

Acute Care portfolio

Improving outcomes and experiences for people in acute care.

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SPSP10

As the programme reaches its tenth anniversary, the impact of the work and all those who have contributed to its continued success are recognised at NHS board, national and international levels.



Ten years of improving safety

Congratulations to everyone involved with SPSP after it was shortlisted for the Patient Safety Team of the Year Award at the Patient Safety Congress in Manchester, which took place on 9 July 2018. The award recognises a team which has supported truly outstanding improvements in patient safety through specific initiatives, which SPSP can demonstrate in all areas of its work.

Follow us on Twitter #SPSP10 and look out for further news and announcements throughout the year on our [website](#).

Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) Collaborative

Sites taking part in the AKI Collaborative are testing ways to reduce harm from AKI through improved recognition, response and review. The steering group in August heard about the progress made, especially around awareness raising and education, as well as process changes to improve communication of AKI e-alerts. The group also considered the next steps and linking with the wider deteriorating patient workstream.



The acute care team have been visiting sites in the collaborative. Most recently, the team in Monkland's Emergency Department shared their work which led to a significant improvements in the completion of fluid balance charts and urinalysis. A communication protocol was also developed to improve the process and action taken from receiving AKI alert.

Frailty at the Front Door Collaborative

NHS boards have been completing value stream mapping and looking at where the opportunities to reduce waste in the system are and improve the pathway for patients.

The 5 participating board teams came together for the third project surgery and steering group at Forth Valley Royal. Teams presented their learning and highlighted their priorities for the next 4 months. As we reach the midpoint of the collaborative, together with the national team, delegates took the time to reflect on the collaborative journey to date and future direction.



World Sepsis Day 2018

It was World Sepsis Day on 13 September and to mark the occasion, we shared a blog from our National Clinical Lead, Calum McGregor, to outline the improvements made in outcomes for people with sepsis in NHS Scotland. Since 2012 there has been a 21% reduction in mortality from sepsis. You can read more information in the blog – [click here](#).

Events

Acute Kidney Injury (AKI) Collaborative Learning Session – 31 October

This third learning session for teams taking part in the collaborative will be held at COSLA on Wednesday 31 October 2018. The authors of the BMJ article – A Multifaceted Quality Improvement Programme to Improve Acute Kidney Injury Care and Outcomes in a Large Teaching Hospital - will share the story of their improvement.

Deteriorating Patient Networking event – 13 November

Delegates from across acute and primary care will be invited to share their work and learn from each other to improve outcomes for patients through the early recognition, response and escalation of deterioration across the pathway. Delegates will share learning from approaches to person-centred care planning and how these can support good conversations and decision-making.

There will also be the opportunity to share learning from the implementation of NEWS 2 and to understand the recent changes to NEWS and explore their application within their own context. Registration for this event is managed through SPSP Programme Managers in each board.

Upcoming Events

Frailty at the Front Door Collaborative Learning Session 2

6 December

Catheter Associated Urinary Tract Infections (CAUTI) Networking Day

17 January 2019. Full details to follow.

The Acute Care portfolio is endorsed by the Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP) - a coordinated campaign of activity to increase awareness and support the provision of safe, high quality care, whatever the setting.

International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare – Glasgow 2019

The Forum takes place in Glasgow on 27-29 March 2019. NHS boards are encouraged to submit poster abstracts to showcase the continuing improvements for patients and staff. Deadline for submissions: 6 November 2018. Full details are [here](#).



QI Connect sessions – Autumn 2018

Roy Lilley	Academy of Fabulous Stuff	27 September
Fiona Godlee	British Medical Journal	31 October
ePatient Dave	Public speaker	29 November

For more information about upcoming QI connect sessions and to find previous sessions please visit the Healthcare Improvement Scotland [website](#).

More information

We are always looking for opportunities to share good practice and showcase work to improve acute care. Please let us know about what is happening in your area.

If you would like more information, please contact the team at hcis.acutecare@nhs.net