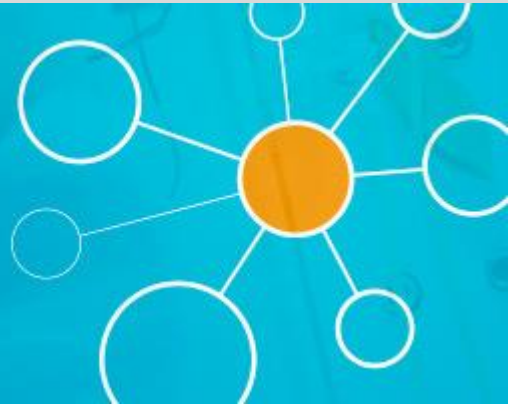


Gloucestershire Safety & Quality Improvement Academy



December 2018

Dear all,

Please see upcoming opportunities and news below. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year, and to thank those of you who will be working and caring for our patients over the festive period.

Best wishes
Lou (the Elf)

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Improvement Fundamentals Course – An Introduction to Spreading Improvement Gains

The fourth course in the [Improvement Fundamentals programme](#) – Course 401 – covers the important topic of how to spread your quality improvements beyond your immediate workplace.

Taking this course will help you to:

1. describe what spread means and why it's important
2. develop strategies to spread your successful interventions throughout your organisation and region
3. describe how to improve engagement with your stakeholders in your own improvement work

4. most importantly, complete a spread plan.

The course is made up of five 30-minute modules. Each module contains an activity at the end that you need to complete in order to complete the course overall.

You don't have to have completed any of the previous courses to participate in Course 401 – you just need to have an idea of a project you would like to work on.

To enrol onto Improvement Fundamentals 401 please visit the [QI Learning Platform](#) (an NHS England Sustainable Improvement course).

GSQIA Gold Improvement Coach Programme

The GSQIA Gold Coaching Quality Improvement programme is designed to develop a network of staff across the Trust with a combination of QI and coaching skills who can help to embed and support local Quality Improvement Activities – making a real difference for our patients.

Developing Specialty-led Quality Management is one of the three main elements of the new Quality Framework, allowing Specialties to identify 'what is important for your patients' and then deliver Quality Improvements in those areas.

The role of the Gold QI Coach will help to support Improvers at a local level to help ensure the success of their Improvement work. The role will also work within the Specialty to ensure that the improvement efforts are focused on the areas that are most needed so that limited resource is appropriately directed.

Applications for Cohorts 3 and 4 are open on our [website](#) now. Closing date for applications is midnight on 6th January.

Apply to become a Health Foundation Q Community member

Q is an initiative connecting people with improvement expertise across the UK, led by the Health Foundation and supported and co-funded by NHS Improvement. Q's mission is to foster continuous and sustainable improvement in health and care. We're creating opportunities for people to come together as an improvement community – sharing ideas, enhancing skills and collaborating to make health and care better. Click for [further information](#).

GenerationQ – Applications open

GenerationQ is an 18-month part time, funded leadership development programme for senior leaders in clinical and non-clinical roles from across the UK, representing the wide variety of sectors working in and with the

health service, including provider, commissioner, policy, regulatory, third sector, local authority and charitable organisations.

This is a unique opportunity for you to gain a postgraduate academic qualification, enhance your leadership and quality improvement skills and develop your organisation's capability for quality improvement. The fellowship is delivered in partnership with Ashridge Executive Education at Hult Business School.

If you are interested in applying for GenerationQ please read the *Call for applications* document and all supporting information about the programme on our [website](#). Deadline for applications is 12 noon, Monday 14 January 2019.

Videos from Don Berwick's visit to Gloucestershire

You may remember back in October that we welcomed [Don Berwick](#), President Emeritus and Senior Fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, and [Professor Sir Chris Ham](#), Chief Executive of The Kings Fund to Gloucestershire. As part of the visit, coordinated by [One Gloucestershire \(ICS\)](#), a number of staff from our partner organisations in Gloucestershire came together for a "Continuous Improvement Communities" workshop at Sandford Education Centre. Don was impressed with the amount of quality improvement taking place, which is a great accolade for the GSQIA approach and for our organisation. You can now view the videos from this event here: [Here is a playlist of the five films](#)

School for Change Agents 2019

Become a certified Change Agent with the FREE NHS Horizons School for Change Agents. The course is conducted via 5 webinar sessions through May and June at 3pm. But fear not, if you are working shifts, you can still access the webinars, transcripts and slides following each session and complete the course in your own time outside of the live sessions. You will also be sent course materials to support your learning. Find out more [here](#)

HSJ Patient Safety Awards – July 2019

The 2019 Patient Safety Awards are open for entries. These awards recognise, reward and thank the hard-working teams and individuals who, in these times of austerity, pay restraints and workforce shortages are striving to deliver improved patient care.

There are **22 awards** to give in 2019 including these **3 new categories**:

- Best Emerging Solution for Patient Safety
- Best HealthTech Solution for Patient Safety
- Best Partnership Solution Improving Patient Safety

For a list of all the awards and to enter click [here](#). Closing date for entries is the 8th February 2019.

Sharing the good stuff

There are a number of ways that you can share the great things that you are doing. If you are on Twitter, you can tag the [@gsqja](#) account with your improvements and we will share it. You can email our [Comms Team](#) and they can discuss options with you including sharing your work via This Week and Outline magazine. You can publish the great things you are doing on the [Academy of Fab NHS Stuff](#) website, where it will be shared more widely. You can also visit their site and look for inspiration from the wide range of improvements shared on there already by other Trusts across the country. Sharing our work and learning from each other to be the best we can be. Also keep your eyes peeled for opportunities to present a poster at conferences and events, or submit for consideration at awards ceremonies (as above). These are all great opportunities to share the great work you are doing with a wider audience.