

The Importance of Project Management Software to Support the Execution of Patient Programmes



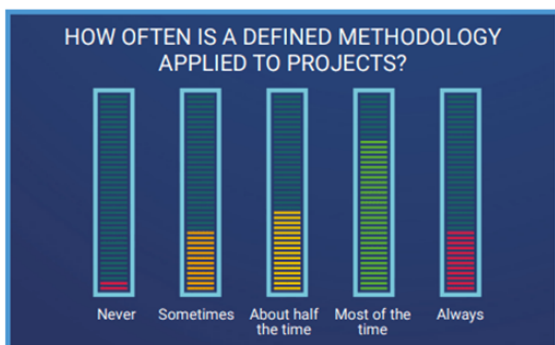
Executing Patient Programmes

The time taken to effectively set up a Patient Programme can hugely vary due to numerous factors. Components that can hugely influence the success of a Programme's execution and set up include the project team, the solution being executed, the contractual process and Programme sign off. To read more about these determining factors please see our article ['Executing Patient Programmes Effectively and Quickly'](#).

Software and Methodology

So assuming the factors listed above are in place, what more can more can be done to support an efficient Programme execution?

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced many companies to work online. Project management software has helped make this possible and offers an untapped growth potential. However, industry statistics show that only 61% of project teams apply a defined methodology to projects and **less than 1 in 4 organisations use any kind of project management software**[1]. Coupled with the high number of projects that fail across the industry due to poor planning, this highlights the importance of integrating project management software's in a Programme's set up.



61%

Mostly or always apply a defined project methodology

KPI's, objectives, and milestones ensure that a Programme is set up timely and efficiently. Project Managers that do not have access to these in real time will not be able to address challenges or barriers effectively and efficiently. This essentially sets projects up for failure. Likewise, in a recent study conducted by PWC, **77% of high performing projects use project management software**[2]. This software successfully enables Project Managers to track their projects, identify blocks and quickly develop solutions to overcome these and mitigate any delays.

Here at Apodi we use Asana, a work management platform, to produce our project plans and support project teams in organising, tracking and managing their work. This includes, organising long-term goals e.g. project sign off and yearly forecasting, to day-to-day tasks e.g. arrange meetings, in one central place so that both the internal and external project teams and stakeholders can visualise their duties, priorities and progress.



Collaboration and the use of a project management software, like Asana, reduces the time lost sending multiple emails to different team members with queries, documents, timelines and status updates. This is supported by PMI who found that **workflow management software saves the average employee 498 hours per year**[3].

Although there are multiple determining factors influencing the set up success of a Programme, a project management software can improve the efficiency of this process whilst also establishing collaboration between the whole project team in the Programme's execution.