

# Improving Outcomes for Children with Additional Support Needs

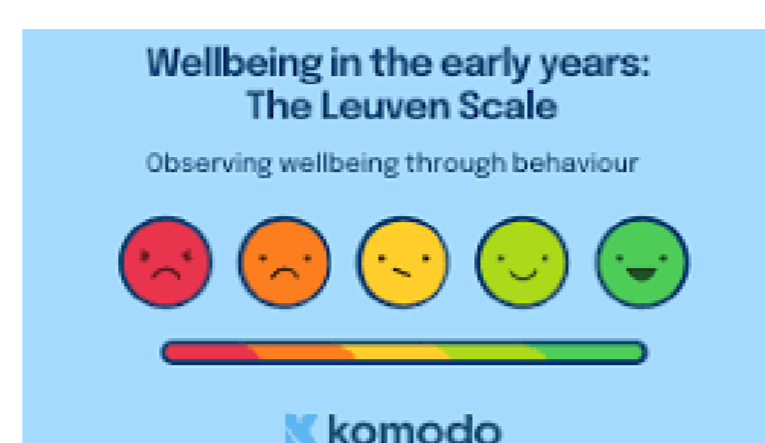


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## Aim

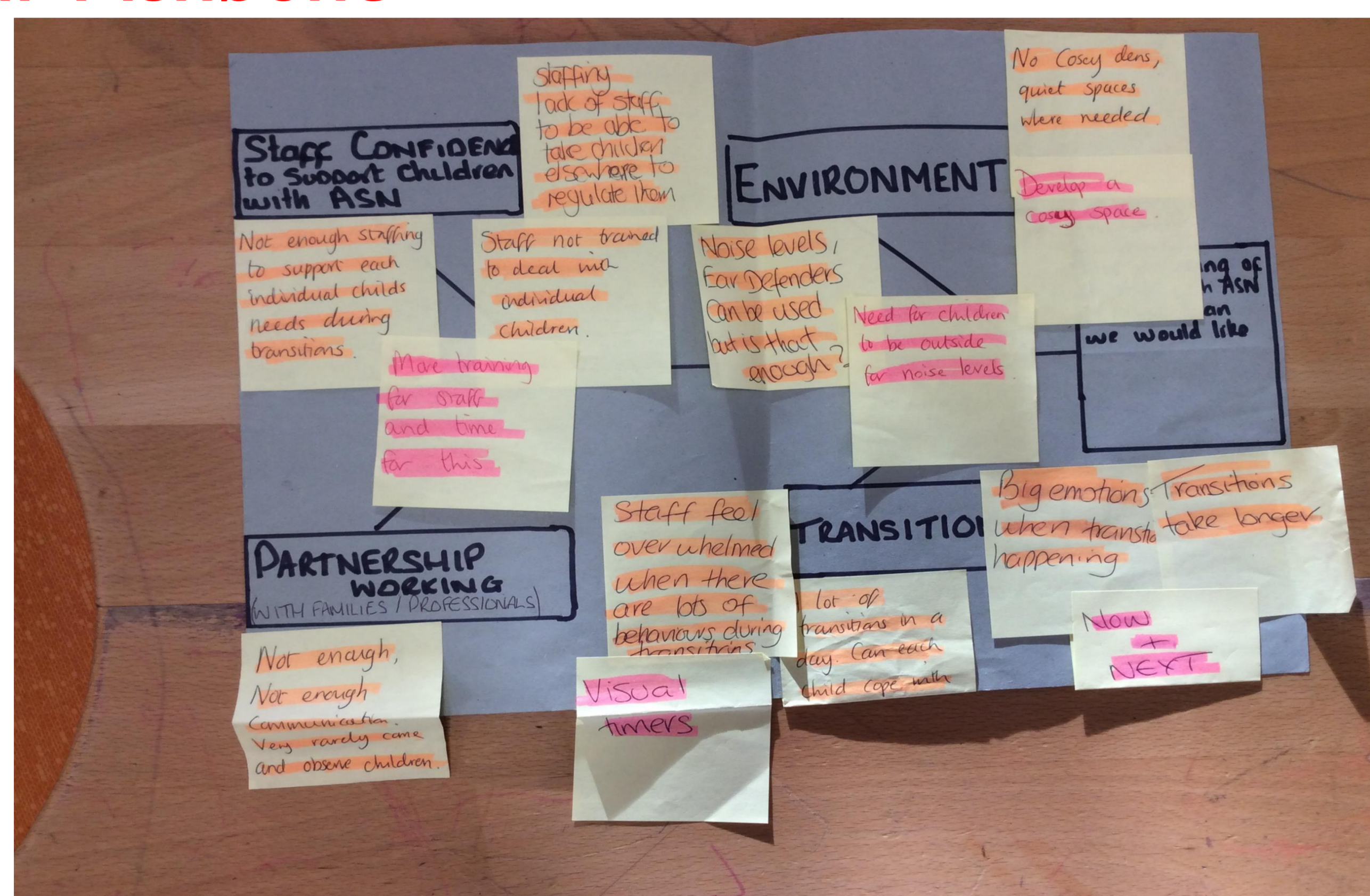
By April 2026, improve the average daily wellbeing score of children with additional support needs from 2.2 to 4 (using Leuven Wellbeing Scale)

## Method

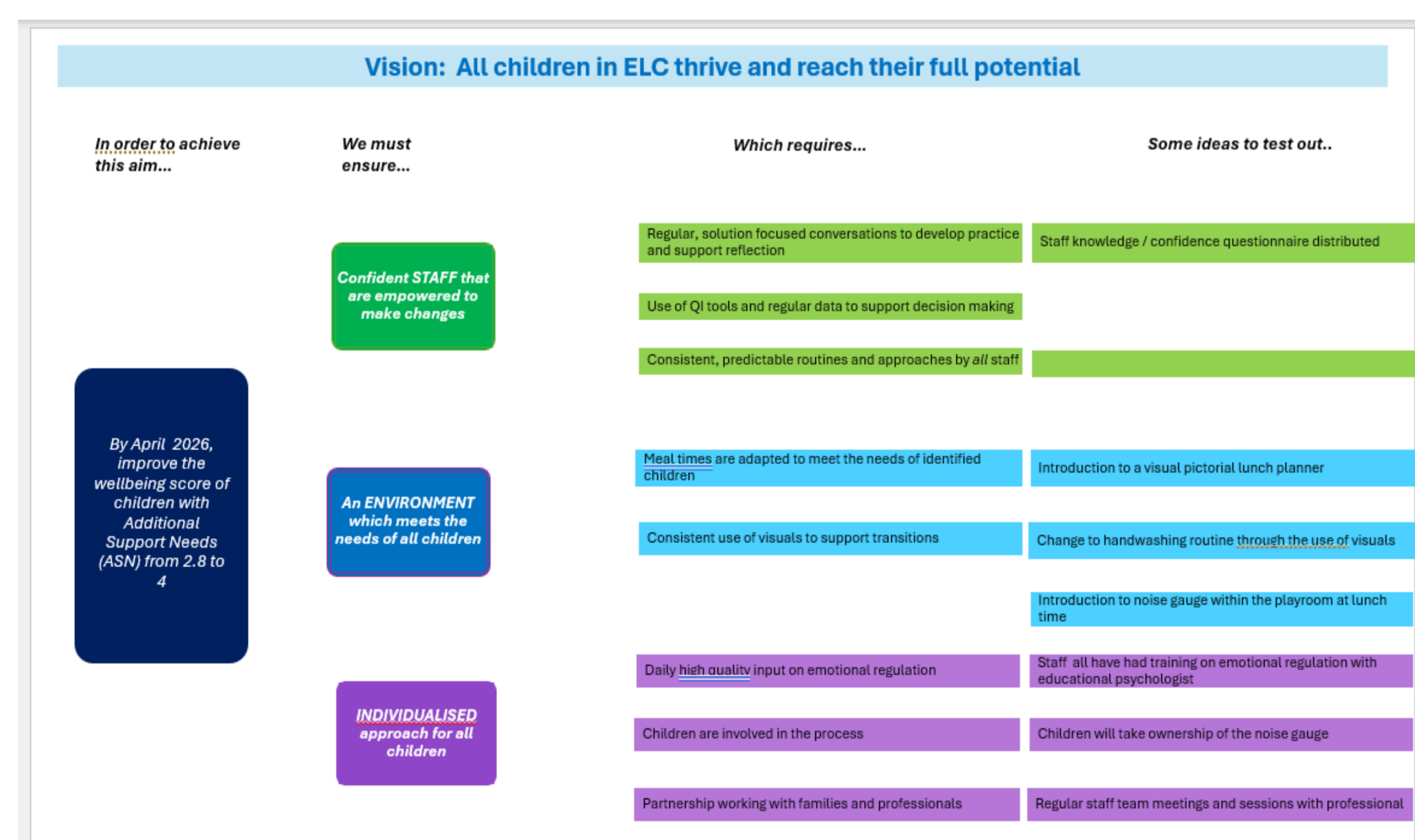


- Established an Improvement Team.
- Attended the East Ayrshire QI in ELC Programme.
- Began gathering daily data on children's wellbeing.
- Used run charts to track variation and progress towards our aim.
- Completed a fishbone tool to get to the root causes and identify change ideas.
- Tested change ideas aligned to a secondary driver.

## Our Fishbone

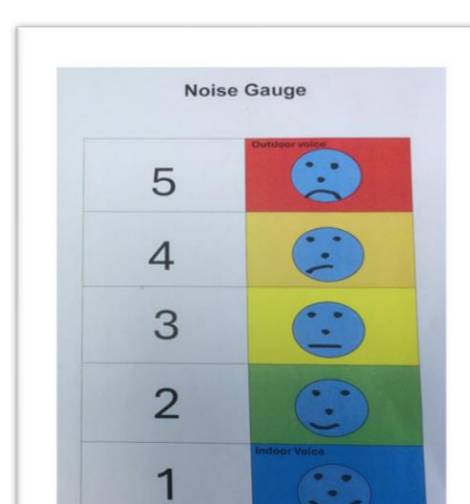
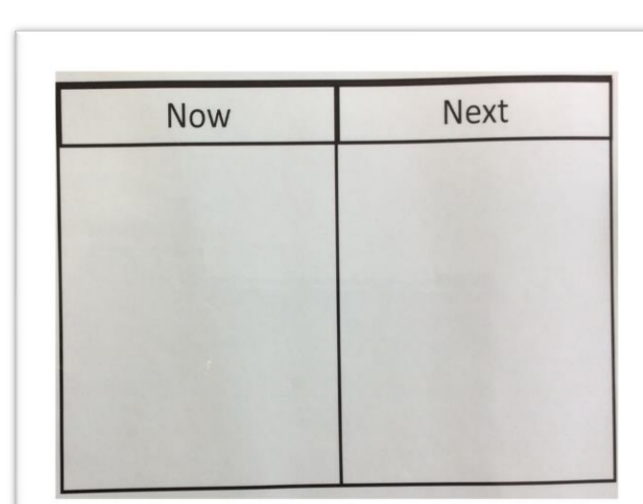


## Our Change Theory



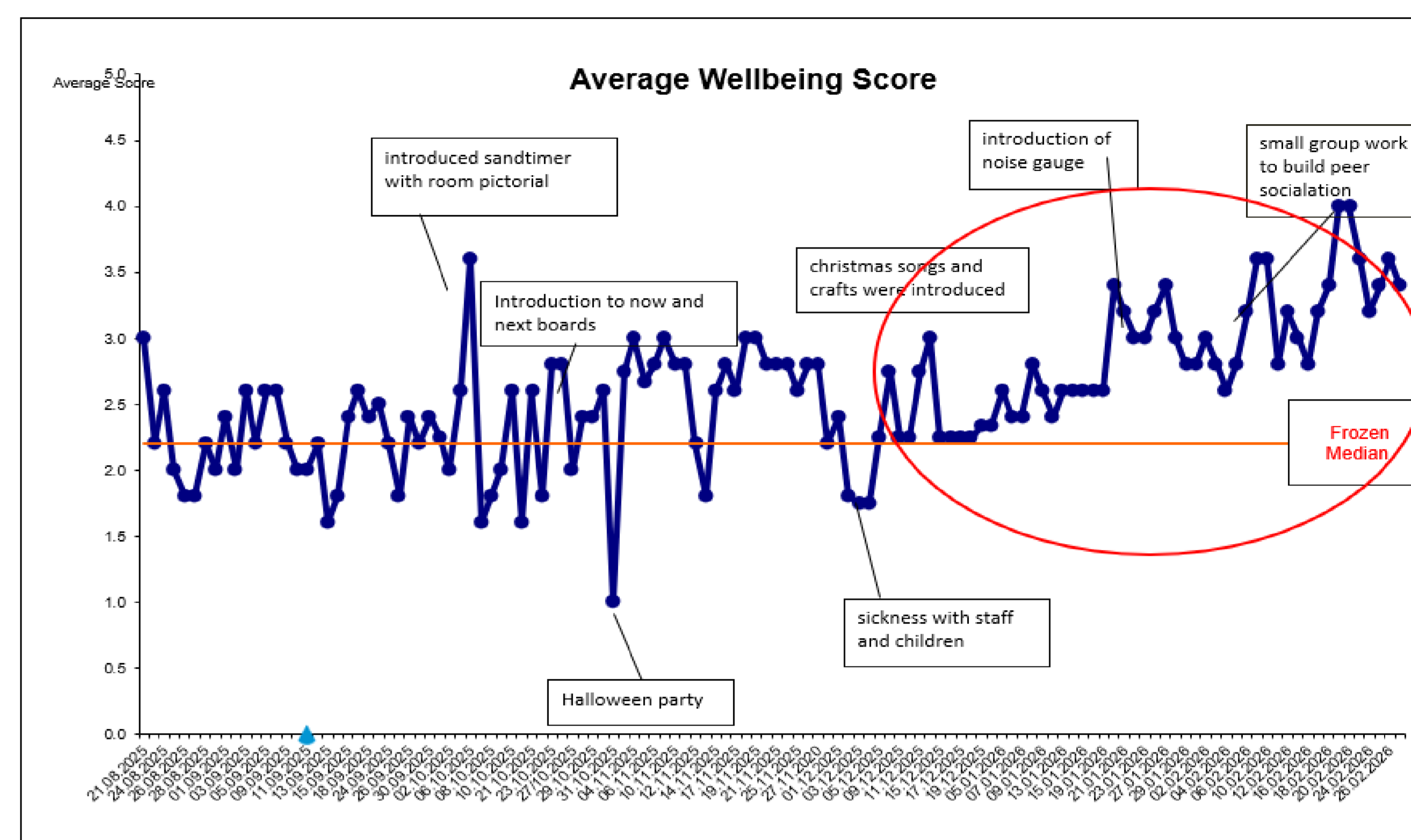
## Change Ideas Tested

- Daily room visuals made for both playrooms
- Lunch routine planners introduced
- Now and next boards introduced
- Noise gauge introduced at lunch times



## Results

★ Sustained improvement over time with a shift in our data!



## Conclusions

- Calmer and more enjoyable lunchtimes with less dysregulation
- Staff have more tools to help children navigate transitions
- Children's independence is developing
- Staff feel more confident supporting children with ASN

Julie: "Children take charge of the noise gauge and stop each other at lunchtime to say they are being too loud; they have started to use this at free play too!"

Lottie: "I am the safety queen for noise!"

How confident do you feel supporting children with additional support needs?

Following the programme, 15 out of 16 staff rated themselves **7 or above** on a 1-10 rating scale!

## Key Learning Points

- Our primary focus was improving the lunchtime routine to make the transition smoother and encourage children's independence, testing out a variety of tools to support this.
- As we are a very large establishment, currently holding 139 children, we started with 2 playrooms which had the most ASN need and spread from there.

## Next steps

- Continue to support staff's wellbeing while supporting children with ASN.
- Implement noise gauge within remaining playrooms.