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# Improving Access to Mental Health Services – Sharing the Learning from the Mental Health Access Collaborative

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# Healthcare Improvement Scotland

Many parts, one purpose -  
better quality health and social care  
for everyone in Scotland.

Advice  
on new  
medicines

Advice  
on health  
technologies

Standards,  
guidelines  
and indicators

Inspections  
and reviews

Enabling health  
and social  
care improvement


Death  
Certification  
Review Service

Scottish  
Patient Safety  
Programme

Improving  
antibiotics  
use

Making  
the public  
voice count

Global quality  
improvement  
webinars



Supporting health and social care  
services to **redesign** and  
**continuously improve**

*to deliver better health and  
wellbeing outcomes for people in  
Scotland*

By promoting cultures of quality improvement (QI), the ihub is supporting services to:

- **Understand** their high impact opportunities for improvement.
- **Design** processes, care models and systems that will improve outcomes.
- **Implement** changes that will lead to improvement.
- **Evaluate** the impact of changes, embed change and spread learning.



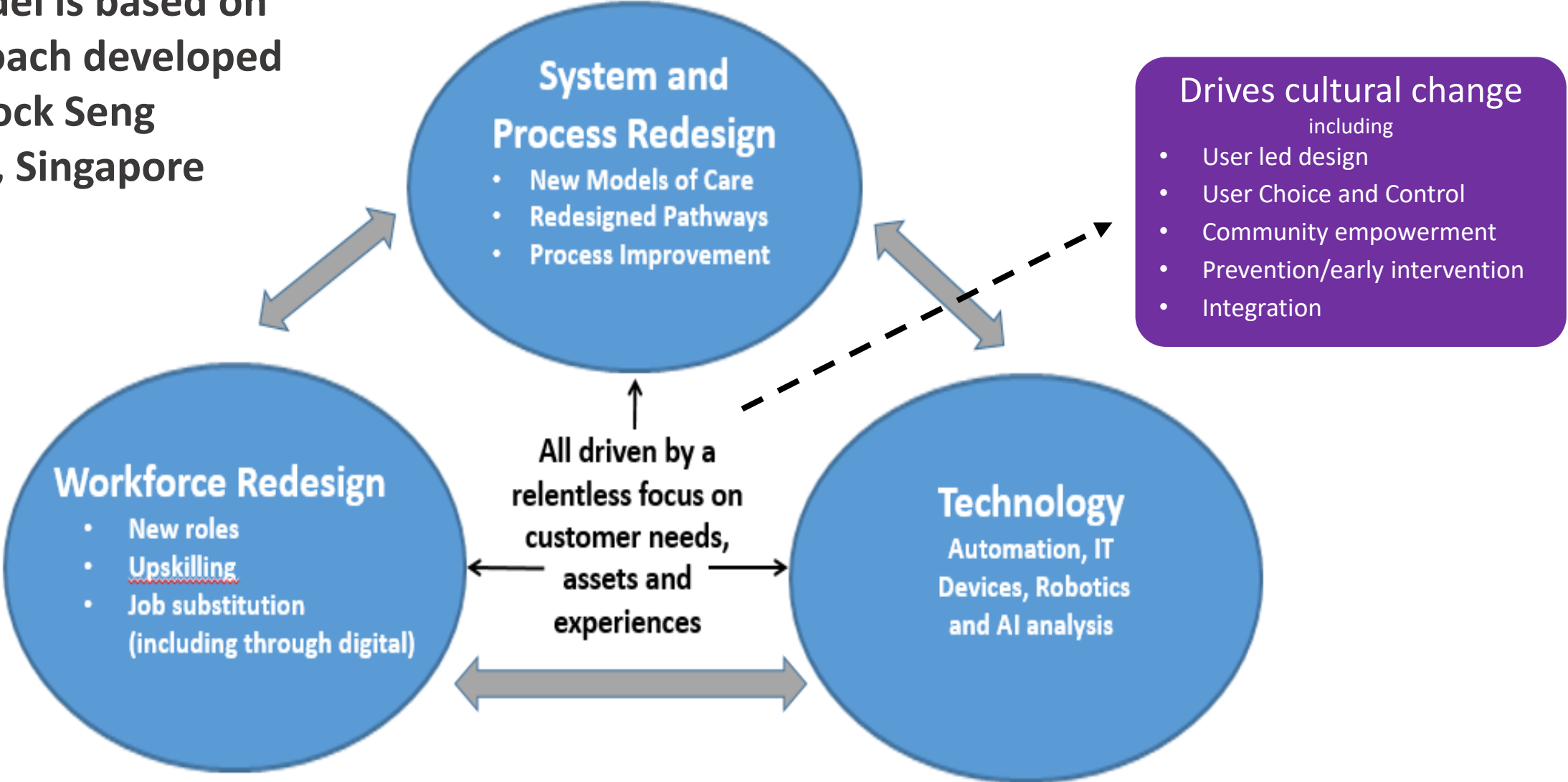
# Mental Health Improvement Portfolio

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- Scottish Patient Safety Programme
- Early Intervention for Psychosis (EiP)
- Improving Observation Practice (IOP)
- Improving access and flow
- Learning Networks



This model is based on an approach developed by Tan Tock Seng Hospital, Singapore





**Data is Fab!**



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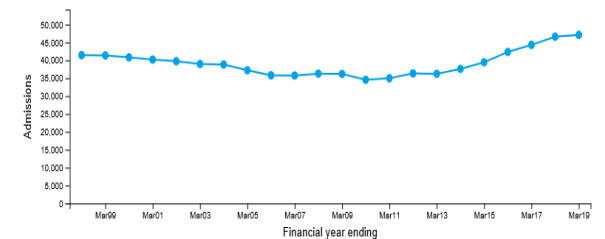
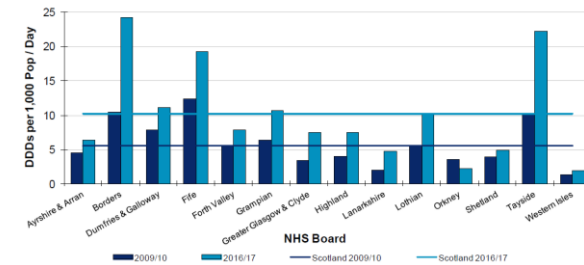
- **Public Health & Intelligence (PHI) within NHS National Services Scotland (NSS)**
- **Moving to Public Health Scotland – April 2020**
- **Majority of health statistics in Scotland produced [www.isdscotland.org](http://www.isdscotland.org)**
- **Data, analytics, intelligence & insights to Health and Social Care Services across Scotland**

GET ALL THE  
INFORMATION YOU CAN,  
WE'LL THINK OF A  
USE FOR IT LATER.



# Data is fab – without it we wouldn't know:

- ADHD 'daily dose' prescribing doubled in 7 years for <19's
- In 2018 deaths by suicide increased 15% (up 40% in <25's)
- Referrals to CAMHS increasing ~31k per year
- Admissions to hospital increasing ~47k
- Referrals for Psychological Therapy increasing ~120k per year
- Est. That one in three will have mental ill health each year



# Data is fab! – it informs....

**Service  
Planning**

**Policy**

**Research**

**Benchmarking**

**Quality  
Improvement**

**Public  
Health**

**Transformation**

**Performance  
Monitoring**

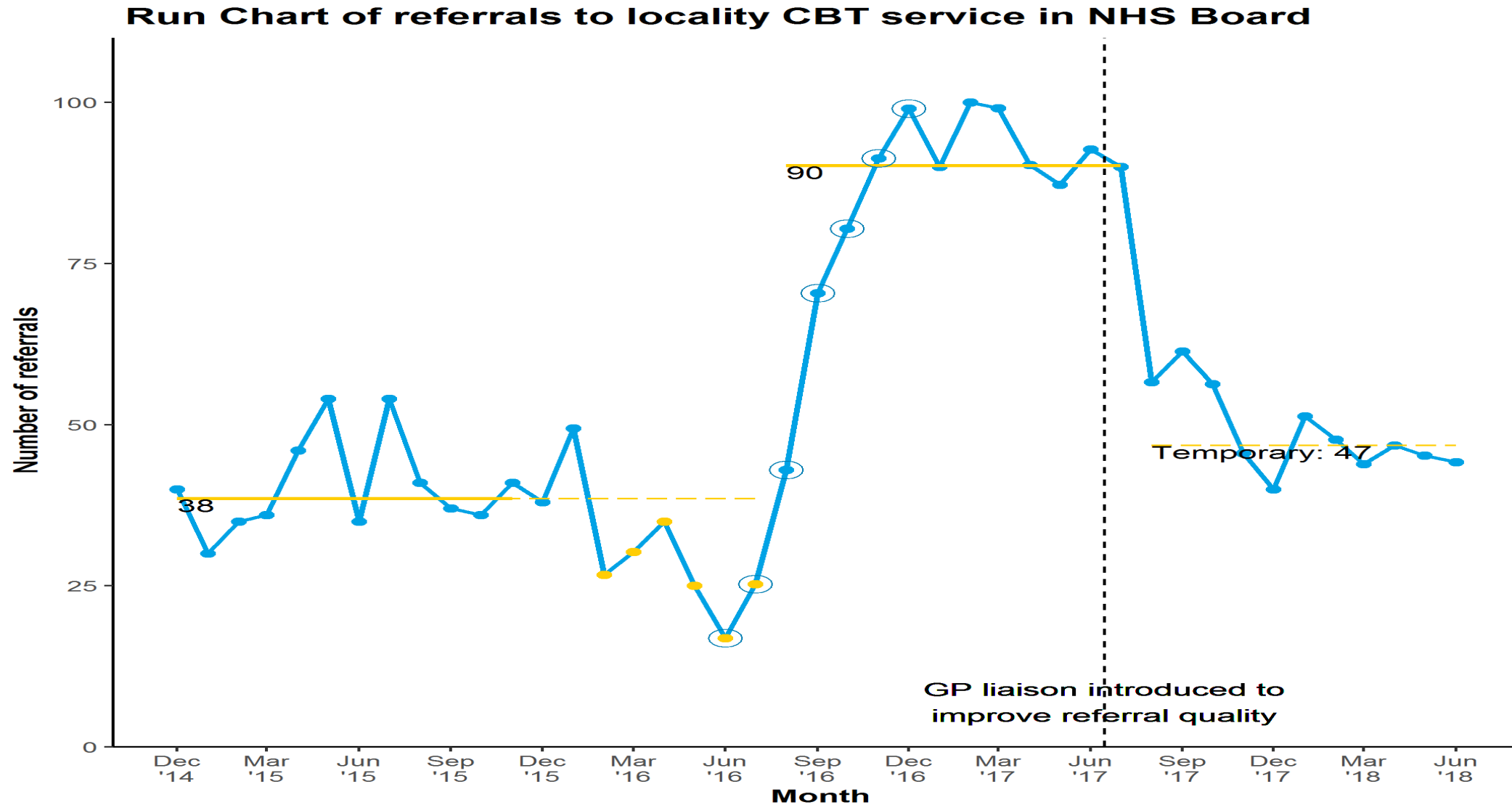
**Service  
Improvement**

**Financial  
Allocations**

**Accountability**

**....to improve outcomes for individuals**

# Data is fab! – it measures/makes us ask questions...

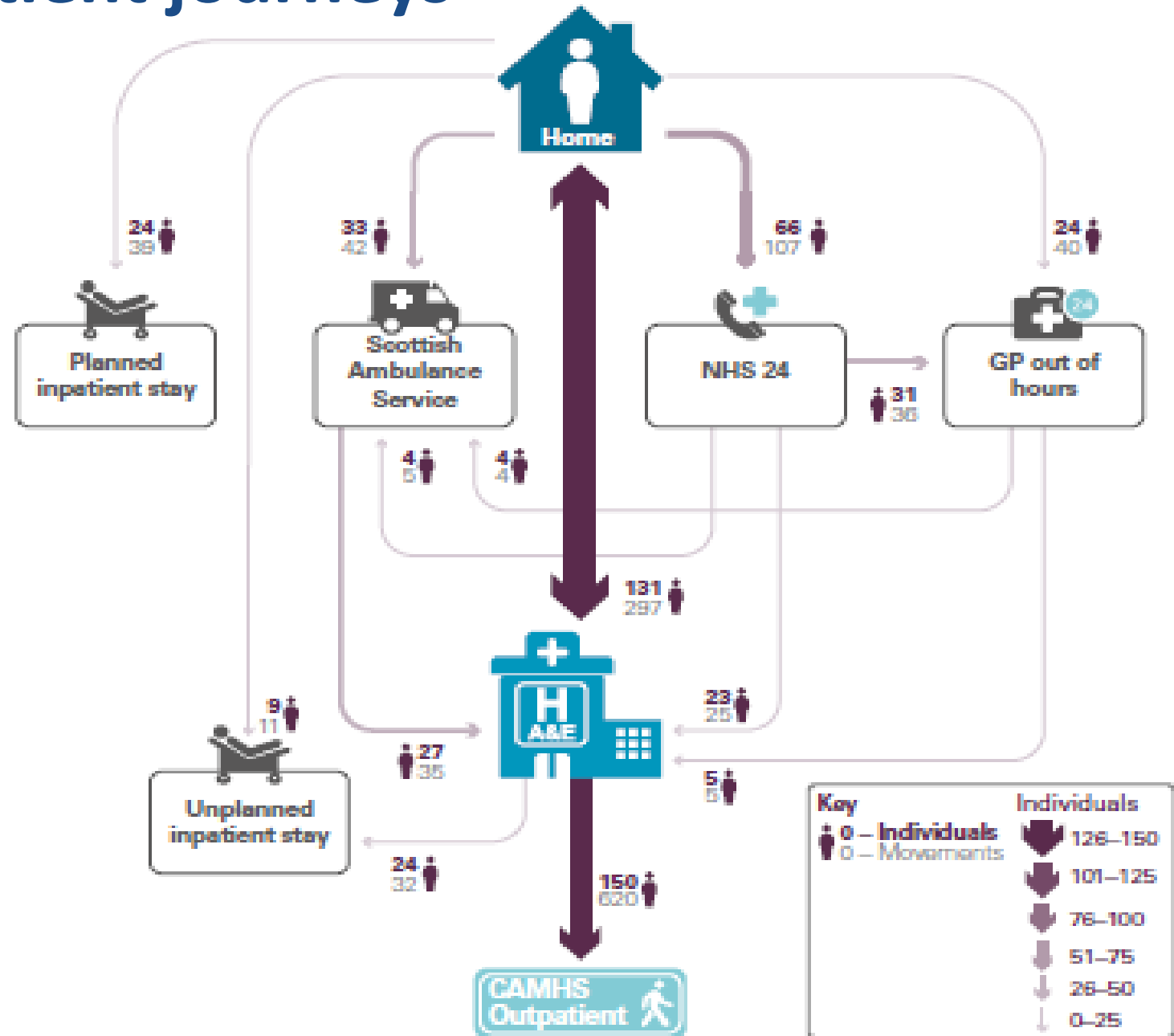


# Data is fab! – Patient journeys

who, where  
accessing, when

What next?

ACP, Crisis plan,  
service redesign...

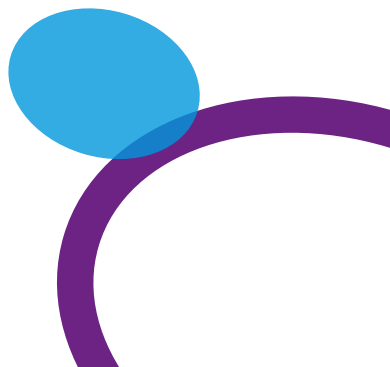




**Data is fab!**

**How will you use your  
data/analytics/intelligence  
to inform improvement?**

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# Focus of work – Providing Person Centred, Efficient and Effective Care by Reducing Waste and Adding Value

**System  
Enablers**



CAMHS/PT end to end patient journey



Referral

Waiting

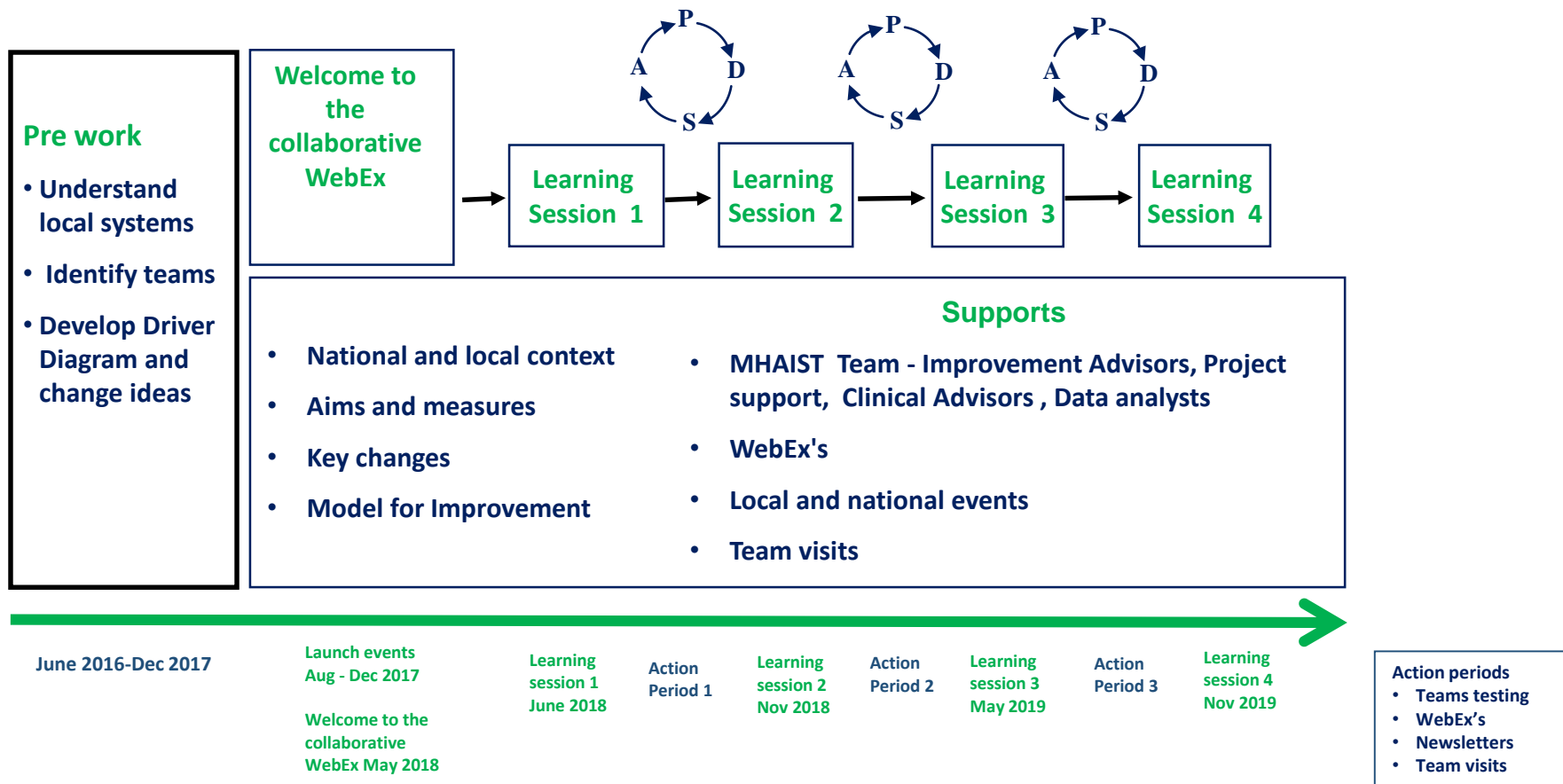
Assessment

Treatment

Discharge

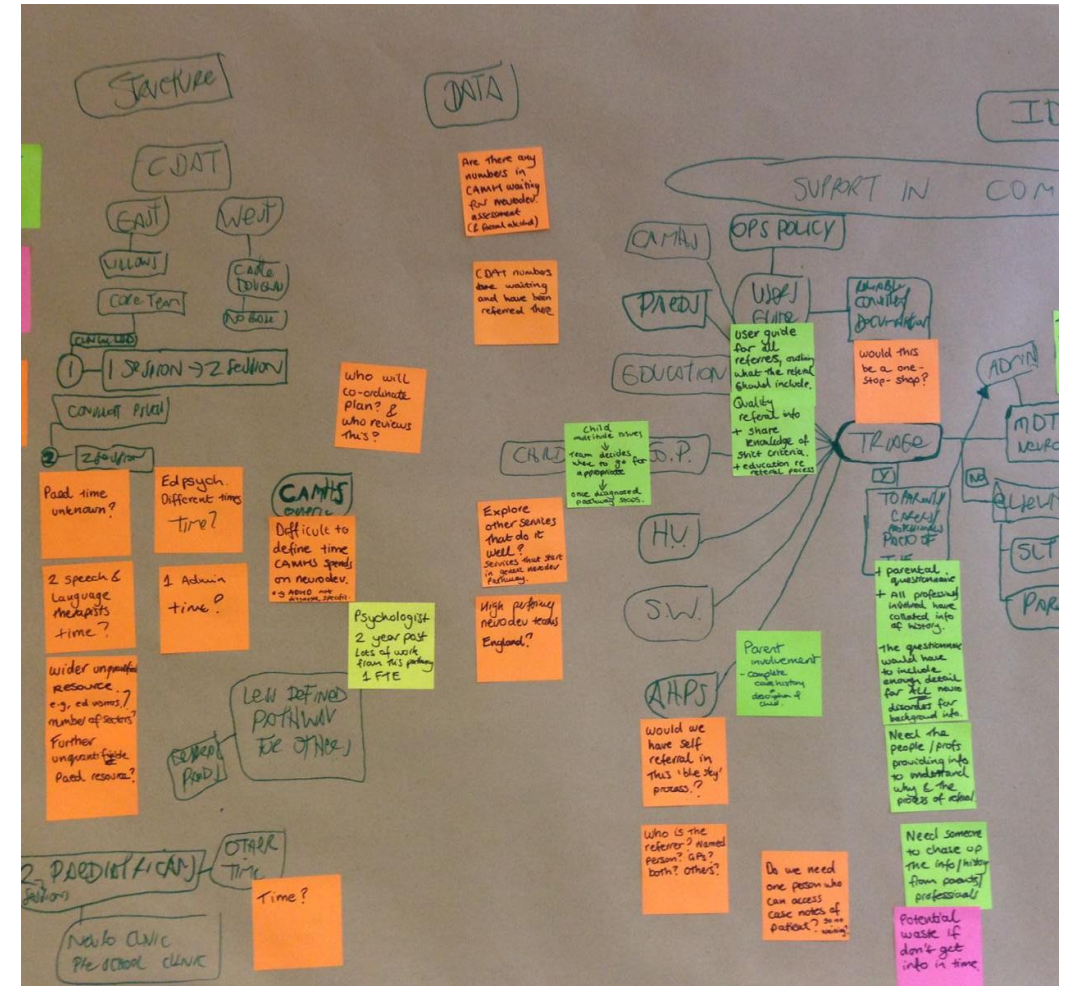
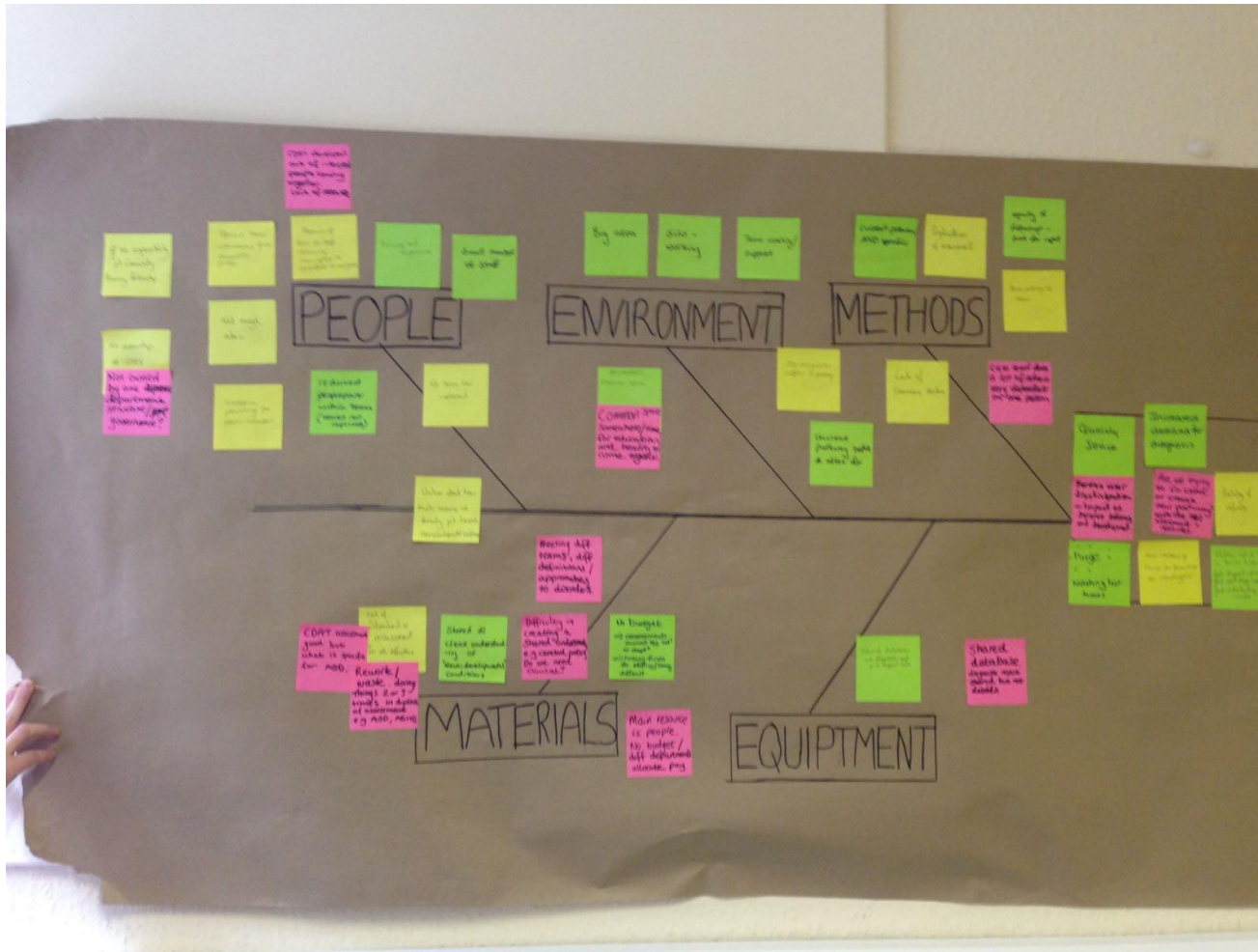
**System  
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# Mental Health Access Improvement Collaborative



Based on *The Breakthrough Series: IHI's Collaborative Model for Achieving Breakthrough Improvement*. IHI Innovation Series white paper. Boston: Institute for Healthcare Improvement; 2003. ([www.IHI.org](http://www.IHI.org))

# What's the problem?









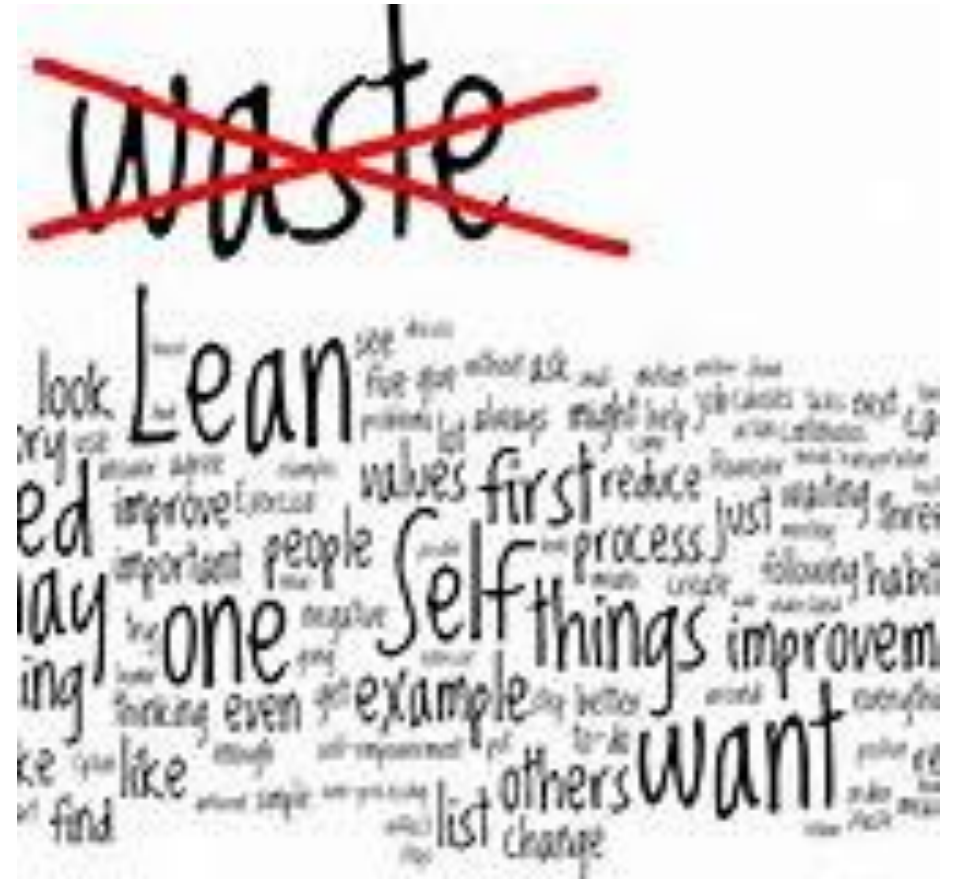
# Themes from MHAIST Collaborative Teams

- **Access**
- Referral, triage, waiting and assessment
- **Treatment and Discharge**
- Interventions, discharge processes
- **System Enablers**
- Workflow, workforce, capacity management, pathways



How did teams make a difference?

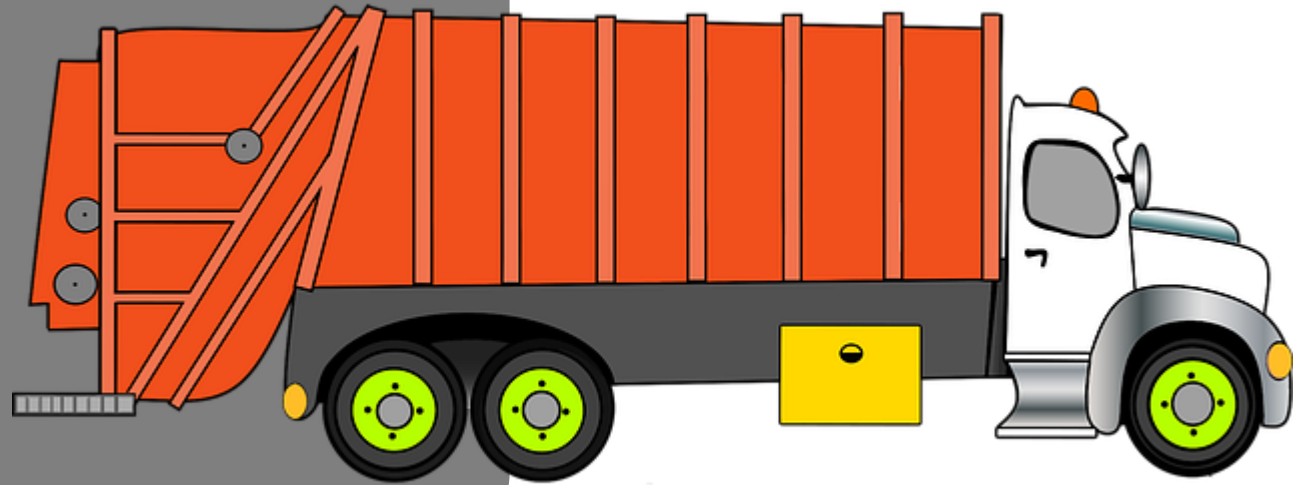
Common factor  
running through all  
work was reducing  
waste and adding  
value.



# What do we mean by waste?

Waste is any step or action in a process that is not required to complete a process successfully.

When waste is removed, only the steps that are required to deliver a satisfactory product or service to the customer remain in the process.



# 8 Wastes

## 8 Wastes

The 8 Wastes are eight types of process obstacles that get in the way of providing value to the customer.



### Defects

Efforts caused by rework, scrap, and incorrect information.



### Overproduction

Production that is more than needed or before it is needed.



### Waiting

Wasted time waiting for the next step in a process.



### Non-Utilized Talent

Underutilizing people's talents, skills, & knowledge.



### Transportation

Unnecessary movements of products & materials.



### Inventory

Excess products and materials not being processed.



### Motion

Unnecessary movements by people (e.g., walking).



### Extra-Processing

More work or higher quality than is required by the customer.

# Example of Collaborative Team Working

## NHS Dumfries and Galloway Neurodevelopmental service



12 weeks

ADMIN

**Referral received**  
Admin screen carried out.  
RFA appropriate

Yes

**Phone family**

- ✓ Check they understand the referral
- ✓ Consent to request screening info
- ✓ Contact details for school
- ✓ Update data base

**Screening Info**

- ✓ ND history to family
- ✓ Education request

- ✓ Collate all info ready for triage
- ✓ Update database

**Discharge**

- ✓ Report sent
- ✓ Data base updated

Triage

**Screening**  
RFA accepted

Unclear

Yes

**Triage meeting**

- ✓ Allocate case lead
- ✓ Allocate 2<sup>nd</sup>

Assessment

**Discussion with family**

- ✓ phone
- ✓ appointment

No

Not ND

**1<sup>st</sup> appointment**

- ✓ family
- ✓ Caselead
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup>

Complex

**Complex ax process**

Unclear

Yes

**Feedback appointment**

- ✓ Family
- ✓ Caselead
- ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Report Concluded**

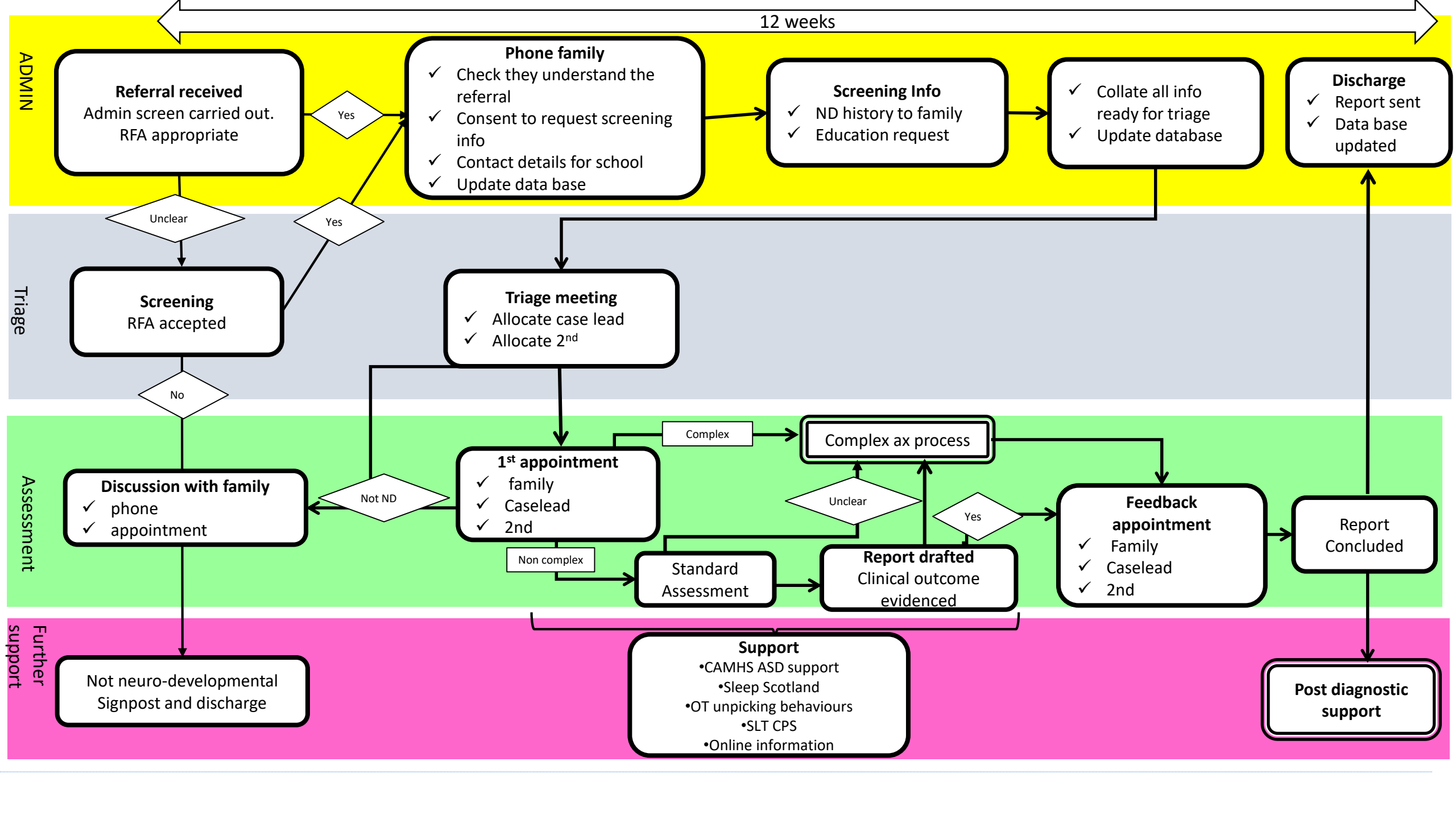
Further support

Not neuro-developmental  
Signpost and discharge

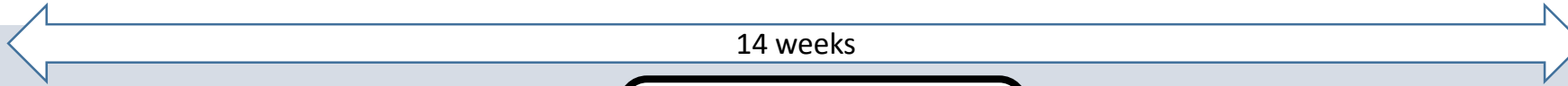
**Support**

- CAMHS ASD support
- Sleep Scotland
- OT unpicking behaviours
- SLT CPS
- Online information

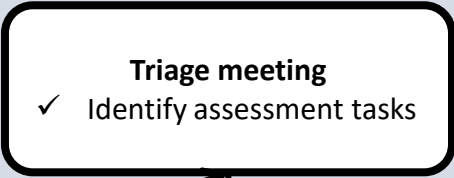
**Post diagnostic support**







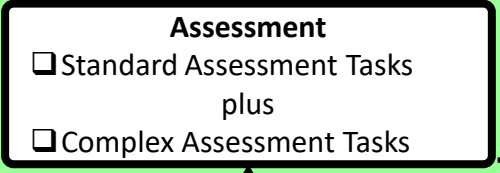
14 weeks



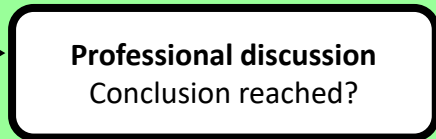
**Triage meeting**  
✓ Identify assessment tasks



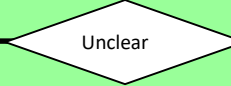
**Complex ax process**



**Assessment**  
☐ Standard Assessment Tasks  
plus  
☐ Complex Assessment Tasks



**Professional discussion**  
Conclusion reached?



Unclear



Yes



**1<sup>st</sup> appointment**  
✓ family  
✓ Caselead  
✓ 2nd

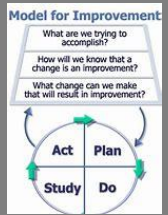
Complex



**Feedback appointment**  
✓ Family  
✓ Caselead  
✓ 2nd

Assessment

# Developed checklists



- Telephone call
- Developmental history
- School questionnaire
- Triage
- Standard assessment checklist
- Each stage has key checks

Telephone Record		
<b>Name</b>	<b>CHI</b>	<b>Date of call</b>
Person contacted		Relationship to child
<b>Outcome of call</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted call (date) ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Attempted call (date) ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to contact by phone – letter sent asking family to get in touch <input type="checkbox"/> No response to letters, no further action to be taken. RFA sent for scanning. Eportal entry made. <input type="checkbox"/> Initial conversation complete (date)		
<b>Initial Conversation</b> <i>Your child has been referred to....., where you aware of this referral? New service mock clinic explained and rationale for including child in Mock clinic.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <i>Explain as necessary what the Service is. The first thing we do is start to gather more information to help us plan what assessments are needed. To do this, we would like to send you a parent checklist so you can tell us a bit more about their development. We also ask for information from your child's nursery / school.</i> <i>Are you happy for us to go ahead with gathering this information?</i> <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		
<b>Parent Developmental Checklist preference</b> <input type="checkbox"/> paper <input type="checkbox"/> email .....		<b>Education information</b> Name of person to contact Name of school / nursery
<i>Once we have this information, the referral will be discussed by the team and someone from the team will get in touch with you to discuss what happens next. Do you have any questions just now?</i>		
<b>Admin Complete</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Developmental checklist received <input type="checkbox"/> Education information received <input type="checkbox"/> Unable to proceed		<input type="checkbox"/> Casefile handed over to team for triage <input type="checkbox"/> Database updated for audit purposes
<b>Name</b>		<b>Signed</b>

# Developed checklists and test



- Maximise capacity
- Reduce waste
- What bits add value?
- Have we the right skill set?
- How much time does each activity take?

Triage Record			
Name	CHI	Triage Date	
<b>Outcome of triage</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Neurodevelopmental Assessment Appropriate Further assessment required for <input type="checkbox"/> ASD <input type="checkbox"/> EF <input type="checkbox"/> ADHD <input type="checkbox"/> CVI <input type="checkbox"/> ID <input type="checkbox"/> FASD <input type="checkbox"/> Sensory <input type="checkbox"/> Initial appointment to be arranged for: Date ..... Time ..... Appointment with: ..... Case lead: ..... <input type="checkbox"/> Initial appointment to be booked in by admin <input type="checkbox"/> Additional appointment needed with ..... By date .....		<input type="checkbox"/> Neurodevelopmental Assessment not appropriate <b>Reason:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> referral appropriate for another service <input type="checkbox"/> no evidence of delay / difficulties <input type="checkbox"/> consent from family not gained <b>Discussion with family to advise:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> By Phone call allocated to .....  <input type="checkbox"/> By appointment Date ..... Time .....	
Discussion notes			
Evidence of potential difficulties with:	Reported by family	Reported by teaching staff	
Learning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interaction with peers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Rigidity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Participation in everyday activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Attention and concentration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Relationships	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Difficult life experiences	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sensory difficulties	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Behavioural issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Different evidence reported	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Admin</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Initial appointment arranged <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation letter sent with service information <input type="checkbox"/> Database updated for audit purposes		<b>Admin</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Outcome agreed with family <input type="checkbox"/> Letter sent to family and referrer <input type="checkbox"/> Onward referrals made if required <input type="checkbox"/> Database updated for audit purposes	
<b>Name</b>		<b>Signed</b>	

# Clinical Health Psychology NHS Lanarkshire

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# Project Team

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# Project Aim

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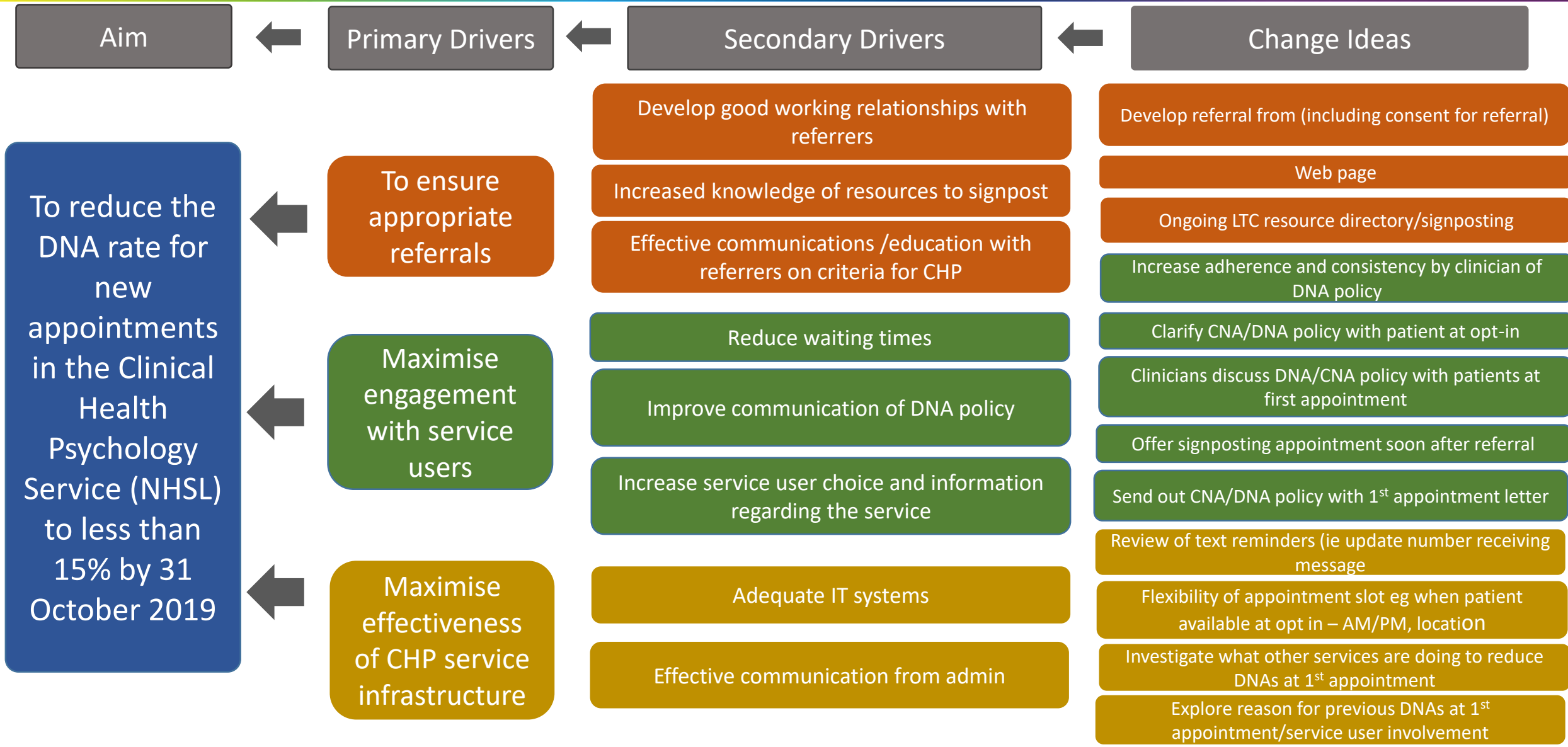
- To reduce the DNA rate for new appointments in the Clinical Health Psychology Service (NHSL) to less than 15% by the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2019



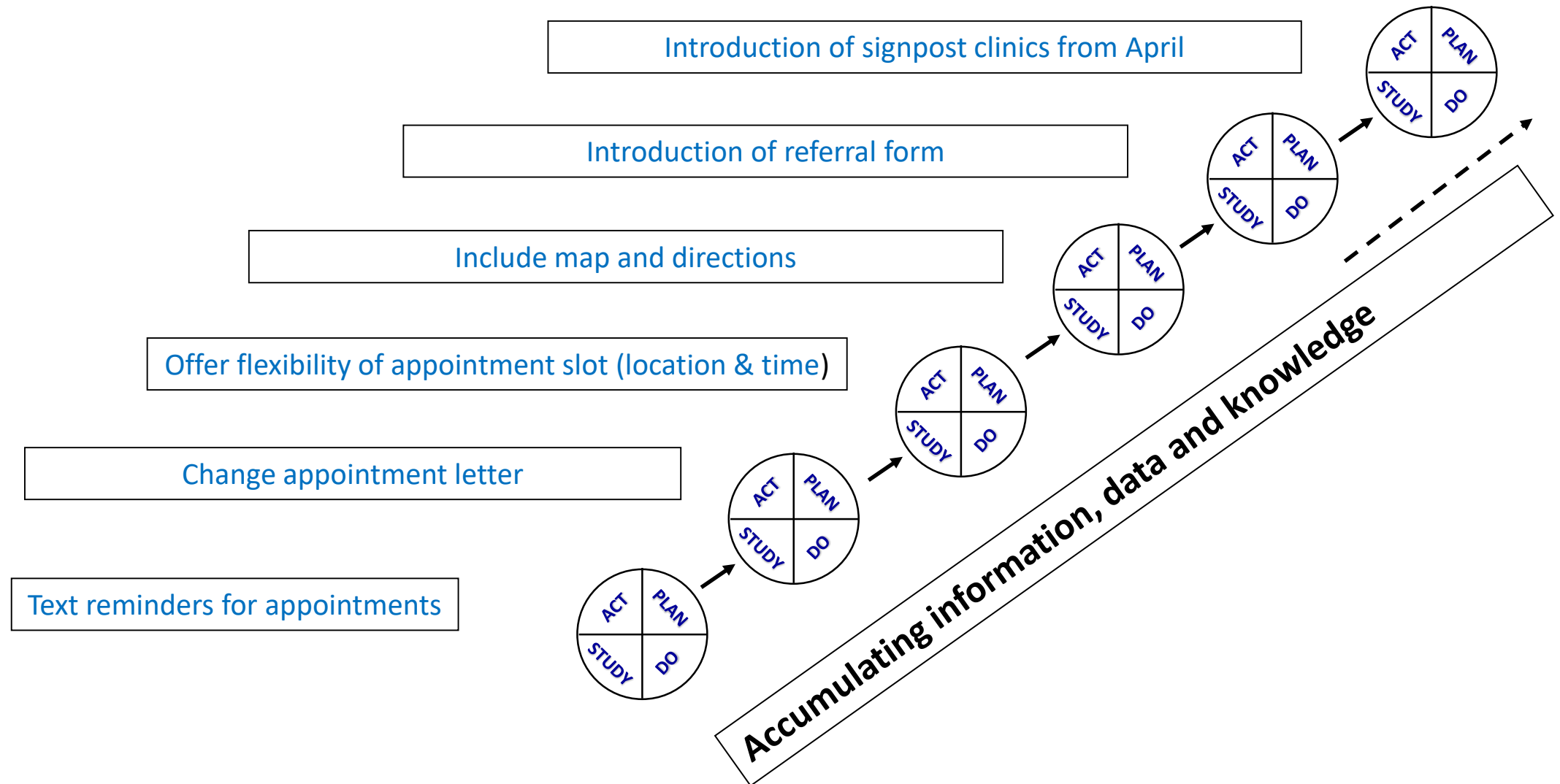
# Why is this important?

- The DNA rate for new appointments is on average 20% with a higher rate for new appointments
- High DNA rates increase waiting times as well as increasing admin time (i.e. letters/making phone calls)
- DNAs reduce clinician productivity & can impact on managing a caseload effectively.
- Potentially negative impact on the therapeutic relationship.
- Our waiting times are closely monitored and we are required to meet the HEAT target of 18 weeks from referral to treatment. To maximise capacity and increase access to psychological therapy the service needs to work as efficiently as possible and reduce wasted appointments.
- Service users report that the current waiting times are often too long and frequently telephone the department to enquire about where they are on the waiting list.
- The DNA rate impacts on clinicians, administrative staff service users and referrers.

# Driver Diagram



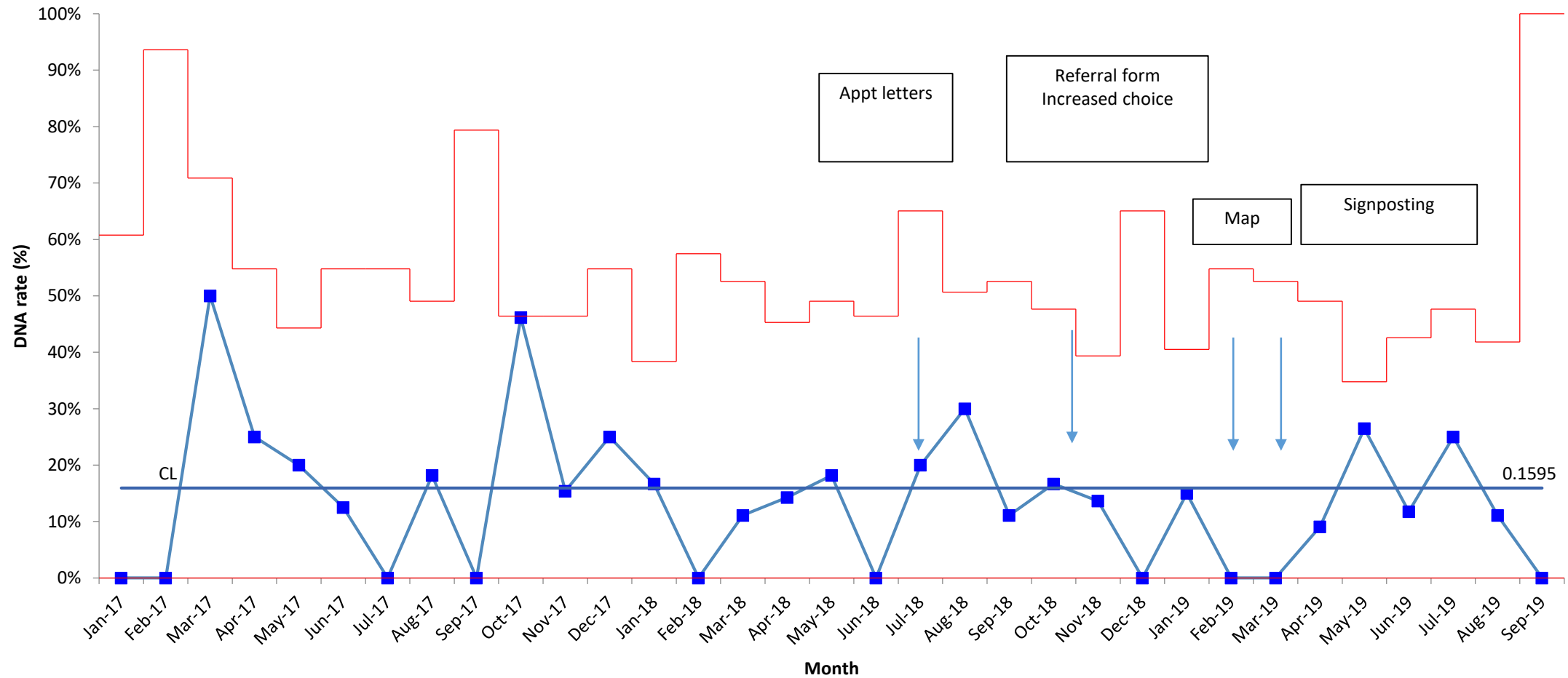
# Tests of change / PDSAs / Testing



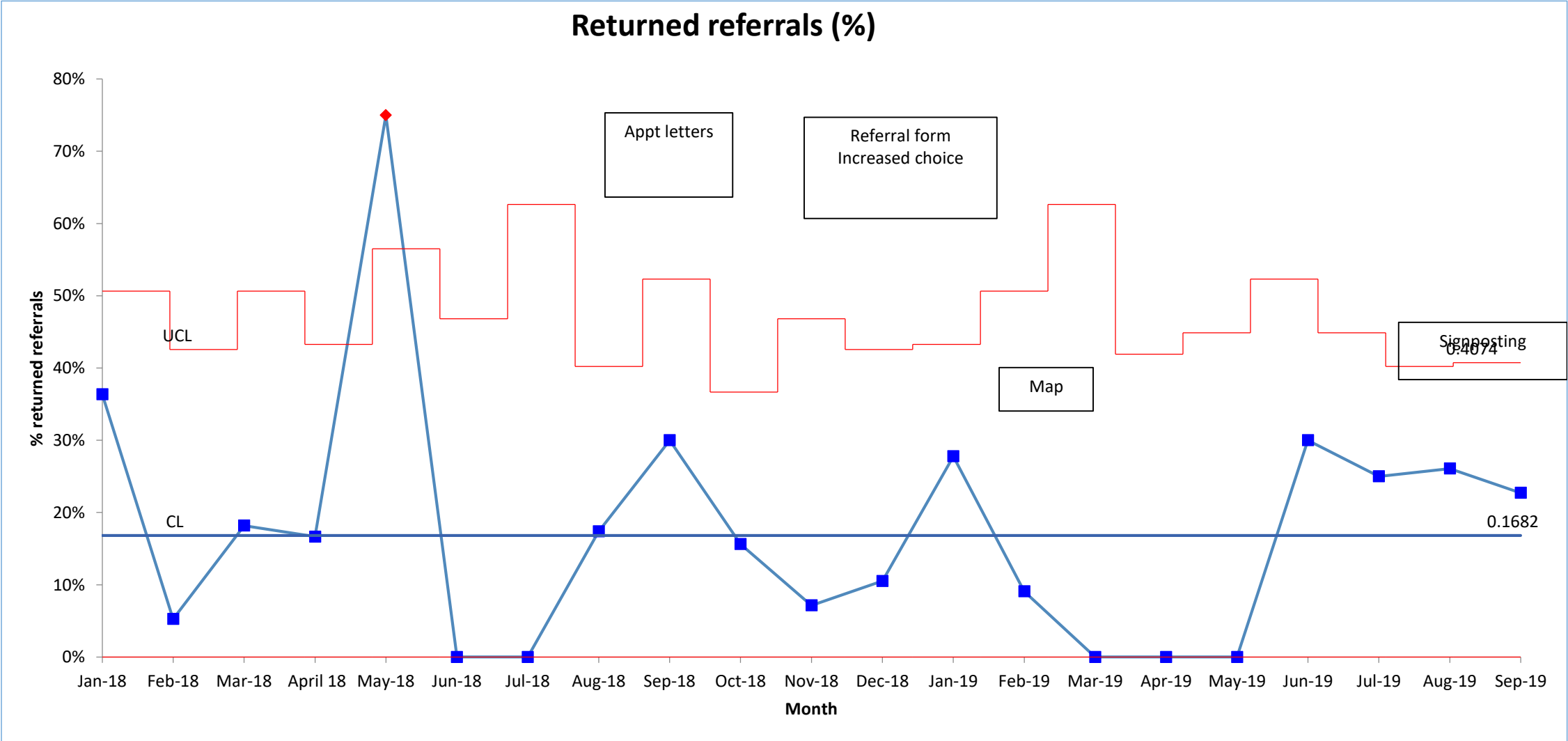
- **Outcome measures**
  - Monthly DNA rate for new appointments (%)
  - Waiting times (weeks)
- **Process measures**
  - % inappropriate referrals per month
  - % patients choosing time/location of appointment
  - % signposting outcomes (from mid-April)
- **Balancing measures**
  - % appointments cancelled per month

# Data

## DNA First Appt (%)

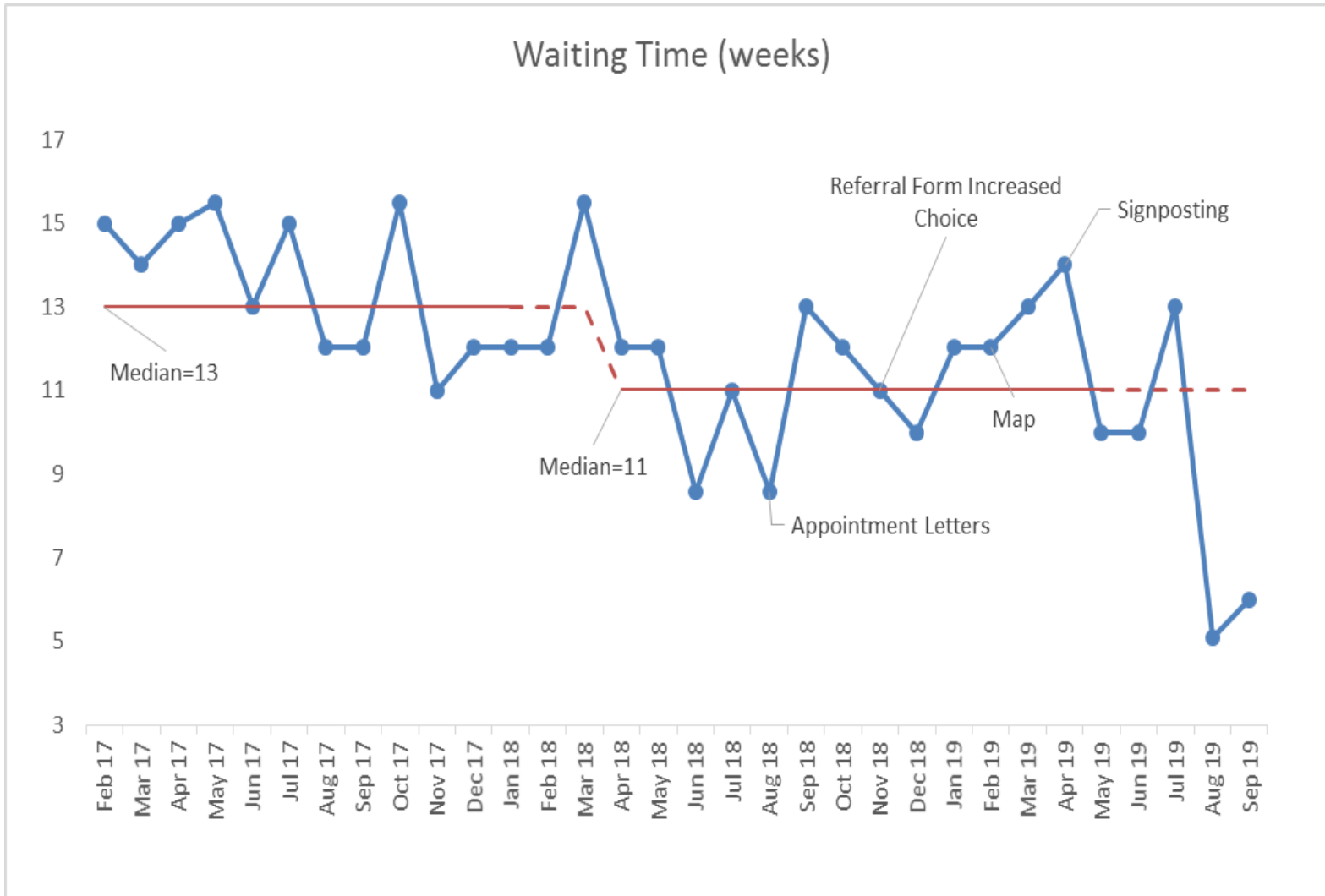


# Data



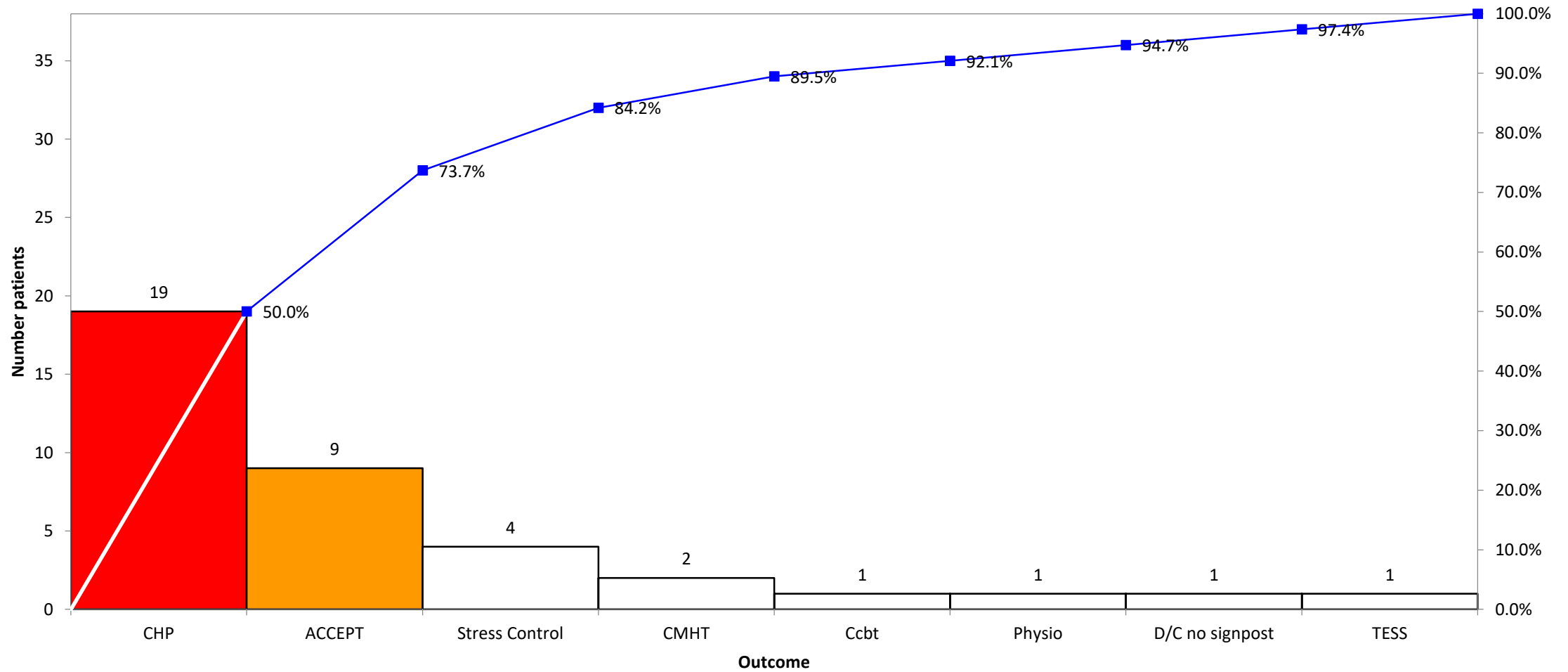


# Data



- The median waiting time for the service has reduced from 13 to 11 weeks.

## Signposting Outcomes



# Learning and Next Steps

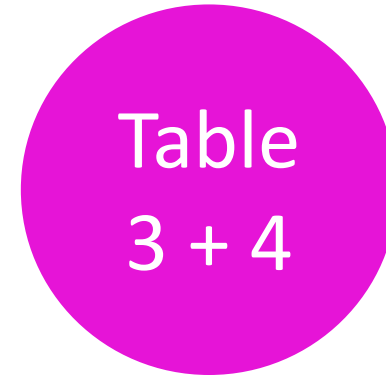
Learning	Future plans
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Engage the wider team</li><li>• Impact on admin</li><li>• Patient perspective</li><li>• Challenge of IT systems</li><li>• MHAIST project updates helpful</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue monitoring data</li><li>• Patient perspective</li><li>• Explore cancellations</li><li>• Share QI work with other teams</li><li>• Other QI project (renal)</li></ul>

# Opportunity to Learn More from 8 Teams: Poster Walk Around

Whilst visiting each poster, think about the work you are currently prioritising - what was the key learning?



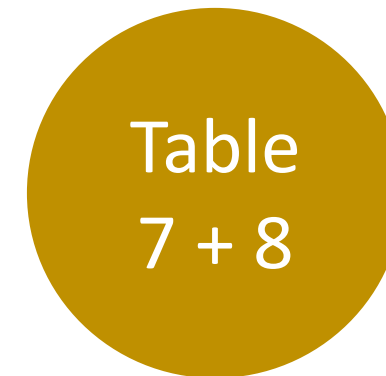
**A**



**B**



**C**



**D**

# Coffee



## Consider your Priority Areas of Work

What affects productivity in this work?

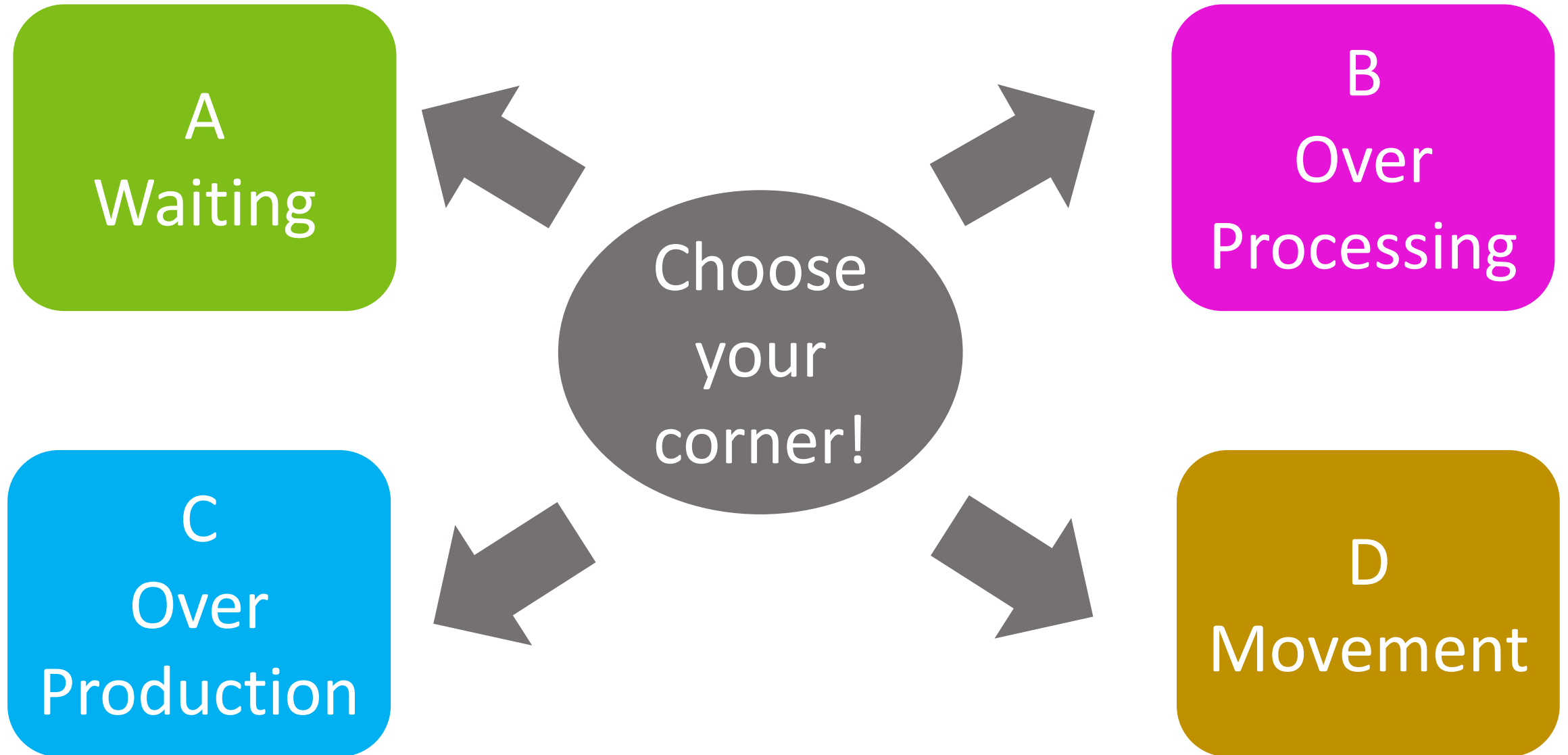
Facilitator at each table

On your table:

- Waste Spotter Guide
- 8 Areas of Waste Diagram



# Time to Choose



# Corner Exercise

In pairs,  
consider  
three things:

1

What is the issue?

2

Who is going to help  
you?

3

Potential solutions?

# Pledge Wall

