



# Team Engagement Tracking Template

A practical, step-by-step guide for mid- to senior-level professionals who want to measure, monitor, and meaningfully improve how engaged their teams really are — with frameworks, templates, and real-world strategies you can put to work immediately.



# What This Guide Covers

Team engagement is one of the most powerful — and most overlooked — levers that managers have at their disposal. Engaged teams are more productive, more innovative, and significantly less likely to experience costly turnover. Yet most organisations either don't track engagement at all, or rely solely on annual surveys that are too infrequent and too generic to drive real change.

This guide gives you a structured, repeatable system to track engagement continuously — not just once a year. Whether you manage a team of five or fifty, the frameworks here are designed to be practical, not academic. You'll find templates you can adapt, metrics worth tracking, and clear guidance on how to act on what you learn.

By embedding engagement tracking into everyday workflows, managers can move beyond reactive firefighting and instead build a proactive culture of trust, accountability, and motivation. Continuous engagement measurement ensures that small issues are spotted before they escalate, and that positive momentum is reinforced rather than left to chance. Over time, this approach transforms engagement from a vague “HR initiative” into a tangible management discipline — one that directly fuels performance, retention, and long-term team success.

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## Understand the Framework

Learn the core dimensions of engagement and why each one matters for team performance.

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## Set Up Your Tracker

Build your engagement tracking system using the templates and metrics provided in this guide.

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## Collect & Analyse Data

Run pulse surveys, one-on-ones, and team check-ins systematically to gather meaningful signal.

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## Act & Iterate

Translate insights into targeted actions, measure their impact, and refine your approach over time.

# Why Engagement Tracking Matters

Engagement isn't just an HR buzzword — it's a measurable indicator of how committed, motivated, and connected your team members feel to their work, their colleagues, and the organisation's mission. When engagement drops, the signs often show up weeks or months before anyone formally raises a concern: missed deadlines, reduced initiative, shorter responses in meetings, higher absenteeism.

By tracking engagement proactively, managers can catch these warning signs early, have more meaningful conversations, and make targeted adjustments before problems escalate into attrition or performance issues. The ROI is substantial — research consistently shows that highly engaged teams outperform disengaged ones across virtually every business metric.

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## Higher Profitability

Organisations with highly engaged workforces outperform peers by up to 23% in profitability.

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## Greater Productivity

Engaged employees show up to 18% higher productivity compared to disengaged counterparts.

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## Lower Turnover

High-engagement teams experience up to 43% less employee turnover than low-engagement teams.

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## Less Absenteeism

Engaged teams show up to 81% less absenteeism, reducing costly disruptions to workflows.

# The 5 Core Dimensions of Team Engagement

Effective engagement tracking starts with a clear model. Rather than asking a single generic question like "Are you happy at work?", a multi-dimensional framework gives you diagnostic precision — helping you understand not just whether engagement is low, but exactly where and why. The following five dimensions form the foundation of this guide's tracking system.



## Purpose & Alignment

Does the team member understand how their work connects to team and organisational goals? Employees who see meaning in their work are far more likely to stay engaged through challenges.



## Wellbeing & Psychological Safety

Do team members feel safe to speak up, take risks, and be themselves? Psychological safety is the single strongest predictor of team effectiveness, according to Google's Project Aristotle.



## Growth & Development

Are team members learning, growing, and progressing in their careers? Stagnation is one of the top reasons employees disengage and eventually leave.



## Relationships & Belonging

Do team members feel genuinely connected to their colleagues and manager? Strong relationships at work are a buffer against burnout and disengagement.



## Recognition & Impact

Do team members feel their contributions are seen and valued? Regular recognition — even informal — is among the most cost-effective drivers of sustained engagement.

# Engagement Scoring: How to Rate Each Dimension

To make tracking actionable, each of the five dimensions should be scored on a consistent scale. A simple 1–5 rating scale works well for team conversations and pulse surveys. It's easy to administer, easy to aggregate, and easy to spot trends over time. Here's how to interpret the scores:

By consistently applying this scale across dimensions, managers can move beyond anecdotal impressions and instead rely on clear, comparable data. Over time, these scores reveal trends, highlight areas needing attention, and provide a foundation for meaningful conversations that turn insights into action. This structured approach ensures engagement tracking becomes a practical management tool rather than a one-off exercise

| Score | Rating     | What It Signals                                                 | Recommended Action                                      |
|-------|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 5     | Thriving   | High engagement, performing well, no immediate concerns         | Maintain conditions; celebrate and share what's working |
| 4     | Engaged    | Generally positive, minor friction points                       | Acknowledge strengths; explore any small blockers       |
| 3     | Neutral    | Neither engaged nor disengaged; at risk of drift                | Dig deeper in one-on-ones; understand root causes       |
| 2     | At Risk    | Noticeable disengagement; showing warning signs                 | Prioritise this person; create a targeted action plan   |
| 1     | Disengaged | Significant issues; possible flight risk or performance concern | Escalate if needed; involve HR; act immediately         |

Track scores across all five dimensions for each team member on a monthly basis. A composite average gives you a team-level health score, while dimension-level scores reveal specific areas to address.

# Building Your Engagement Tracking System

A good tracking system doesn't need to be complex — it needs to be consistent. The goal is to create a lightweight rhythm of data collection that becomes a natural part of how you manage, rather than a burdensome administrative task. There are three primary tools in this system: the pulse survey, the one-on-one check-in, and the monthly team tracker dashboard.

When used together, these tools create a rhythm of continuous feedback and accountability. The pulse survey captures the “heartbeat” of the team, the one-on-one check-in provides depth and nuance, and the dashboard ensures transparency and follow-through. Over time, this system embeds engagement tracking into the culture of the team, making it a natural part of management rather than an annual event.

## What You'll Need to Set Up

- A shared spreadsheet or HR tool for logging scores
- A pulse survey template (3–5 questions max)
- A one-on-one conversation template
- A monthly team engagement dashboard
- A cadence: weekly pulse, monthly deep-dive
- A commitment to act on what you learn

## Setup Checklist

1. Choose your tracking tool (Google Sheets, Notion, or HR software)
2. List your team members and assign them to the tracker
3. Define your five dimensions and scoring criteria
4. Draft your first pulse survey using the template in Chapter 3
5. Schedule recurring one-on-ones (bi-weekly minimum)
6. Set a monthly review cadence to analyse trends

# The Engagement Tracker: Template Layout

Use the following template structure as the foundation of your engagement tracker. This can be built in any spreadsheet tool. Each row represents a team member; each column group represents a dimension score for a given month. Colour-code cells using a traffic-light system (red = 1–2, amber = 3, green = 4–5) for instant visual scanning.

| Team Member         | Purpose & Alignment | Wellbeing & Safety | Growth & Dev. | Relationships | Recognition | Composite Score | Trend    |
|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|
| Priya Sharma        | 4                   | 3                  | 4             | 5             | 3           | 3.8             | ↑        |
| Marcus Webb         | 3                   | 2                  | 3             | 3             | 2           | 2.6             | ↓        |
| Ananya Iyer         | 5                   | 5                  | 4             | 5             | 4           | 4.6             | →        |
| James O'Brien       | 3                   | 4                  | 2             | 4             | 3           | 3.2             | ↓        |
| <b>Team Average</b> | <b>3.75</b>         | <b>3.5</b>         | <b>3.25</b>   | <b>4.25</b>   | <b>3.0</b>  | <b>3.55</b>     | <b>→</b> |

 **Pro Tip:** The "Trend" column is your early warning system. A consistent downward arrow (↓) over two or more months signals that immediate action is needed — don't wait for the score to hit 1 before responding.

# The Pulse Survey Template

Pulse surveys are short, frequent, and focused. Unlike annual engagement surveys, they give you real-time signal and allow you to course-correct quickly. The sweet spot is 3–5 questions, sent weekly or bi-weekly, taking no more than 2–3 minutes to complete. Here is a ready-to-use pulse survey template aligned with the five engagement dimensions.

|   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | <b>Purpose &amp; Alignment</b><br><i>"This week, I had a clear sense of how my work contributes to the team's goals."</i><br>Scale: 1 (Strongly Disagree) → 5 (Strongly Agree)                       |
| 2 | <b>Wellbeing &amp; Safety</b><br><i>"This week, I felt comfortable sharing my opinions and concerns without fear of negative consequences."</i><br>Scale: 1 (Strongly Disagree) → 5 (Strongly Agree) |
| 3 | <b>Growth &amp; Development</b><br><i>"This week, I had opportunities to learn something new or develop a skill relevant to my role."</i><br>Scale: 1 (Strongly Disagree) → 5 (Strongly Agree)       |
| 4 | <b>Relationships &amp; Belonging</b><br><i>"This week, I felt genuinely connected to my teammates and supported by the people around me."</i><br>Scale: 1 (Strongly Disagree) → 5 (Strongly Agree)   |
| 5 | <b>Recognition &amp; Impact</b><br><i>"This week, I felt that my contributions were noticed and appreciated by my manager or colleagues."</i><br>Scale: 1 (Strongly Disagree) → 5 (Strongly Agree)   |

Always include one open-ended question at the end: *"Is there anything on your mind this week that you'd like to share?"* This catches issues that don't fit neatly into any dimension.

# Making Pulse Surveys Work: Dos and Don'ts

Pulse surveys are only valuable if team members take them seriously and respond honestly. That requires trust — specifically, the belief that their responses will be used to make things better, not to judge or penalise them. Here are the key practices that determine whether your pulse survey becomes a genuine engagement tool or gets ignored after the second week.

## ✓ Do These

- Keep surveys to 5 questions maximum — brevity drives completion
- Share aggregate results with the team within 48 hours
- Explicitly tell your team how you're using the data
- Make surveys anonymous (or clearly state they're not)
- Respond visibly to feedback — even a small action builds trust
- Rotate one "deep-dive" question each week for richer insight
- Thank your team for participating, every single time

## ✗ Avoid These

- Don't send surveys and never reference the results
- Don't change the questions every week — consistency enables trend tracking
- Don't make surveys feel like a performance review
- Don't use survey results to single out individuals publicly
- Don't send surveys during peak-stress periods without acknowledging it
- Don't let surveys replace real conversations
- Don't treat a low score as a one-off anomaly without investigating

# The One-on-One Engagement Check-In

Pulse surveys give you quantitative signal. One-on-one conversations give you qualitative depth. They are the single most powerful tool a manager has for understanding what's really going on with each team member. A well-structured one-on-one doesn't just cover project status — it creates space for honest conversation about how the person is actually experiencing their work.

Schedule one-on-ones at a minimum bi-weekly cadence for each direct report. Keep them to 30 minutes and use a consistent structure so both you and your team member know what to expect. The following template is designed to cover all five engagement dimensions in a natural, conversational way — not as an interrogation, but as a genuine check-in.

1

## Opening (2 min): Set the Tone

Start with something genuine: *"How are you actually doing this week — not just work-wise?"* This signals that you care about the whole person, not just their deliverables. It takes 90 seconds and changes the entire tone of the conversation.

2

## Work & Progress (8 min): Understand Their Experience

Ask: *"What's going well? What's been frustrating or blocking you?"* Listen for engagement signals: are they energised or flat when they talk about their work? Are they owning problems or deflecting? The content matters less than the energy behind it.

3

## Growth Check (8 min): Gauge Development

Ask: *"Are you learning anything new right now? Is there something you wish you had more opportunity to develop?"* Stagnation shows up here first. People rarely say "I'm disengaged because I'm not growing" — but they'll tell you they feel stuck or bored if you ask the right questions.

4

## Relationships & Culture (5 min): Probe Belonging

Ask: *"How are things with the rest of the team? Do you feel supported by the people around you?"* Interpersonal friction is one of the most common — and most under-discussed — drivers of disengagement.

5

## Closing (7 min): Action & Recognition

End with: *"Is there anything you need from me?"* and *"I want to recognise something specific you did well this week."* Ending on recognition is not soft management — it's scientifically validated to improve motivation and trust.

# One-on-One Engagement Tracker: Fill-In Template

After each one-on-one, capture your observations using this template. Over time, these notes become a powerful longitudinal record of each team member's engagement journey — invaluable for performance reviews, promotion conversations, and early intervention. By documenting not just what was discussed, but also the tone, recurring themes, and shifts in motivation, managers create a living history of each individual's growth and challenges. This record helps connect the dots between short-term feedback and long-term patterns, ensuring that recognition, coaching, and corrective actions are grounded in evidence rather than memory.

Consistent note-taking also builds transparency and trust: employees see that their input is valued and tracked, while managers gain a structured reference point to guide decisions. When aggregated across the team, these insights reveal broader engagement trends, highlight systemic issues, and provide a foundation for proactive leadership. In essence, the template transforms one-on-ones from isolated conversations into a continuous narrative of engagement, performance, and potential.

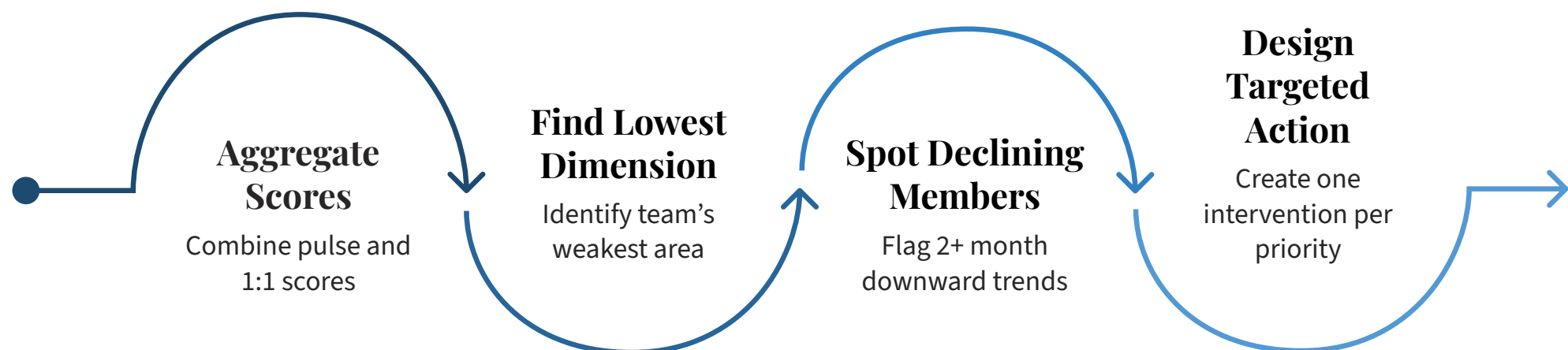
|                                    |                                                                                                          |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Team Member</b>                 | [Name]                                                                                                   |
| <b>Date</b>                        | [Date of check-in]                                                                                       |
| <b>Energy &amp; Mood</b>           | [Describe their overall energy — high, flat, stressed, positive?]                                        |
| <b>Key Topics Discussed</b>        | [Bullet-point the main themes that came up]                                                              |
| <b>Engagement Signals Observed</b> | [Note any positive or concerning signals — e.g., "seemed withdrawn", "very energised about new project"] |
| <b>Dimension Scores Updated?</b>   | [Yes / No — note any dimension score changes based on this conversation]                                 |
| <b>Actions Committed To</b>        | [What did you commit to do? What did they commit to do?]                                                 |
| <b>Follow-Up Date</b>              | [When will you check in on these actions?]                                                               |

# Monthly Team Engagement Review

Once a month, step back from the individual-level data and look at your team as a whole. The monthly review is your opportunity to identify patterns, spot systemic issues, and plan targeted interventions. This is not a meeting with your team — it's a solo or leadership-level analysis session that informs how you show up as a manager in the month ahead.

By zooming out, you shift from managing isolated conversations to understanding the collective dynamics that shape your team's culture. This broader perspective helps you see whether disengagement is concentrated in certain roles, whether recognition is unevenly distributed, or whether communication gaps are systemic rather than individual.

It also allows you to connect the dots between engagement scores, performance outcomes, and retention risks. The monthly review becomes a strategic checkpoint: a chance to recalibrate priorities, adjust leadership style, and design interventions that address root causes rather than symptoms. Over time, this rhythm builds a culture of intentional leadership, where engagement is not just tracked but actively shaped at both the micro and macro levels.



The monthly review should take no more than 60 minutes. Block it on your calendar at the end of each month and treat it as a non-negotiable leadership commitment. The insights you generate here directly determine the quality of your management decisions in the following four weeks.

# Monthly Review: Key Questions to Ask Yourself

Use these structured reflection questions to guide your monthly review session. They are deliberately diagnostic — designed to move you from data to insight to action. Work through them in order, and don't skip the uncomfortable ones. The questions that feel hardest to answer are usually pointing to the issues most worth addressing.

By approaching the review in this way, you create a disciplined rhythm that forces you to confront both strengths and weaknesses head-on. Easy questions highlight what's working well and should be reinforced, while the tougher ones expose blind spots, simmering frustrations, or systemic gaps that might otherwise remain hidden.

This process transforms raw engagement data into actionable intelligence: instead of simply noting scores, you're uncovering the "why" behind them and identifying specific levers to pull. Over time, these monthly reflections become a leadership habit — sharpening your awareness, deepening your understanding of team dynamics, and ensuring that engagement is not just measured but actively managed.

## Overall Team Health

- What is our team's composite engagement score this month?
- Is the overall trend improving, stable, or declining?
- How does this month compare to the last three months?

## Dimension Analysis

- Which dimension has the lowest average score?
- Which dimension has improved the most this month?
- Is there a dimension showing consistent decline over time?

## Individual Focus

- Who has shown two or more months of declining scores?
- Who is thriving — and what can I learn from their experience?
- Have I been spending enough time with the people who need it most?

## Manager Reflection

- What did I do last month that most positively impacted engagement?
- What did I do — or fail to do — that may have hurt engagement?
- What is the one most important thing I can change next month?

# Interpreting Your Data: What Patterns Mean

Raw scores are just numbers until you interpret them correctly. The real skill in engagement tracking is pattern recognition — understanding what a particular combination of scores and trends is telling you about what's happening beneath the surface. Here are the most common patterns you'll encounter and what they typically signal.

1

## High Purpose, Low Recognition

The person believes in the work but feels invisible. They may continue performing well in the short term, but this pattern predicts eventual disengagement or departure — especially if a competitor offers them visibility.

**Action:** Increase frequency of specific, genuine recognition. Advocate for them publicly.

2

## Low Wellbeing, Stable Everything Else

Something is happening outside the dimensions of work itself — personal stress, burnout risk, or a specific interpersonal situation. The person is still performing but running on empty.

**Action:** Have a direct, empathetic conversation. Don't probe — invite. Adjust workload if possible.

3

## Declining Growth, All Others Stable

Classic pre-departure signal for high performers. They've mastered their current role and see no path forward. Stability in other dimensions masks the fact that they are actively looking elsewhere.

**Action:** Urgently discuss career development goals. Create a concrete growth plan within 30 days.

4

## Uniform Low Scores (3 or Below)

Systemic disengagement across all dimensions. This is a serious signal — either the role is a poor fit, the team environment is toxic, or there is an unresolved issue with the manager relationship.

**Action:** Escalate to a structured performance and engagement conversation. Involve HR if appropriate.

# Real-World Scenario: Spotting the Early Warning Signs

Theory is useful. Examples are better. Here's a real-world scenario illustrating how an engagement tracker surfaces a problem that would otherwise have gone unnoticed until it was too late.

**Scenario:** Rahul is a senior product designer on your team. For six months, his pulse survey scores have been consistently 4–5 across all dimensions. In month 7, his Recognition score drops from 4 to 2, and his Growth score drops from 4 to 3. His output quality remains high and he hasn't said anything concerning in one-on-ones. Without the tracker, nothing would seem wrong.

## Without the Tracker

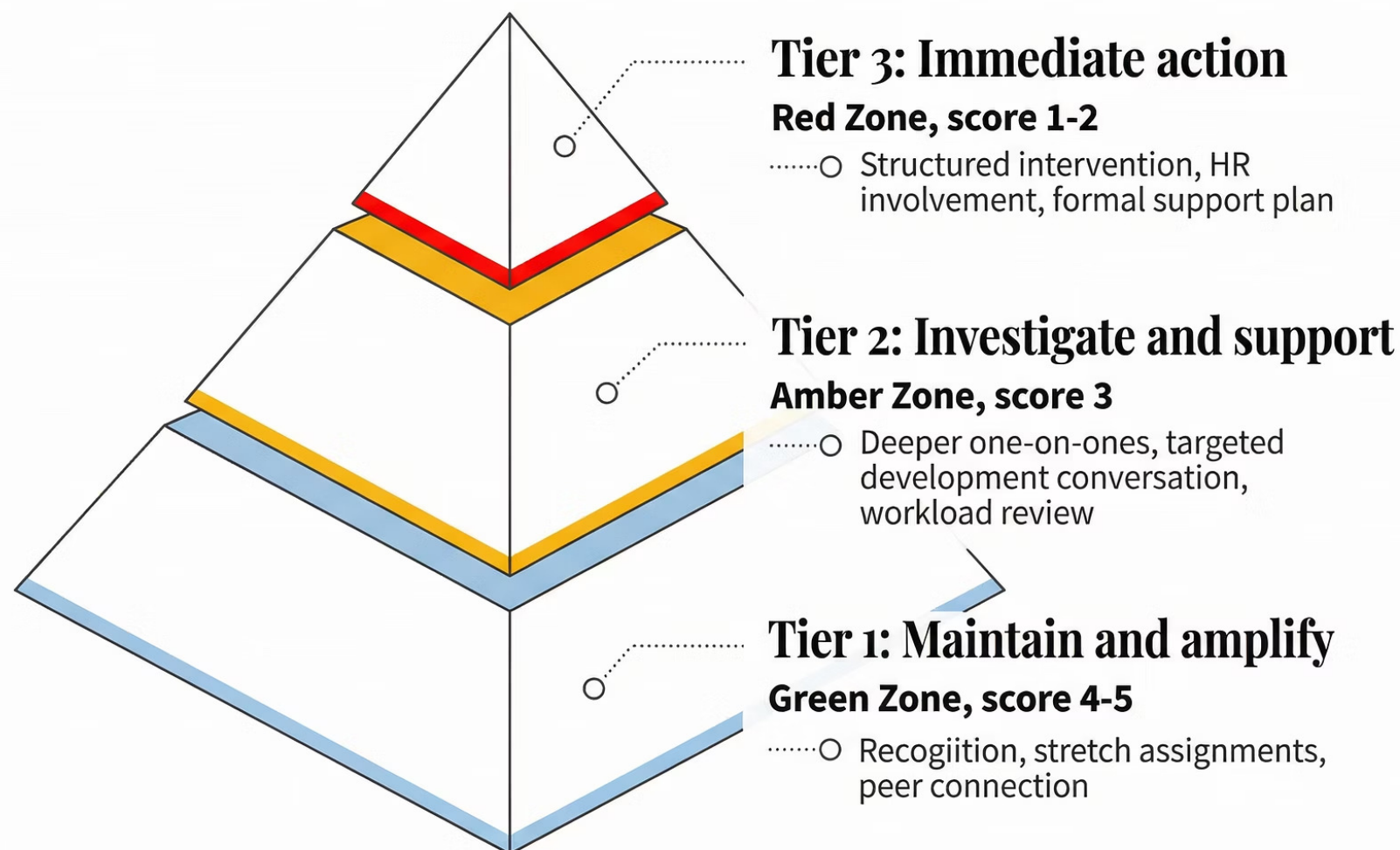
- Rahul's performance looks fine — no red flags raised
- Manager continues business as usual
- Month 9: Rahul accepts an offer from a competitor
- Manager is blindsided; team loses key institutional knowledge
- Replacement costs 6–9 months of Rahul's salary
- Team productivity drops for 3 months during transition

## With the Tracker

- Manager spots the dual decline in month 7
- Raises it directly in the next one-on-one
- Rahul shares he feels overlooked for a recent project lead role
- Manager advocates for Rahul; assigns him lead on upcoming initiative
- Month 9: Rahul's scores return to 4–5; stays with the team
- High performer retained; trust and loyalty strengthened

# Taking Action: The Engagement Intervention Playbook

Tracking engagement is only half the job. The other half — the more important half — is responding decisively when the data signals a problem. Here is a tiered intervention framework, matched to the severity of disengagement signals you observe. Use this as your decision guide when determining how to respond.



The key principle of this framework is proportionality — match your intervention to the signal. A team member scoring a 3 on one dimension doesn't need a formal HR process; they need a good conversation. A team member scoring 1–2 across multiple dimensions for multiple months does need structured support and possibly formal action.

This tiered approach ensures managers don't overreact to minor dips or underreact to serious warning signs. Instead, responses are proportionate, structured, and consistent — turning engagement data into a practical decision-making tool. Over time, this framework builds trust, because employees see that feedback isn't just collected, it's acted upon with clarity and purpose.

# Tier-by-Tier Intervention Guide

Each tier requires a different approach, tone, and set of tools. Here's how to handle each one effectively.

| Tier                          | Scores                                         | Manager Actions                                                                                                         | What to Say in a One-on-One                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tier 1:<br/>Thriving</b>   | 4–5 composite                                  | Recognise publicly; assign stretch goals; invite mentorship of others; protect from overload                            | <i>"You're doing exceptional work. I want to make sure we're investing in your growth — what would you like to tackle next?"</i>                                       |
| <b>Tier 2: At Risk</b>        | 3 composite or single dimension at 2           | Deeper one-on-one; specific recognition; workload audit; development conversation; remove friction points               | <i>"I've noticed things might feel a bit flat lately. I want to understand what's getting in your way — what would make the biggest difference for you right now?"</i> |
| <b>Tier 3:<br/>Disengaged</b> | 1–2 composite or multiple dimensions declining | Structured support plan; weekly check-ins; involve HR if needed; assess role fit; escalate if no improvement in 30 days | <i>"I'm genuinely concerned and I want to support you. Can we talk honestly about what's happening and figure out together what needs to change?"</i>                  |

By tailoring your response to the severity of disengagement, you avoid a one-size-fits-all approach and instead demonstrate that feedback is taken seriously and acted upon proportionately. This not only addresses the immediate issue but also strengthens long-term trust and credibility as a leader.

# Common Mistakes to Avoid

Even well-intentioned managers can inadvertently undermine their engagement tracking efforts. These are the most common pitfalls — and how to sidestep each one before they become patterns.

## → **Tracking Without Acting**

Collecting data and doing nothing with it is worse than not tracking at all. It signals to your team that the exercise is performative, destroys survey participation rates, and erodes trust. Commit to at least one visible action per month based on what you learn.

## → **Focusing Only on Lowest Scores**

Reactive management ignores your high performers — who are often quietly planning to leave. Balance your attention: for every Tier 3 intervention, spend equal energy recognising and investing in your Tier 1 people.

## → **Using Engagement Data Punitively**

If team members suspect that low scores will be used against them, they will stop responding honestly — or stop responding at all. Engagement data is a coaching tool, not a performance management weapon. Treat it accordingly.

## → **Confusing Satisfaction with Engagement**

A team member can be perfectly satisfied — comfortable, not overloaded, pleasant to work with — and still be deeply disengaged. Satisfaction is about comfort; engagement is about commitment and energy. Don't mistake one for the other in your assessments.

## → **Skipping the Monthly Review**

Weekly pulse data only becomes useful when you look at it longitudinally. Skipping the monthly review means you miss the trend lines — and trends are where the real insights live. Protect this time ruthlessly.

# Best Practices for Sustainable Engagement Tracking

Sustaining an engagement tracking practice over months and years requires it to feel useful — to both you and your team. These are the habits and principles that separate managers who track engagement consistently from those who start with enthusiasm and abandon the practice after two months.



## Build It Into Your Rhythm

Link engagement tracking to existing rituals — send pulse surveys on the same day each week, review scores before every one-on-one, conduct your monthly analysis on the last Friday of the month. Habits attached to existing routines are 3x more likely to stick.



## Be Transparent With Your Team

Share aggregate engagement scores with your whole team. Tell them what the data shows, what you're doing about it, and what you need from them. Transparency transforms engagement tracking from a management surveillance tool into a genuine team-improvement practice.



## Iterate Your Questions

Review your pulse survey questions quarterly. If a question consistently scores very high (or very low), replace it with something that probes a more nuanced area. Your questions should challenge complacency, not confirm it.



## Celebrate Progress Explicitly

When engagement scores improve — even slightly — name it. Tell your team: *"Our wellbeing scores improved this month — here's what I think is working and why it matters."* Public celebration of progress reinforces the behaviours driving improvement.

## QUICK REFERENCE

# Engagement Tracking: Cheat Sheet

Everything you need to run a complete engagement tracking system — on one page. Bookmark this, print it, pin it to your wall. Use it as your weekly and monthly reference.

## Weekly Rhythm

-  Send 5-question pulse survey (same day, every week)
-  Review responses within 24 hours
-  Flag any score of 2 or below for immediate follow-up
-  Conduct scheduled one-on-ones using the check-in template
-  Complete and file one-on-one notes after each conversation

## Monthly Rhythm

-  Aggregate all pulse survey scores into the team tracker
-  Run the monthly review using the four reflection questions
-  Identify the top 1–2 engagement priorities for next month
-  Share aggregate results with the team
-  Update individual dimension scores based on combined data

## The 5 Dimensions (Score 1–5)

- **Purpose & Alignment** — Do they see the "why"?
- **Wellbeing & Safety** — Do they feel safe and supported?
- **Growth & Development** — Are they learning and progressing?
- **Relationships & Belonging** — Are they connected to the team?
- **Recognition & Impact** — Do they feel seen and valued?

## Score Interpretation

- **4–5:** Thriving — Maintain & Amplify
- **3:** Neutral — Investigate & Support
- **1–2:** At Risk — Act Immediately

## One Number to Watch

Your team's **composite monthly score**. Anything below 3.5 requires a structured response. Anything above 4.2 means your culture is working — protect it fiercely.

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

# Summary & Next Steps

Engagement tracking is not a project — it's a practice. Like any practice, its value compounds over time. The managers who track engagement consistently, act on what they learn, and communicate transparently with their teams build cultures of trust that outperform on every measurable dimension. Here's what to take away from this guide and exactly what to do next.

1

## Start This Week

Set up your engagement tracker spreadsheet using the template in Chapter 2. Add your team members, define your five dimensions, and schedule your first pulse survey. Don't wait for perfect conditions — a simple system you actually use beats a perfect system you never launch.

2

## Run Your First Pulse Survey Within 7 Days

Use the five questions from Chapter 3, add your open-ended question, and send it on a consistent day. Tell your team why you're doing it and what you'll do with the results. Set the expectation from day one that this is a tool for improvement, not surveillance.

3

## Upgrade Your Next One-on-One

Use the one-on-one template from Chapter 4 in your very next check-in. Pay specific attention to energy and engagement signals beyond project status. End with genuine, specific recognition. Notice how the quality of the conversation changes.

4

## Schedule Your First Monthly Review

Block 60 minutes at the end of this month for your first monthly engagement analysis. Use the reflection questions from Chapter 5. Identify your top two priorities. Share a summary with your team. This one habit, repeated monthly, will transform your effectiveness as a manager.



**Remember:** The goal of engagement tracking is not to generate perfect scores — it's to have better conversations, make smarter decisions, and build a team environment where great people want to stay and do their best work. The tracker is the tool. You are the catalyst.