

Seven Signs of Waste in a System



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“Local” vs System View

Working separately vs sharing learning across the organization

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Chronic, unresolved complaints

Experiencing the same problem repetitively without solution

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Poor execution of cross-boundary commitments

Not collaborating well across the organization

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Covert communication

Gossip, suppression, dishonesty, secrecy

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Impotent explanations

Explanation of a problem that does not help solve it

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Unclear priorities/prioritization

Slow to resolve differences and frequent escalation

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Valuing “the way things have been done” over facts and innovation