

This 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?

VTE: Development of reliable delivery of thromboprophylaxis in acute care. A full time band 7 Improvement Advisor will be employed to work within the NHS Borders to develop a new approach to overcome barriers preventing reliable delivery of risk assessments and thromboprophylaxis. The interviews will be held on 20 April.

Pressure ulcers development aim: to reduce pressure ulcers by 50% by December 2017. The short life working group met in early March to agree the recruitment process to select three Health and Social Care partnerships to participate in this improvement programme. The call for expressions for interest will be open from w/c 21 March 2016 until 22 April 2016. Interviews will be held on 9 May 2016.

Improvement Networking Day was held on 4 February for those supporting delivery of SPSP programme in NHS boards to share ideas and experience. Sessions were on resistance to change and coaching. An evaluation report is now available on the Programme Managers community space under [resources](#).

Acute Adult Delivery Group. It was agreed that two programme managers should be present at each AADG. Maryanne Gilles will continue her role as a permanent member of the meeting with a second person attending on a rotation basis. Programme Managers are asked to identify an individual to attend the next delivery group meeting on 24 May 2016.

HIS news. Our Chief Executive, Angiolina Foster, has been asked to take on the role of Interim Chief Executive of NHS 24 to lead that organisation over the coming months. During that time Robbie Pearson, our Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Scrutiny and Assurance, will be our Acting Chief Executive.

WebEx

WebEx sessions by the Acute Adult Team:

- Falls: Tue 3 May
- Cardiac Arrest: Tue 7 June
- CAUTI: Thu 14 July
- Pressure Ulcers: Tue 6 September

Log-in details to the WebEx along with the agenda will be sent 2 weeks before the WebEx.

Please contact the Acute Adult Team at hcis.PSPContact@nhs.net if you would like to present on a future WebEx.

QI Connect: *Can technology really help?* Thur 31 March 4-5pm. Colleagues will hear from Professor David Bates, an internationally renowned expert in patient safety. For more information and to book your free place follow [this link](#).

If you were not able to link into the session with **Jo Bibby**, you will be able to download Jo's PDF presentation and view the session recording following this link [HIS QI Connect Jo Bibby](#)

Events

Sepsis Networking Day: Fri 20 May, Gyle Square, Edinburgh. The event is for sepsis leads working in NHS boards and is being developed in collaboration with the Primary Care programme and NHS Lanarkshire. The aims of the event are for delegates to learn from the challenges and successes in sustaining successes in other boards, share tools and materials and network with colleagues from other boards.

Pressure Ulcers Networking Event: Tue 31 May, Glasgow. This full day event will look at how teams within NHS boards are using quality improvement methods to realise the ambition to reduce pressure ulcers by 50% and explore how carers can work in partnership with NHS boards to improve the risk identification and assessment of pressure ulcers. More details will follow soon.

External Events

International Forum on Quality and Safety in Healthcare: 12—15 April, Swedish Exhibition and Congress Centre, Gothenburg. This year's event takes place in Gothenburg, where 3000 delegates from 80 countries will meet, learn, share local knowledge and recognise accomplishments in improving quality and safety for patients and communities across the world. HIS is participating in this year's event.

2016 Patient Safety Congress: 5 and 6 July, Central Convention Complex, Manchester. The conference, run by HJS and Nursing Times, will showcase the best work from across the UK, using innovative, proven solutions to tackle everything from large-scale redesign of emergency services to reduce readmissions to new approaches to cost-effective patient-led decision making. To find out more follow [this link](#).

Other

NES has appointed Laura Allison to the post of Head of Quality Improvement, to replace Lesley Anne Smith following her move to NHS Lanarkshire. Since November 2014, Laura has been contracted to NES from the Leading Improvement Team at the Scottish Government on as SLA as the Professional Director for the Scottish Improvement Leader (SciL) programme. Laura will take up her new post on 4 April 2016.

Patient Safety Brief—Haelo. Based on the concept of safety advice given on aeroplanes before they take off, patients in NHS hospitals can now be shown [this film](#) to help them look after themselves during their hospital stay.

Mindfulness for Health Professionals—8 week course. Provided by NHS Education for Scotland, this course starts from 5 April. For more information visit the [NES Portal](#) and search for course code: **01-02-04-041390**

[Improving Older People's Acute Care Flash Report, February 2016](#)