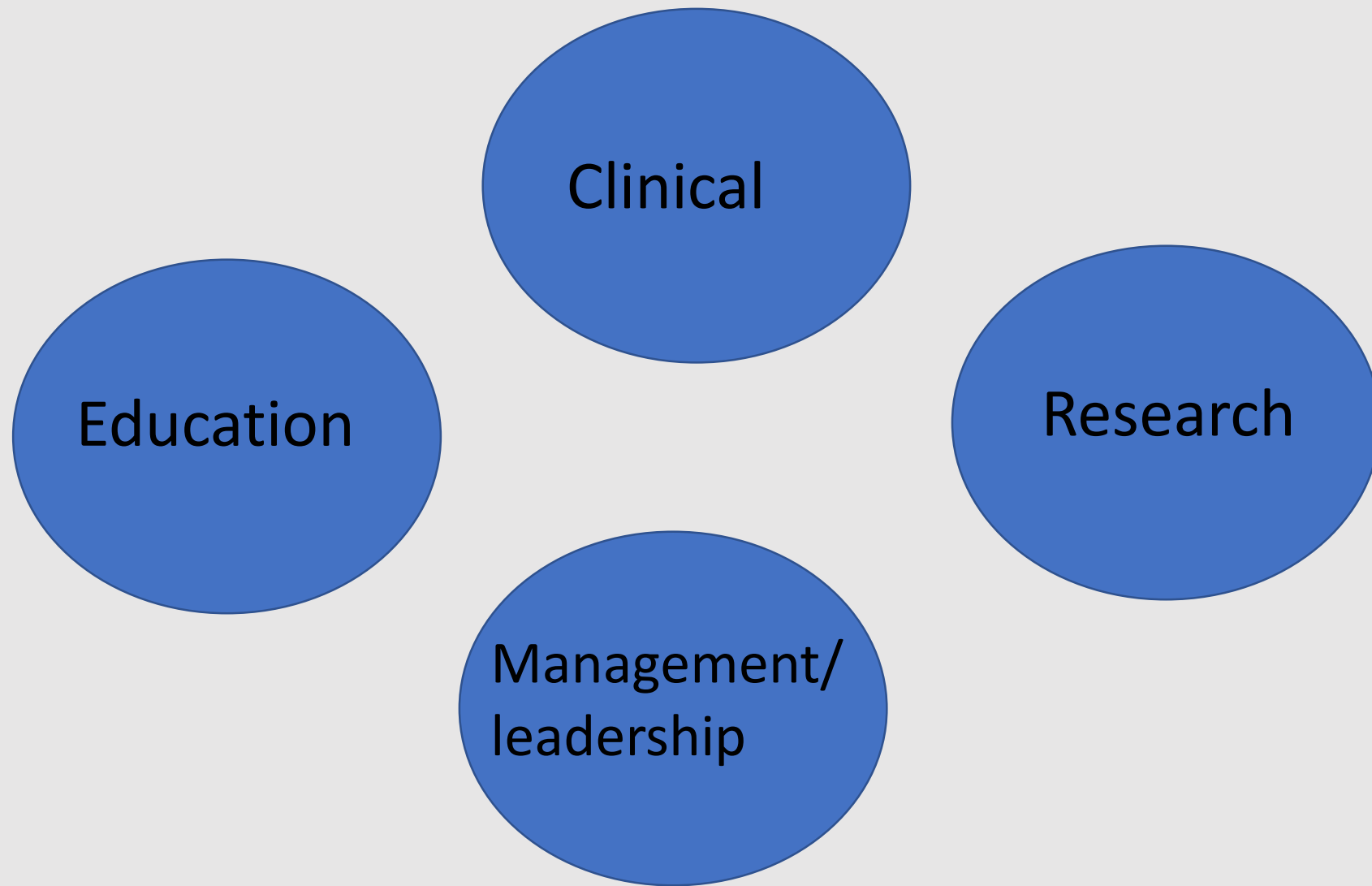


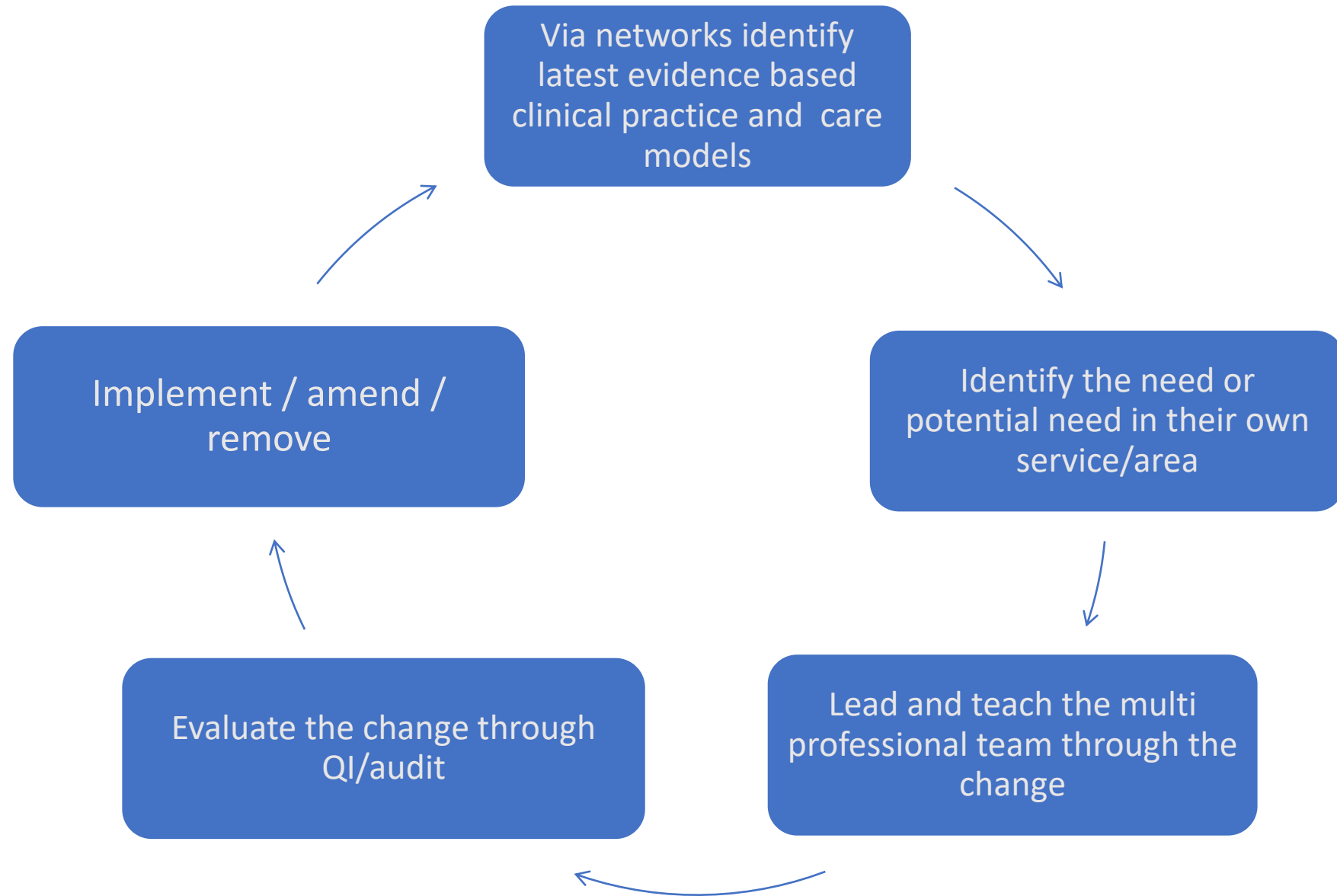
Advanced and ENHANCED practice

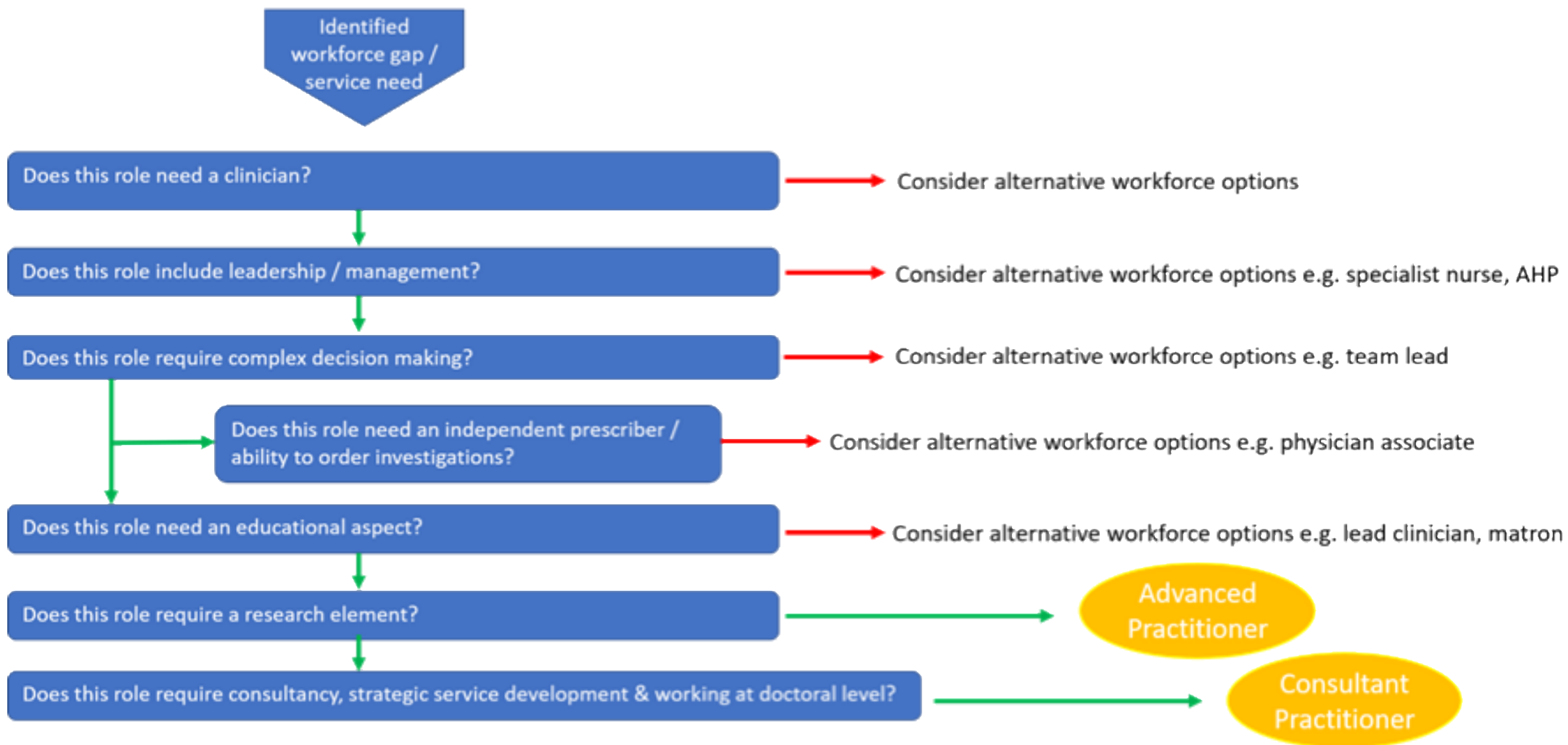
- ACP (AP)
- Advanced Clinical Practitioner. (Some people use AP, Advanced Practitioner but confusing because of Assistant Practitioners who different!)
- ANP
- Advanced Nurse Practitioner, same, just specifying a nurse as opposed to any professional background.
- FCP
- First contact practitioner - Enhanced role (some people know as extended role) ECP.

*'Advanced clinical practice is delivered by **experienced, registered** health and care practitioners. It is a **level of practice** characterised by a **high degree of autonomy** and **complex decision making**. This is underpinned by a master's level award or equivalent that encompasses the four pillars of clinical practice, leadership and management, education and research, with demonstration of **core capabilities** and area **specific clinical competence**.....*

(Health Education England, 2017)







Why choose an ACP

ACPs will be one solution to some of the workforce gaps which arise due to a variety of drivers, including:

- High locum costs due to ongoing vacancies in complex decision maker roles
- Increasing demand & complexity across a number of services
- **Recruitment and retention challenges – valuing**
- Workforce not working at top of licence currently
- High strategic priority and focus in the NHS Long Term Plan