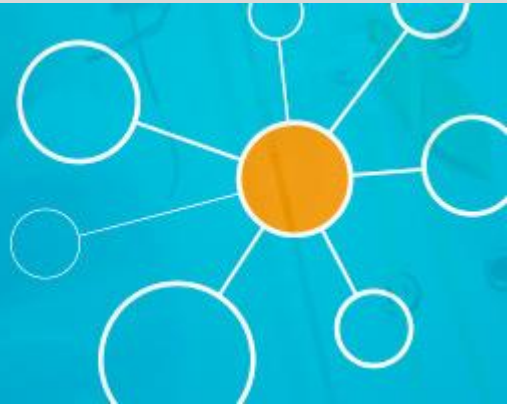


Gloucestershire Safety & Quality Improvement Academy



Dear all,

Please see upcoming opportunities below.

Best wishes

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Conference and Awards Opportunities

BMJ Awards - Closing date for Submissions - TOMORROW

The BMJ Awards are taking place in April in London. You have until tomorrow (Friday 18th January) to enter. [Further information](#).

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.**

Bristol Patient Safety Conference 2019

The Bristol Patient Safety Conference is taking place in May and early bird tickets are now available. They are running a Patient Safety & Quality Improvement [Poster Competition](#) which is now open. **Closing date for entries is 10th March.**

Webinars and Training Opportunities

Webinar: Spreading innovation and improvement in the NHS

This webinar is being hosted by The Health Foundation on **Friday 18th January** (tomorrow). It follows on from their recent publication, "[The Spread Challenge](#)". Book onto the webinar [here](#).

Webinar: Building collaborative teams

This webinar is being hosted by The Productives team on **Friday 25th January**. Building Collaborative Teams is a 'getting started' guide for managers or facilitators who are bringing different teams together. Learn about tools and exercises that can help one or more teams work in a more integrated way, to help team members better understand each other's roles, attitudes and values. Book onto the webinar [here](#)

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).

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](#)

Innovation and funding opportunities

WEAHSN Health Innovation Programme 2019

The West of England Academic Health Science Network's Health Innovation Programme (HIP) is **open for applications until 28 January**. The programme is aimed at "people working in the West of England with innovative business propositions that have real potential for health and care." For further information [click here](#)

Funding Opportunity: Improve analytical capability in health & care services

The Health Foundation, an independent charity committed to bringing about better health and health care for people in the UK, has launched the third round of its Advancing Applied Analytics programme. They are looking to support analysts who are working on local innovative and ambitious projects that can demonstrate how they will improve analytical capability in support of health and care services.

They have £750,000 of funding to support up to 12 good quality projects across the UK that:

- improve analytical capability and can show how this will support better care in the future
- are led by a local/regional NHS or social care provider or commissioning organisation including local authorities, though partnerships with other groups and sectors are welcome
- could benefit from funding of up to a maximum of £75,000 per project
- start no later than September 2019 for a maximum duration of 15 months.

The **deadline for applications is noon, Tuesday 26 February 2019**.

Networks and Sharing

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](#).

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 [@gsqia](#) 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.