

Networking for improvement directory

The Improvement Hub (Ihub) is committed to supporting local and national networks to enable links and connections in health and social care locality, partnerships and NHS board networks to create the conditions to enhance cross sector knowledge sharing and exchange as well as relationship building and networking connections.

Here are some useful Improvement networks, initiatives and events for your organisation to access:

Scottish Women in Public Service Leadership Network (WIPSL) is a unique partnership between Scotland's public services, supporting women in leadership positions at all levels from across public services to 'discover mutual opportunities and expand their knowledge and influence.' Whilst the primary audience of WIPSL is women, men in leadership positions in Scottish public services are also encouraged to join the network, recognising the critical role that they can play in creating environments where women and men have equal opportunities to make contributions and advance to leadership roles, boosting diversity and inclusion.

WIPSL has launched an online Knowledge Hub group, which Board members can register to join at <https://khub.net/group/women-in-public-service-leadership-wipsl->. You can also follow on Twitter and join in the conversation @WIPSL.

Non-executive directors network: Healthcare Improvement Scotland hosts a network open to all non-executive directors across NHSScotland focussing on clinical governance and quality improvement. The network provides an opportunity for non-executives to meet to share experiences and good practice on current priorities and practical support. In 2015 the network developed and published a safety checklist to support non executives in their role of challenging executives and providing assurance to the Board (<http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0048/00487876.pdf>). The network meets twice a year and the next meeting is scheduled for February 2017.

QI Connect Webex series was established in 2014 at the request of clinicians working with us, who asked for an opportunity to learn from international leaders in the field of improvement and innovation. Due to the calibre of speakers, interest in the series has grown within Scotland and on a global scale.

Thursday 27 October 2016: A session with Tim Brown and guests

Thursday 24 November 2016: A session with Peter Lachman

All previous recordings are saved and accessible to view, learn and share at: www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/clinical_engagement/qi_connect.aspx

The Health Foundation's Effective networks for Improvement learning report, 2014 succinctly outlines steps for cultivating effective networks in the 5C wheel:

- Articulating a clear common purpose
- Developing a co-operative structure
- Building a critical mass
- Maximising the benefits of collective intelligence
- Building a meaningful sense of community

www.health.org.uk/publications/effective-networks-for-improvement

The Health Foundation Q Initiative is an initiative connecting people with improvement expertise across the UK. Q's mission is to foster continuous and sustainable improvement in health and care. It involves a diverse range of improvers coming together to form a community – sharing ideas, enhancing skills and collaborating to make health and care better. www.health.org.uk/programmes/the-q-initiative

The Integration Managers Network

Creates the conditions for Health and Social Care Partnerships managers to share experience, knowledge and resources to support local developments, strategic plans and lessen duplication. The network is supported by the Ihub Improvement Networks and Scottish Government Health & Social Care Integration Directorate.

The Community Planning in Scotland portal provides information on the support available to Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) from national improvement agencies (including NHS Education for Scotland, Improvement Service, NHS Health Scotland and NHS National Services Scotland) and national programmes (Workforce Scotland). This includes links to online tools and information provided by national improvement agencies, as well as the contact details of who to speak to from the national improvement agencies if CPPs or Board members would like to access tailored consultancy and facilitation support. The portal can be accessed from www.cppsupport.scot

International Foundation for Integrated Care (IFIC) is a not-for-profit membership-based Foundation that crosses organisational and professional boundaries to bring people together to advance the science, knowledge and adoption of integrated care policy and practice. The Foundation has a global membership of over 15,000 individuals and organisations, hosts the peer-reviewed International Journal of Integrated Care (www.ijic.org), runs a major conference and events programme, supports education and training, has a research and support faculty in partnership with international academic centres, and enjoys a strong association with WHO Europe and WHO Geneva.

- Encourage your teams to share their work, learn & network internationally at the 17th International Conference on Integrated Care, Dublin May 2017
- Look out for the developing monthly IFIC & Improvement Network Integrated Care & Innovation webex series

Strengthening the Links are a series of Collaborative Knowledge Exchange events aimed at supporting workforce development for integration. They are delivered in partnership with Health and Workforce, Scottish Government, Scottish Social Services Council, Scottish Care, The ALLIANCE and NHS Education for Scotland.

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