

Making Data Count – step training sessions

July 2025 to March 2026

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.

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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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Thursday	18/09/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	05/11/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Tuesday	13/01/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 2: Our tools and How to use them

Tuesday	23/09/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	13/11/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	22/01/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 3: Writing narrative that drives improvement

Wednesday	01/10/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	20/11/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	28/01/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

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Tuesday	25/11/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Tuesday	03/02/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 5: Comparisons and benchmarking

Thursday	16/10/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	03/12/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	11/02/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 6: Improvement methods

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Tuesday	09/12/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	26/02/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 7: Triangulating data

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Tuesday	04/11/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	17/12/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	04/03/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

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Step 8: Data driven conversation

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Wednesday	07/01/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register
Thursday	12/03/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 9: Making qualitative data count

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Wednesday	19/11/2025	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	14/01/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register
Tuesday	17/03/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register

Step 10: Targets and trajectories

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Wednesday	21/01/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register
Wednesday	25/03/2026	12:00pm	Click here to register