

Value Stream Mapping

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- Keep it high level
- Remember this is a value stream map NOT a process map!
- Use approximately 8 process steps
- Focus on the high volume work i.e. ~80% of the work. This is called the 'Green Stream'
- Collect true and accurate information by walking through the pathway yourself.
- Have lots of brown paper and post it notes!!





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STEP 1



Patient Referred

Establish process START and STOP points



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STEP 2



Insert the key process steps Use approx 6-8 boxes Start from the end of the process and work backwards

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STEP 3





Add in the outside agencies Customers, other processes, other agencies STOP

nd Custome (Patient)



Add in the data flows – electronic and paper



Is it a push or is it a pull?

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STEP 6

Insert the measurements - Gather real data - this is your chance to really understand what's happening.





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STEP 10



STEP 11

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