

The first rule of journal club is that you talk about journal club!

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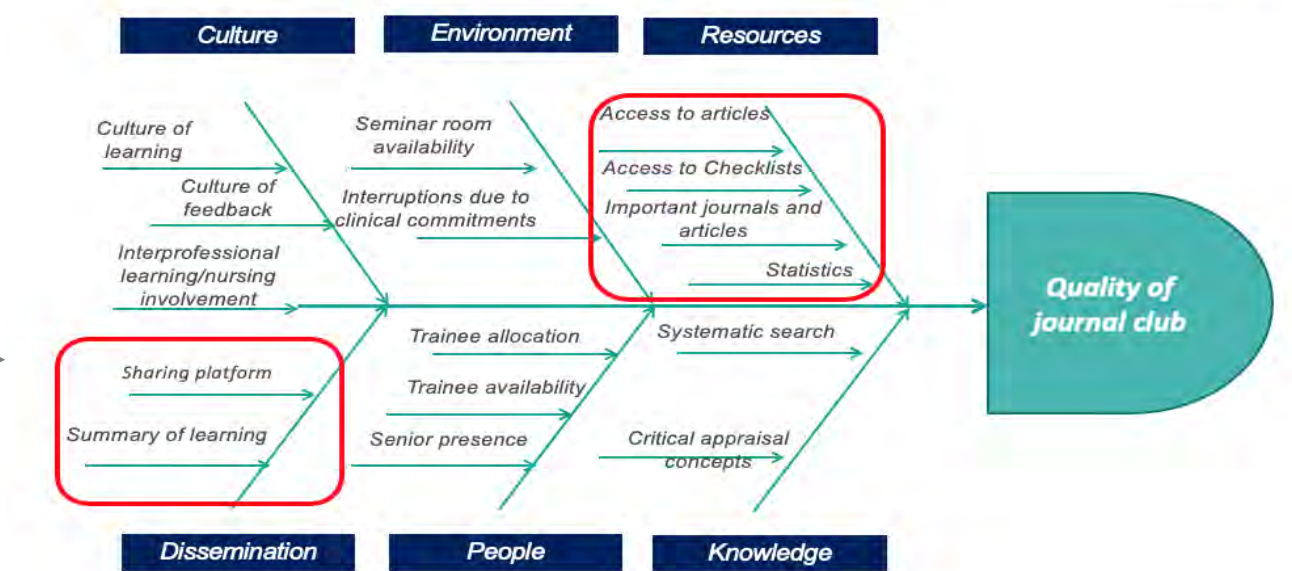


BACKGROUND

Journal Clubs are only effective when the article is appraised to a high standard and the learning is disseminated to all stakeholders. Fewer than 20% of the trainees in the department felt confident in critical appraisal and the dissemination of learning was limited to people attending.

Critically appraising articles is essential for making safe treatment choices. All of the trainee doctors in our department say they understand less than half the concepts of critical appraisal. Without these, we are wasting our time in journal clubs.

DAGNOSTICS



AIM & MEASUREMENT DEFINITION

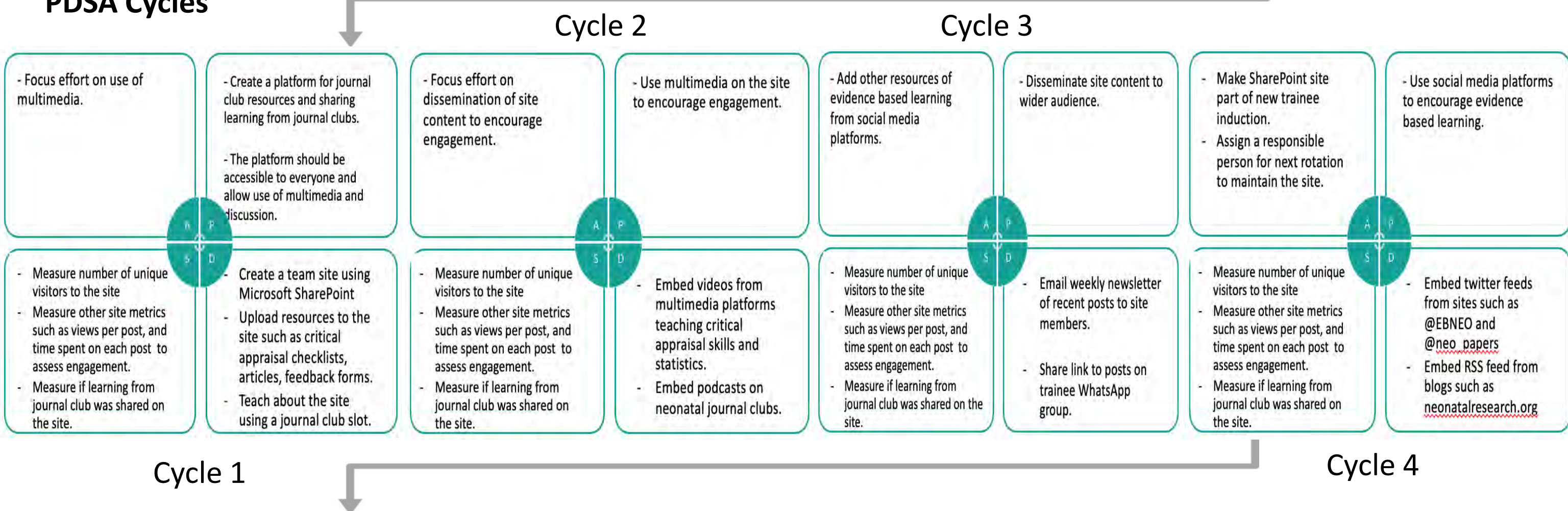
By August 2022, all trainees would have access to a learning sharing platform to help select, prepare, critically appraise an article and disseminate the learning from the journal club.

- Measure trainee engagement by number of unique site visitors per week.
- Proportion of time learning was shared from each journal club.

CHANGE IDEAS

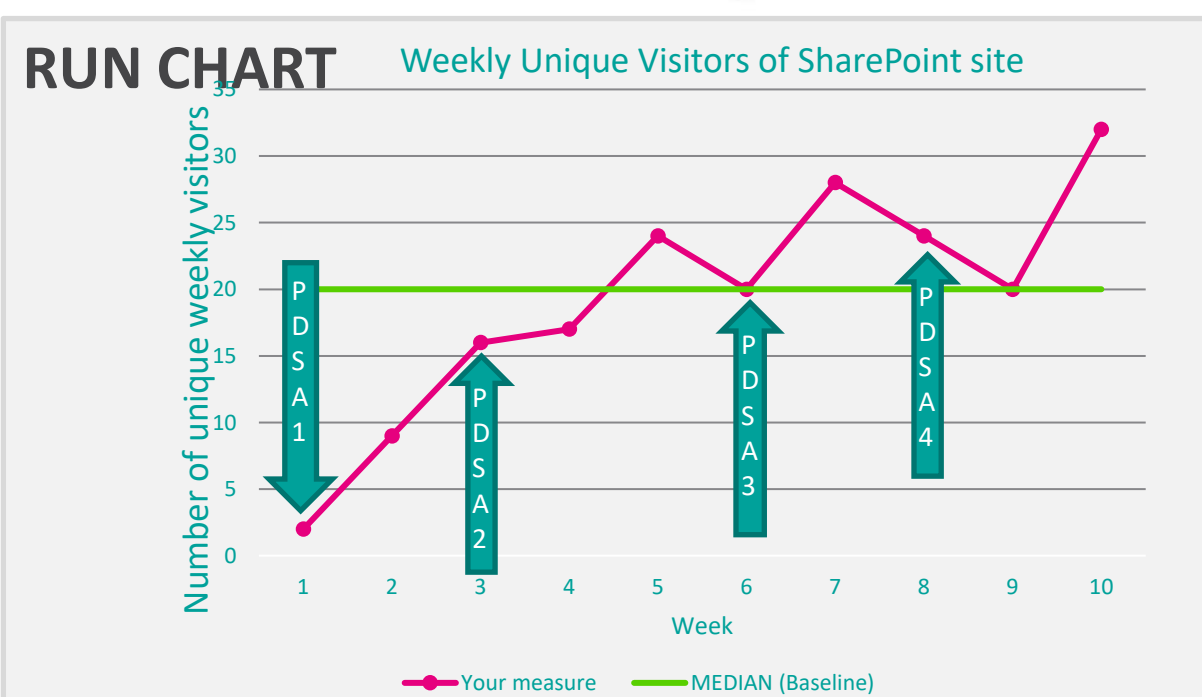
1. Create SharePoint site "Journal Club Hub" with resources for article selection, critical appraisal, collecting feedback and dissemination of learning from the journal club.
2. Use a few journal club slots to teach about the site.
3. Encourage trainees to share learning from their presentations after each journal club.
4. Use shared learning as a tool to demonstrate curriculum coverage in eportfolio by the trainee.

PDSA Cycles



Cycle 1

Cycle 4



REFLECTIONS & LEARNING

- Critical appraisal skills are essential for continuing professional development, however, most trainees lack these skills.
- There are few learning opportunities and face to face teachings are inadequate and not sustainable.
- A platform for critical appraisal resources and sharing of learning is more accessible and sustainable.
- Trainee engagement can be encouraged by use of multimedia and social media tools.

