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Improvement: Improving Kent School Health initial assessments in line with safeguarding audit action plan

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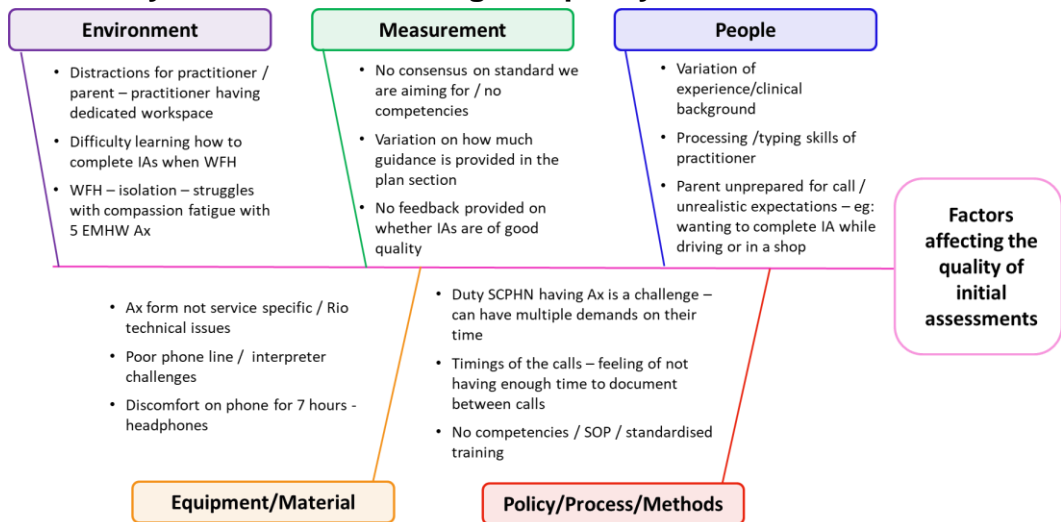
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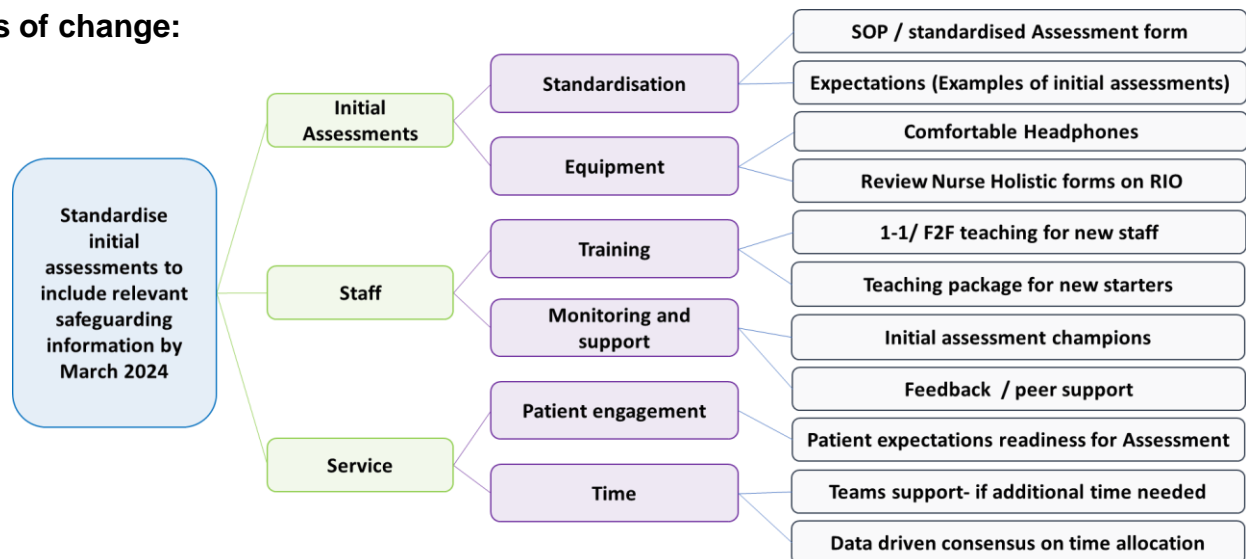
Problem statement: Audit results demonstrate that opportunities are missed when collecting data on family dynamics. Without this data we are restricted from completing a robust risk assessment to understand the needs of a family, inhibiting our ability to safely plan their care at initial contact.

Vision Statement: Improve quality of data captured at initial assessment by creating a School Health specific assessment form to meet safeguarding audit requirements, by November 2024.

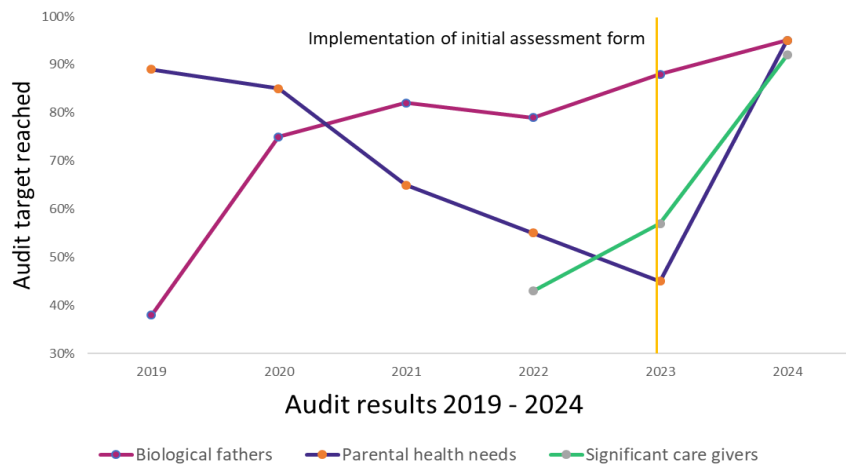
Cause analysis: Factors affecting the quality on initial assessments



Tests of change:



Data shows the recording of helpful information on biological fathers, significant care givers and parent health needs prior to introduction of standardised assessment forms



- Recording of significant care givers has increased from **57% to 92%**,
- Recording of biological Father's involvement has increased from **88% to 95%**
- Recording of parental Health Needs has increased from **45% to 95%**

Having a more standardised form will help to ensure we capture all necessary information and is useful for new starters – Staff feedback

“As an AP it would be great to see the same questions asked for a standardised approach”
Staff feedback

Results:

Aim to implement forms by November 2024 was achieved which increased recording of safeguarding needs.

What we learned:

Practitioners feel that the new assessment form is easier to use, expectations are clearer and they feel they are saving time.

What next:

April 2025 we are able to make additional changes based on feedback from colleagues.