

New models of care:  
Mind the ~~Gap~~ *GAPS*

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# Outline

## **Trainer Perspective**

- What we're doing
- What we're missing

## **Trainee Perspective**

- Dr Ben Houlford ST7
- Three month placement

# Community Consultant: Typical Blueprint?

- Consultant Diabetologist, 0.6 WTE
- Appointed 2010 from SpR training (Flexi)
- Prior experience in QI
- First two years – no peer support
- Over seven years team has doubled and includes a research team.
- Leading new models of care work for diabetes across West Hampshire.



# 1. What is our community experience and why does it matter?

- WHCDS has been recognised nationally and locally (BMJ and HSJ award shortlists)
- GP trainees – two years (3m rotation)
- SpRs – since August (3m rotation). No OOH



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Quality Improvement projects do not have the same recognition as Academic projects/ research and can be seen as a potential irritant to the status quo!

## 2. What feels different about working in a community service?

- In order to innovate we have to change
- Leadership skills are key: self awareness
- Constantly developing our workforce: new roles
- Culture change: new heuristics<sup>1</sup>

1. Recommissioning a sustainable model of care. Fayers, Price, Woodman; Practical Diabetes (33) December 2016



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Financial incentives are not aligned across the locality  
and cause conflicting behaviours.  
Service vs training?

# 3. What skills are we looking for?

- Ability to work effectively in MDT
- Self awareness and effective leadership
- Resilience & appetite for change
- Experience of managing budget/ resource



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Registrars have little experience of service redesign.  
Leadership skills are often under developed.  
Understanding of the healthcare economy is poor.  
The specialist training portfolio doesn't really  
measure what we offer.

## 4. What can we offer?

- A number of different QI projects
- Understanding of how these fit together through shared aims
- Exposure to external stakeholders



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The current model of training encourages new consultants to “own” a subspeciality rather than their role in the wider system - are they conflicted from the start?

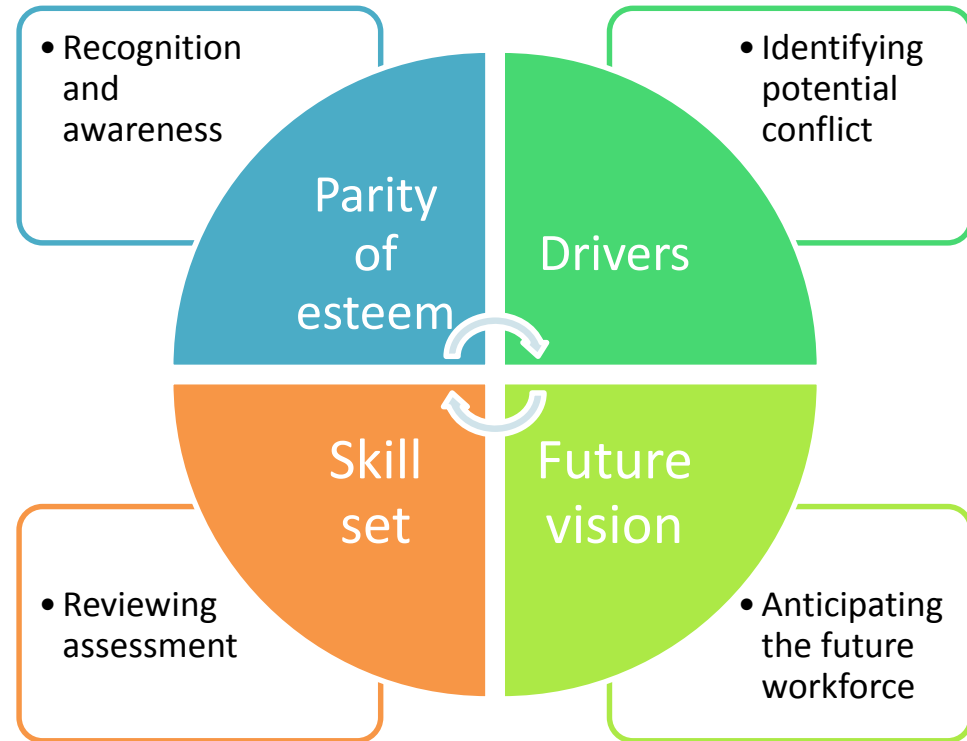


# Inertia



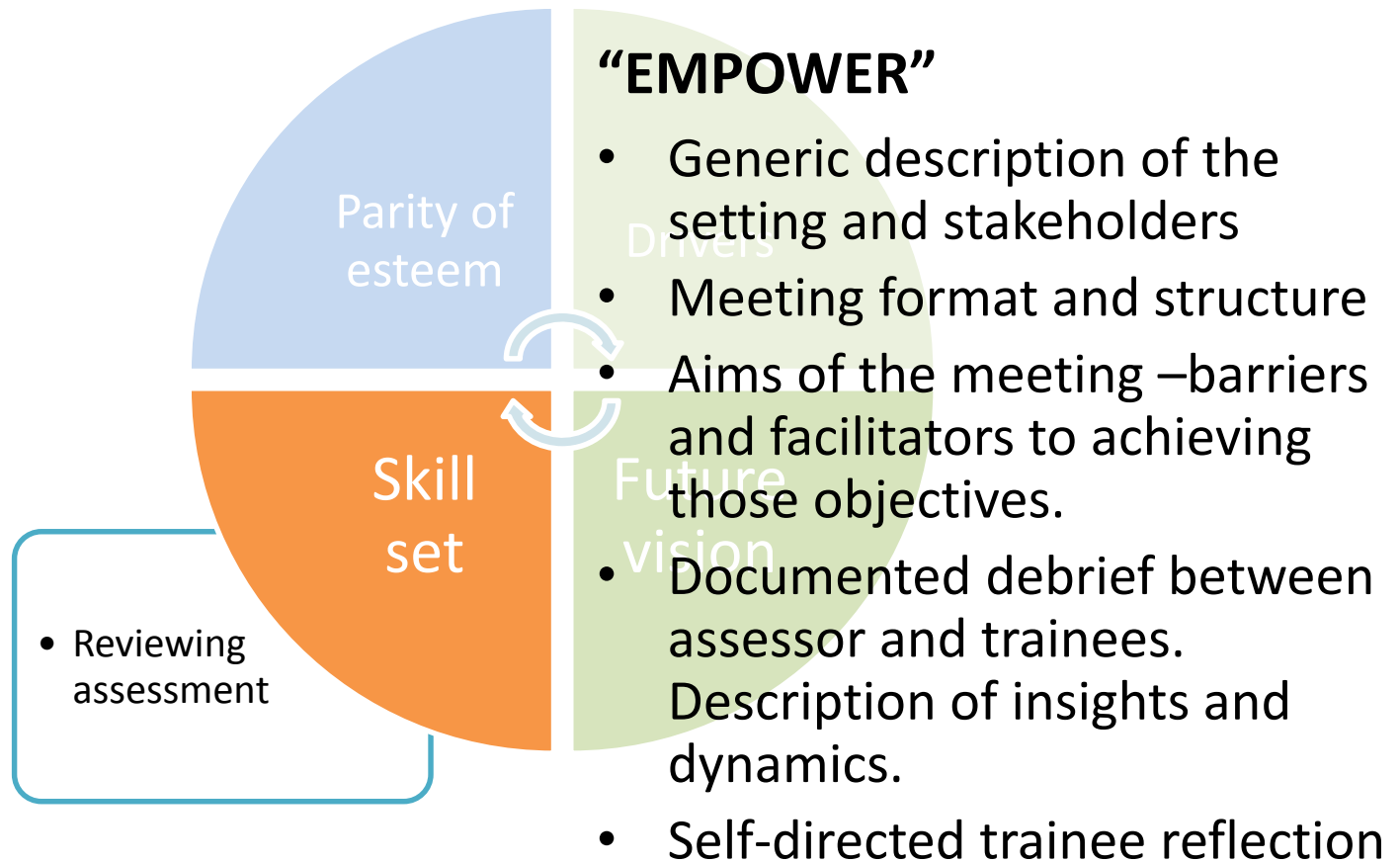
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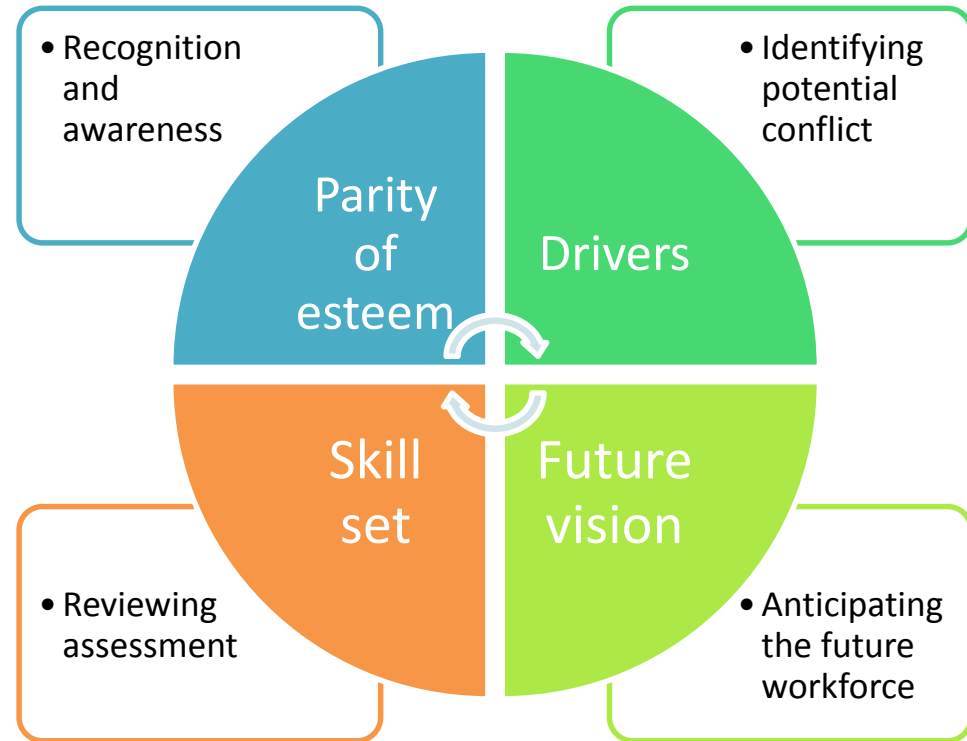
# Measuring missing skills – a tool



Exposure to management and participation in operational and external relationships

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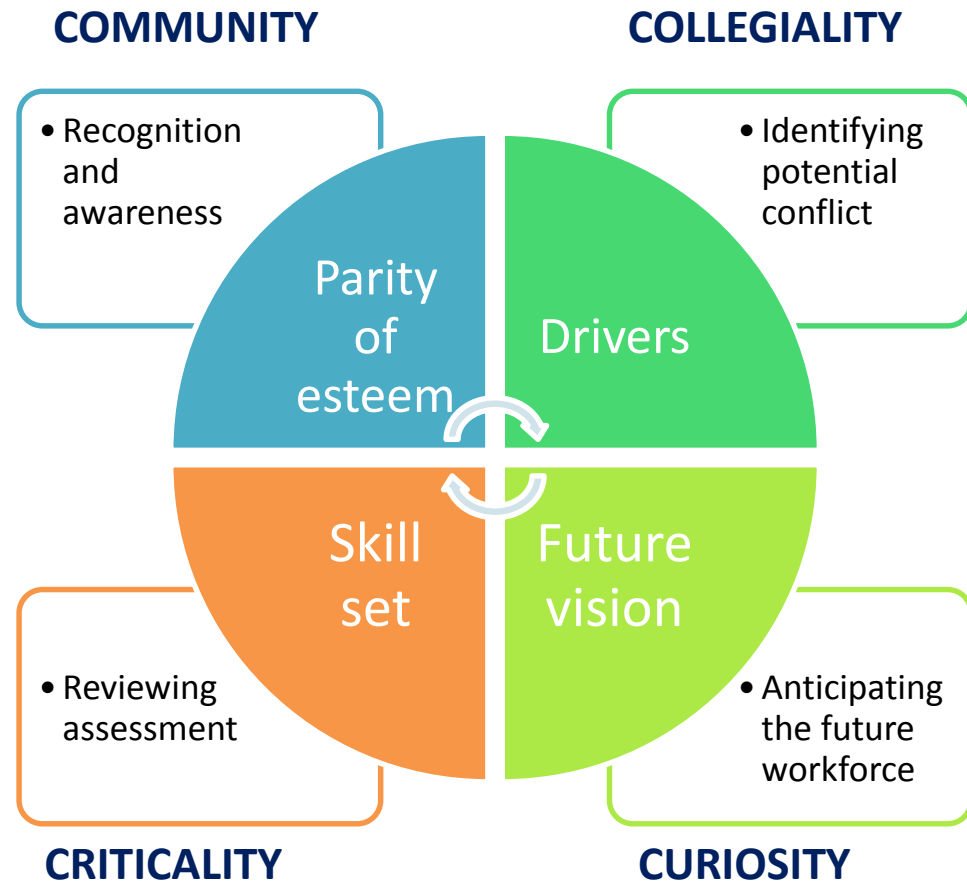
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The whole purpose of  
education is to turn mirrors  
into windows

Sydney Harris

**COMMUNITY SERVICE!**  
**DR BEN HOULFORD SPR**

# What have I been up to?

- Clinics – same as in hospital
- Patient education sessions
- Patient education project – Patchworks
- Phone clinic
- Triage – learning how to make best use of limited resources
- Work with GPs – seeing the interface



# What have I got out of this?

- It's been brief...
- ...but valuable
- Community diabetes team – what they actually do
- How a service can work across a large area
- Building a team – types/traits
- Running a project
- Experience of community diabetes – jobs

