Looking at your work-life balance

Step 1: Rate yourself on the following examples of ways in which you can improve your work-life balance. **Step 2:** Go back through and note at least one action that you could take to improve in each area. **Step 3:** Use this tool periodically to review yourself and compare results, so you can see which areas you have improve and which actions you have met.



| How good are you at the following? | Poor | | | Excel | lent — | Action(s) |
|---|------|---|---|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Prioritising tasks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Setting realistic deadlines for yourself | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Ensuring you take your work breaks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Getting away from your desk during these breaks | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Switching off from work when at home | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Speaking up when demands are too much | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Understanding the relation between stress and ill-health | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Saying 'no' | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Having realistic work goals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Taking feedback | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Protecting your private time | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |
| Using technology to your advantage (for example, using management apps, disabling work emails out of work time on mobile devices) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | |

Activity tracker & planner

Step 1: Track your activity for the next week. At the end of the week look at how much time you have given to rest, relaxation and recovery activities. **Step 2:** Use the template again for a second week and this time ensure that you schedule in some 'me time' for the week, or activities that you enjoy. **Step 3:** Track for as long as required until you feel you are naturally achieving a better balance and subconsciously making the decision to take this time for yourself.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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