

Making Data Count – step training sessions

September 2024 to April 2025

Step 1:

An introduction to Making Data Count

This interactive session focusses on the dangers of RAG reporting and two-point comparisons and introduces statistical process control (SPC). As a result of this session attendees will understand SPC charts and understand why this approach supports effective decision making.

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Step 2:

Our tools and How to use them

This session provides a demonstration of our free easy to use Excel based SPC chart tool and multi chart tools which enables the creation of SPC dashboards with up to 50 indicators, as well as an introduction to the SQL code for output in Excel or Power BI, where the sky's the limit in terms of charts.

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Step 3:

Writing narrative that drives improvement

This session focusses on how to improve narrative writing skills to not only describe the key messages from the data, but to prompt the correct action.

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Step 4:

Dig Deeper – add to your SPC knowledge

This session takes your SPC knowledge to a deeper level covering a range of topics relating to process limits and other more technical questions. It also provides a range of tips and different approach to convert others.

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Step 5:

Comparisons and benchmarking

This session explores the benefits of using benchmarks and comparisons. Focusing on how you select comparators, useful sources of benchmarking, how you should visualise the data and what pitfalls to avoid.

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Step 6:

Improvement methods

We can use SPC to identify where processes in our organisation are changing and where they are failing to meet the required standards. Step 6 provides some pointers on how to approach improvement projects: what you need to consider in setting aims, identifying metrics which demonstrate improvement and engaging staff.

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Step 7:

Triangulating data

This session will introduce the concept of triangulation, explore the benefits of triangulating effectively, provide examples of well triangulated data sets and provide advice and tips on how to implement triangulation locally.

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Step 8:

Data driven conversation

What are the additional ingredients necessary to ensuring that data is at the heart of your decision making? What do good and bad conversations look like? How should issues be escalated from ward to board? This step will strengthen your ability to make data driven decisions that result in insight led care.

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Step 9:

Making qualitative data count

This session will provide you with an introduction to the range of qualitative data and analysis methods most commonly used in health and care. You will leave the session with practical tips and advice so that you can implement good practice and challenge misuse of qualitative data in the system.

[See available dates](#)

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Step 10:

Targets and trajectories

This session will explore pros and cons of targets and describe how to use targets to your advantage. We will outline different things to consider when setting targets and explain how process limits can be used to set stretching but achievable targets and trajectories. Includes an overview of the target setting tool.

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Tuesday	15/10/2024	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	27/11/2024	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	22/01/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 2: Our tools and How to use them

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Thursday	24/10/2024	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	05/12/2024	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	30/01/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 3: Writing narrative that drives improvement

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Wednesday	11/12/2024	1:00pm	Click here to register
Tuesday	04/02/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register



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Thursday	19/12/2024	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	13/02/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 5: Comparisons and benchmarking

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Tuesday	19/11/2024	1:00pm	Click here to register
Tuesday	07/01/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	26/02/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register

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Thursday	16/01/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Tuesday	04/03/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 7: Triangulating data

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Tuesday	21/01/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	12/03/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 8: Data driven conversation

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Wednesday	29/01/2025	1:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	20/03/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register



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