



Learning Together

Improvement Academy

Improvement Academy & University of Bradford win award to improve analytical capability in health and care

R The Improvement Academy & University of Bradford have been selected by the Health Foundation, an independent charity, to be part of the first round of its new £1.2 million data analytics programme. The **Advancing Applied Analytics** programme is aimed at improving analytical capability in support of health and care services.

The project which will also be supported by *NHS Improvement, NHS Midlands and Lancashire Commissioning Support Unit & NHS Wales Delivery Unit* aims to set up and establish an NHS-R community that supports the learning, application and exploitation of R in the NHS. The project will begin to do this by holding a series of 3 day workshops, there will also be a dedicated website, discussion forum and blog focused on developing best practice solutions to NHS problems.

To be kept informed on updates from this project and to find out more information about the 3-day R workshops, follow us on Twitter [@NHSrCommunity](https://twitter.com/NHSrCommunity). We already have over 30 followers who are excited to have [#rstats](https://twitter.com/rstats) part of the NHS!



HUSH Coaches Network for Safety Huddles

Following our HUSH Coaching for Safety Huddles Training workshop held in September 2017, the Improvement Academy has now started a HUSH Coaches Network. We are now holding monthly network meetings for all coaches, experienced and new, working within their organisations on **Safety Huddles** who are supported by the Improvement Academy.

These informal meetings give coaches the opportunity to meet up, share ideas, learning and acquire further skills and knowledge relating to Huddles work. For example: teamwork and culture, data support, measurement and overcoming barriers. **If you are interested in becoming a Huddles coach and would like to join our network, please contact: Vicky.Padgett@yhahn.nhs.uk.**



UKIA Members Advisory Group Meeting—November 2017

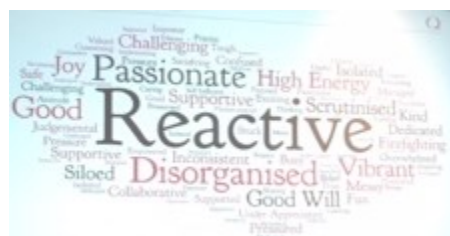
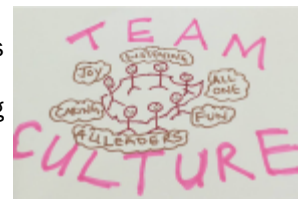
The Improvement Academy hosted the second UKIA Members Advisory Group (MAG) at Aintree Racecourse in Liverpool on 24th November 2017. Stephen Singleton from CLIC (Cumbria Learning and Improvement Collaborative) opened the meeting as the new Chair of the MAG which led to lively and interesting discussions around how the UKIA can work collaboratively in (a) business development and (b) learning and organisational development. We will be facilitating individual work streams around these two topics – the first of which is going to be held in Leeds on 5th February 2018 around learning and organisational development.

CLIC will be hosting an event on 7th March 2018 around building success through better communication. For more details on this really interesting theme, please click [here](#).

UK IMPROVEMENT ALLIANCE

National Q Conference: Quality and NHS Culture

Thursday 23rd November 2017 saw the second National event for Q members. Attendance from Yorkshire and Humber Qs was excellent, with many of us meeting up and chatting over lunch, and it was also an important opportunity to meet Qs from across the UK. A strong theme from the day was how to create a positive **team culture**, starting with what we feel culture is like currently in the NHS, progressing to what it would be like in an ideal world. A fascinating word cloud was developed during the session; the biggest word featured was “Reactive”.



Most of us can identify with this position - where you spend your time and energy fire-fighting and trying to get onto the front foot. Trying to create time for quality improvement is a real challenge in any work setting and, like anything that we want to sustain, quality improvement needs to be embedded in all we do.

Spending time being motivated with other Qs can be a real boost to our QI batteries, but this conference also really challenged us to act on what we learn back in the day job.

If you want to know more about the Q community or Improvement Fellows contact [Clare Ashby](#) or [Alison Lovatt](#).

Seamless Surgery Connect—Spreading Good Practice across Surgical Pathways

Sheffield Teaching Hospitals is organising an improvement sharing event for frontline staff across Yorkshire & Humber, working in surgical pathways, managers, improvement teams and anyone who are interested in improving surgical pathways throughout the NHS. The event is free to attend and is a combination of lectures and breakout sessions with opportunities to share and interact with others around this field. The event is taking place on **Friday 23rd March 2018** in the Medical Education Centre at Northern General Hospital, Sheffield. If you'd like to attend, please register [here](#) or contact the organising team via Twitter [@seamlessurgery](https://twitter.com/seamlessurgery).



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