the Project Healthcheck service.

- **Identification and interview of key stakeholders**
  In order to obtain a full perspective on the project, all parties involved will be required to contribute to the review. Structured meetings will be scheduled to ensure consistency and completeness and the data gathered will be incorporated into the project healthcheck questionnaire.

- **Project documentation review**
  All project documentation will be reviewed and assessed for clarity of the project goals, objectives and deliverables in addition to assessing the effectiveness of project management methodologies and frameworks.

- **Process and structure review**
  This is designed to evaluate each of the constituent project management processes, balancing project deliverables with business requirements. We asses the adequacy of governance structures and project risk factors are identified together with mitigation plans.

- **Preparation and presentation of Project Healthcheck report**
  Based on the findings of the review, a report will be prepared and presented, incorporating a project snapshot, issues identified and the likely project impact together with a comprehensive set of recommendations for the project going forward.

"80% of organisations report a lack of project management capabilities as being key workforce issues." – Meta Group

What are the benefits of Project Healthcheck?

■ **Project Snapshot**
Project Sponsors get a clear, impartial view on the current state of their project, alerting them to potential problems at an early stage of the process.

■ **Less Project Risk**
Project Healthcheck is an extremely effective way of identifying project risk factors and defining a pathway for project improvement and future success.

■ **Greater Project Control**
Gaps in the methodology and/or gaps in the management of the project become immediately visible, providing for more tightly defined frameworks and greater project control.

■ **Effective Governance**
Project Healthcheck will objectively assess the adequacy and appropriateness of project governance structures and provide for full adherence to regulatory imperatives such as Sarbanes Oxley.

■ **Blueprint for Success**
Recommendations made will provide an opportunity to bring the project back on track and serve as a blueprint for future project success.

■ **Practical Deliverables**
Our approach is designed to ensure that findings are comprehensive and recommendations made are practical.

Why choose Clarion Consulting?

■ **We only use Project Managers with proven ability to deliver**
The key to our success is the exclusive use of senior project managers with a proven track record in consistent service delivery. We bring a wealth of hands-on experience and can address real-world project issues for participants.

■ **We adopt a practical, hands-on approach**
We combine accepted standards and best practices with our experience of real-world, complex projects to provide practical project toolkits to customers.

■ **We develop employee skillsets**
Clarion Consulting considers knowledge transfer to customers as a crucial element in delivering quality services. Our experienced Project Managers will ensure that customers are engaged fully at each stage of the engagement.

■ **We help organisations gain improved project capability**
We use our proven frameworks and toolkits to help organisations advance their project management maturity levels through implementing project management methodologies, establishing PMOs and managing project investments at portfolio level.

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