



## Networks and Opportunities

# Improvement Academy

### Our Analyst Faculty and AphA jointly host new workshop series



Association of Professional Healthcare Analysts

We would like to share the exciting news that the Improvement Academy Healthcare Analyst Faculty and the Northern branch of the Association of Professional Healthcare Analysts (AphA) will be working together to deliver a series of 1 day workshops/network meetings, beginning **8th November 2017**. We have a shared vision to enhance analytics capability in the region and by working in partnership we hope to: showcase best-practice in the region, support members to learn new skills and approaches, encourage quality assessment of impact in improvement projects, aid evidence based decision making and create a wider professional support network. #WatchThisSpace

### Interested in Huddles for your organisation? See the new HUSH Impact Video

Thank you to those of you who attended the **HUSH** (Huddle Up for Safer Healthcare) Celebration Event on 25 May 2017. We have refreshed and updated our new HUSH video describing the impact of Huddles in the Yorkshire & Humber region. This video will be used to promote **Huddles** work nationally and beyond – feel free to share with your colleagues! To watch, click [here](#). If you're interested in starting Huddles at your organisation, contact **Vicky Padgett**.



### UK Improvement Alliance—launch of new Hub



The **UK Improvement Alliance** has a new Hub and it is in Yorkshire! The 12 UKIA member organisations, from all 4 countries of the UK, came together in World Heritage site, Saltaire for a 24 hour Summer consultation in early July together with supporting organisations - The Health Foundation and NHS Improvement. UKIA members currently include Health Improvement Scotland, 1000 Lives Wales, NHS England Sustainable Improvement Team, NHS Transformation Unit, Haelo, AQuA, CLIC, North East Transformation System, South Eastern Trust (Belfast), North East London Foundation Trust, The Quality Observatory and our own AHSN Improvement Academy.

### New Resource: Reducing Harm from Polypharmacy in Older People

A new **Effectiveness Matters** has been produced by York Centre for Reviews Dissemination in collaboration with the Yorkshire and Humber AHSN Improvement Academy and Connected Yorkshire. This summary of reliable research evidence has been developed to support health and care professionals and commissioners to identify people at risk of adverse drug reactions and interactions, to understand the barriers and enablers to de-prescribing, and to raise awareness of evidence based approaches. To read, click [here](#).

**EffectivenessMatters**  
Reducing harm from polypharmacy in older people  
August 2017

■ Polypharmacy is common among older people: it can increase the risk of adverse drug reactions and interactions, as well as reduce compliance and adherence.

### Yorkshire and Humber Q Welcome event

The AHSN Improvement Academy hosted a welcome event for 123 new members of the Q network in Leeds, 6 July 2017. Q is a national network co-designed by NHS staff with experience in QI and The Health Foundation, supported by NHS England. The day was filled with expectation and energy. **Stacy Lally** from the Health Foundation gave us an outline of the national picture for Q, we were made aware of the regional offer via collaboration with the Improvement Academy and AHSN and **Alison Lovatt** welcomed each and every Q to both the network and the **Improvement Academy fellowship** scheme. **Clare Ashby** from Yorkshire Ambulance Service, a member of the founding cohort, shared her own personal QI journey and this touched a chord with many of the Y&H Qs. It's clear that NHS organisations can be lonely places for some of us, and having a place to connect, a QI 'home', is important for anyone working in QI. For further details about becoming a Q contact **Alison Lovatt**.



### Welcome to our 5 new Lay Improvement Fellows

We are delighted to welcome 5 new Lay Improvement Fellows to join our network in Yorkshire and Humber: **Savi Tyndale-Biscoe, Carol Stevens, Pat Newdall, Margaret Wilkinson and David Richardson**. They each come with a wealth of experience of involvement in health services, and specifically of championing the voice of patients and communities. We look forward to formally introducing them at the next Fellows event in November, and supporting new partnerships between the lay fellows and professionals working across the service. For more information on our lay improvement fellows, contact **Claire Marsh**.

### New Blog: Quality by David O'Regan



David O'Regan, Consultant Cardiac Surgeon at Leeds Teaching Hospitals and one of the new Qs, has written a great blog about Quality. To read, click [here](#).

### New e-guide: Measurement & Monitoring Safety

This e-guide highlights case studies, resources, templates, videos and our learning about measuring and monitoring safety. To access, click [here](#) or on the image.

**Measurement and Monitoring of Safety Framework e-guide**  
Better Questions Safer Care

### Opportunity for funded post-graduate study in patient safety—apply by 18th September

The Yorkshire and Humber Patient Safety Collaborative is offering support to a small number of health professionals in the region to undertake full or part-time post-graduate courses with a clear patient safety focus, starting in 2017. Further details are in the [flyer](#). **Apply online** by **noon on Monday 18th September 2017**. Please contact **Mel Johnson** for more information.

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