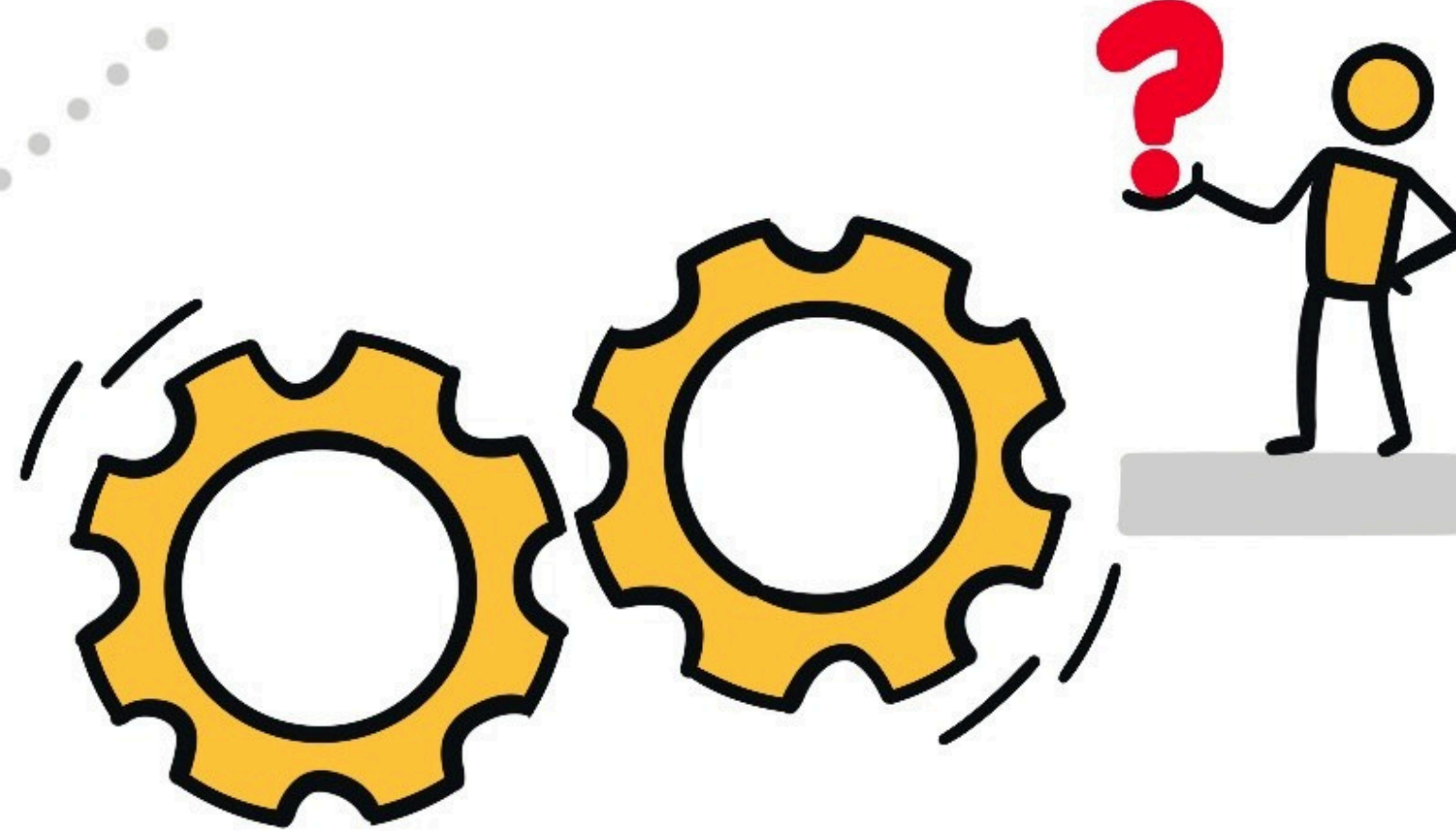




Ethical analysis is integral

Ethical analysis should not be seen as a barrier to improvement efforts. Careful thinking about assumptions, implications, and consequences is critical.



Examine assumptions

Decisions are often based on assumptions about what is good, right, or would be better. Take a step back and ensure you have identified and examined these assumptions to avoid overlooking important values.



Create space for debates

Healthcare improvement is often discussed in scientific or technical terms. Create space for open, accessible debates about values and ethics.



Divide up tasks

Improvement project teams should identify and raise ethical issues linked to their work. Leaders should consider how different initiatives interact, how to manage tensions, and how to engage with others about priorities, resources, and governance.

Top tips for Values and ethics



Strike a balance

Balance thinking and doing. Doing something badly may be worse than doing nothing, so thinking through the options from an ethical lens is important.



Collaborate with specialists

Consider collaborations between improvement teams and people who specialise in ethical analysis.