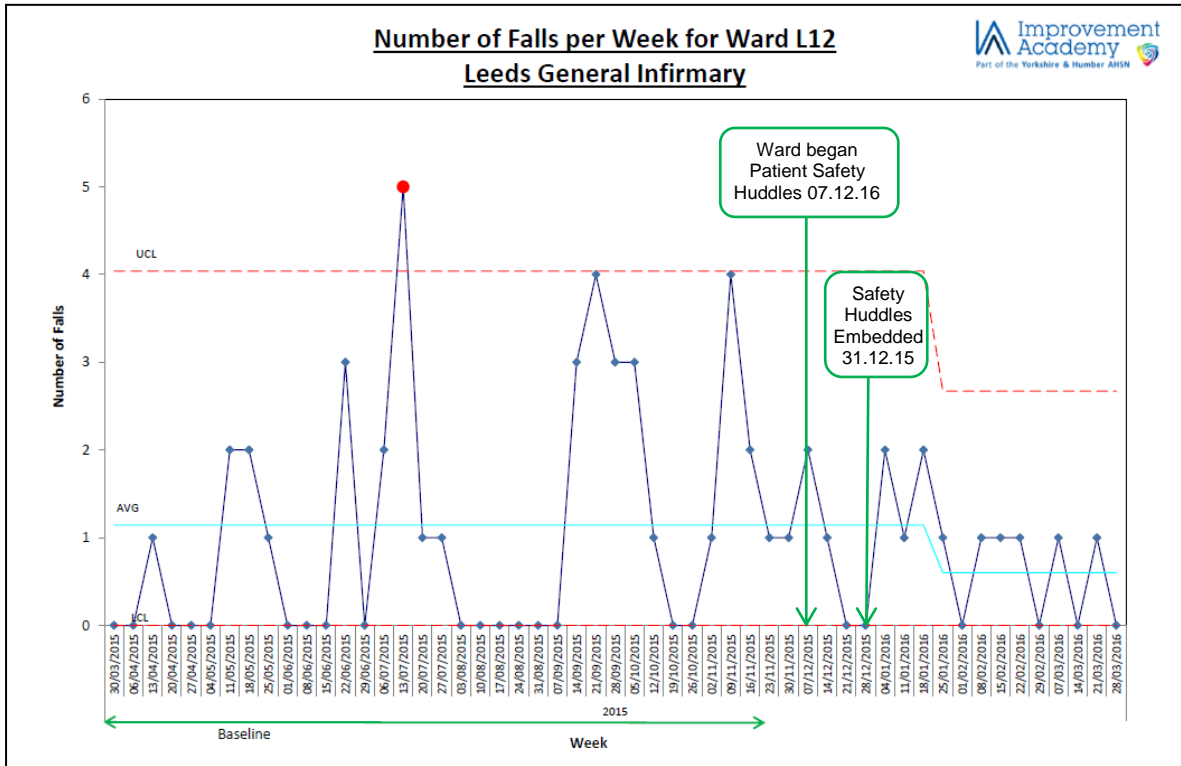


Example Case Study in Leeds General Infirmary

L12 is a stroke rehabilitation ward. The team started implementing safety huddles in early December 2015. These are a multi-professional meeting that takes place every morning. Its focus is falls and deteriorating patients. In common with many other wards that have started safety huddles, they have demonstrated a significant reduction in falls.



Often, when huddles are first introduced to a team, it takes a while to persuade teams of the benefits of safety huddles and supporting them to make sure that huddles work well for them. On L12 that job was easy - they had started a week before we arrived! As safety huddles spread through an organisation, wards sometimes start doing them using their own initiative, with less support from the Improvement Academy than was needed early on in the process.

On this occasion, Sarah Robinson and Beth Kilbride, therapists who had worked on other wards doing safety huddles were keen to bring the concept to L12. The ward sisters, Karen Greenwood, Sarah Maxted have embraced the idea and enjoy friendly rivalry with a neighbouring ward as to who can have the lower number of falls each month.

Senior Sister Karen Greenwood believes it has “changed the safety culture of the ward” whilst ward clerk Corrine Hey has demonstrated leadership and organisational skills, proving instrumental to the success story on L12.