

## Acute Care Portfolio

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### Deteriorating Patients

#### Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)

The next phase of AKI work launched on 21 August 2019. Over the next 12 months we will continue to work with 3 boards focusing on reducing hospital associated AKI and progression. The 3 boards are:

- NHS Fife
- NHS Lanarkshire
- NHS Grampian

#### Cardiac Arrest Data

There is now a 27% improvement across 16 reporting hospitals who have reported data consistently between March 2013 and March 2019. This is, on average, 16 fewer cardiac arrests in general wards each month.

### 90 Day Learning Cycle

A 90 day learning cycle began in July 2019 to explore the concept of a generic response to deteriorating patients from any cause. See phase 1 of the [flash report](#) for more information.

### NEWS 2

In line with recommendations from the Royal College of Physicians, the Acute Care Portfolio continues to encourage NHS boards to move to NEWS 2. As of September 2019, 8 of the 15 NHS Scotland boards have now implemented NEWS 2.



### Frailty at the Front Door

Phase 1 of the collaborative has now been completed. An evaluation report will be published in October 2019. This will include case studies of the 5 boards who participated in the first phase and will help inform the design of phase 2.

#### Launch Event

We have successfully recruited 4 boards for our second phase of Frailty at the Front Door collaborative. This launched on 18 September 2019 in Glasgow. The aim of this collaborative is to improve processes for identifying and coordinating care for people living with frailty who present to unscheduled acute care services. The 4 successful boards are:

- **NHS Lothian** (Western General Hospital)
- **NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde** (Inverclyde Royal Hospital)
- **NHS Ayrshire & Arran** (University Hospital Ayr)
- **NHS Tayside** (Ninewells Hospital)



For more information on the learning from this event, please see [flash report](#).

## Upcoming events

### Deteriorating Patient Event – Tuesday 3 December 2019

Murrayfield Stadium, Edinburgh



The aims of this event are to:

- Support clinicians to share ideas to improve outcomes for people through early recognition, response and escalation
- Provide the opportunity to network, to share progress and discuss opportunities and challenges of Deteriorating Patient improvement work
- Examine the wider context for successful change and generate ideas for improvement

Follow **#SPSPDetPat** on Twitter for more information.

## More information

If you would like more information about our work, please contact the team at:

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## Knowledgehub

The Knowledge Hub is a platform for healthcare professionals to share areas of good practice. We have created two new knowledge Hub groups one for Frailty at the Front Door and another for Deteriorating Patient work stream. The Knowledge Hub will assist in collaboration, sharing resources to support improvements.

To join these groups click [here](#).

## Acute Care team updates

### Say hello to...



Our new Associate Improvement Advisor **Joan-Marie Sutherland** who has joined us from NHS Highland.

### Say congratulations to...



We would like to wish **Alison Hunter** all the best in her new role as Improvement Advisor in the Value Management team. A big thank you to Alison who has been part of the team for the past 9 years!



We look forward to continuing to work with **Jen Pennycook** in her new capacity as Improvement Advisor for the Acute Care Portfolio

### Say goodbye to...



We would also like to say a big thank you to **Graham Ellis** who led the Frailty work within the Acute Care Portfolio.