



# Introduction to Safety Huddles

## A virtual Masterclass for the Acute Hospital and Hospice sector

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2026  
14:30 – 16:00

delivered via Teams

Our **Introductory Masterclass** provides an overview of HUSH safety huddles in the Acute Hospital and Hospice sector.

We will cover our unique approach to safety huddles within these areas and share with you our results and experience with frontline teams including the impact Huddles have had on teams and individuals.

In this Masterclass, we will introduce you to:

- The evidence-base behind our safety huddles
- How we started / early testing
- What does a HUSH safety huddle look like in the Acute Hospital and Hospice sector?
- The basic principles of a HUSH safety huddle
- The impact that safety huddles have had on teams and the impact on patient safety.

This Masterclass will be delivered virtually in one 1.5-hour session by our safety huddles' experts:

### Dr Ali Cracknell

*Consultant in Medicine for Older People,  
Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and  
Clinical Lead for the Improvement Academy*



Ali led the Health Foundation Scaling up Improvement Grant: Huddle Up for Safer Healthcare with over 150 frontline teams. She has a passion for patient safety and was previously named as one of the HSJ Top Innovators in Healthcare.

### Dr Anna Winfield

*Specialist in Elderly Medicine and Patient  
Safety, Leeds Teaching Hospitals  
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Anna supports the Improvement Academy to spread HUSH safety huddles and to deliver Quality Improvement training. She has delivered many successful frontline QI projects including reducing avoidable deterioration, falls and pressure ulcers.

Limited funded places on this masterclass are available to people employed within a health or social care organisation.

If you are not based in a health or social care organisation, fees may apply.

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