

This bi-monthly bulletin is designed to keep you updated on the work of the SPSP Acute Adult Programme and is for circulation within your board.

What's going on?

HSMR Aim—Following the publication of the latest HSMR figures for NHS Scotland, the Acute Adult team is working closely with Programme Managers to support them and answer any questions or concerns. Recordings of the WebEx hosted by Healthcare Improvement Scotland on 26 July and 15 August are now available on the SPSP website members area.

Falls Networking day—A networking day was held on 30 August in the COSLA Conference Centre, Edinburgh. This full day event looked at how teams within NHS boards are using quality improvement methods to realise the ambition to reduce falls by 20% and falls with harm by 25% by March 2017. The presentations and flash report from the day are available [here](#).

End of Phase report—The Acute Adult End of Phase report is available on the SPSP [website](#) to download. End of Phase reports for MCQIC and Primary Care as well as the Acute Adult and Primary Care programmes: 90 Day Process Report are available [here](#).

VTE project—NHS Borders is reviewing their own processes for risk assessment and review and, as part of this work, has carried out a survey of clinicians to understand barriers to this. Learning from the survey is feeding in to revised driver diagram and measurement plan, and an update on the survey results will be shared with all boards in due course. SPSP is working closely with NHS Borders to develop a public facing campaign to raise awareness of the risks of VTE for inpatients and resources attached to this will be made available for other NHS boards to use.

WebEx

[Topic specific webex:](#)

- **Tues 11 October 2-3pm**, Falls
- **Tues 01 November 2-3pm**, Cardiac Arrest
- **Recordings and slides from previous webex** are available on the SPSP website members area.

[QI Connect sessions:](#)

- **Thurs 27 October 4-5pm**, A session with Tim Brown and guests.
- **Thurs 24 November 4-5pm**, A session with Peter Lachman.

For more information on these or previous sessions please visit the [QI Connect](#) web page.

SPSP and External Events

[Improvement Networking Day](#)—Fri 07 October—A day for those supporting Programme Managers/Heads of Safety etc to deliver SPSP across all programmes in their boards.

[HAI PVC Networking Day](#)—Thurs 27 October—A networking day for five NHS boards currently working with the HAI Improvement Team (HAIIT) on preventing infections through the reduction in usage of and inserting and maintaining of Peripheral Vascular Catheter (PVC) care bundle.

[Scottish Health Awards](#)—Thurs 03 November—These awards will reward Scotland's most dedicated and caring NHS workers.

[SPSP National Conference](#)—Tues 29 November—Bringing together the SPSP programmes to celebrate the continuing improvements being made and enable delegates to learn from their colleagues across Scotland and beyond. Look out for details of the Acute Adult session coming soon.

Other

New online resource for sepsis available now—[INPATIENT SEPSIS TOOLKIT: Speed is Life](#) from the British Columbia (BC) Patient Safety & Quality Council & BC Sepsis Network.

Patient Safety Alert issued by the NHS Improvement patient safety team and [resources](#) developed by the Think Kidneys campaign to support the care of patients with acute kidney injury (AKI). These resources support the public and staff working in acute, primary and community care to better understand kidney health and to help prevent, identify and manage AKI.

NEWS—The materials developed by SPSP, to promote the evidence based tool to support recognition and response of acute physiological deterioration which is recommended by the [Royal College of Physicians](#), are available for boards to order. Please contact the SPSP team at hcis.PSPContact@nhs.net.

SPSP in Primary Care Sepsis Collaborative—Teams from the three NHS boards and the Scottish Ambulance Services working on this project attended the induction event in Glasgow on the 22nd and 23rd September.

Pressure ulcers in care homes—The first Steering Group took place in August and a number of local learning sessions held to support QI skills in care homes.

Acute Adult team news—The Acute Adult team is delighted to congratulate Rebecca Boyd on her promotion to Project Officer for Acute Adult and HAI. Tahlia Sudhaus has joined the team on a temporary basis as Project Administrator for Acute Adult.