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Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust



## Change idea

Improve the quality of initial assessments by supporting staff to capture the information needed to make decisions.

## Predictions

- If we improve the process, patients' needs will be identified, making the initial assessment more accurate to better inform treatment/ pathway decisions.
- Will this improve decision making at MDT?
- Will it shorten the time between initial assessment and start of treatment?

# What we are doing

- Ask staff at the MDT meeting about challenges with the completion of initial assessments.
- Review existing templates/proforma currently being used to complete assessments. Agree on a proforma - use expertise from Liaison team.
- Review supervision structure and focus supervision on assessments.
- Provide training on formulation, using internal resources.
- Have a collective discussion about the importance of the process at the away day in November.

### How we are measuring change

What will you measure (based on your predictions); how often

#### Learning so far

Key learning, data, reflections etc

**Next steps** Next steps for the idea