

The National Patient Safety Improvement Programme (NPSIP), delivered regionally by the 15 Patient Safety Collaboratives (PSCs) across England, is the largest safety improvement initiative in the history of the NHS.



Since its inception in 2014, the programme (previously known as the National Patient Safety Collaborative Programme) has been addressing national patient safety concerns. It works with patients, carers, clinicians, managers and safety experts, supporting the system to improve and uphold safety as a top priority. As a network, the PSCs mobilise the health and care system to facilitate improvements in patient care by:

- Developing patient safety leadership
- Building capacity and capability for quality improvement
- Facilitating and coaching teams through quality improvement projects
- Bringing people together to find solutions to patient safety concerns
- Increasing the focus on measurement for improvement
- Facilitating the spread and adoption of evidence-based practice and initiatives

The programme aims to:

- Support the national patient safety strategy and improvement work
- Create safer systems and pathways of care that reflect continuous learning and improvement
- Extract learning from excellence and errors
- Share improvement learning with a view to national scale-up and adoption
- Support the reduction of avoidable harm and variations in safe care delivery
- Help nurture the conditions to allow a culture of safety to flourish

The PSCs work collectively on a number of national workstreams with staff in hospitals, community settings, primary care and care homes, including:

Early recognition and response to physical deterioration – improving recognition and response to deterioration and sepsis, including support for the adoption of the National Early Warning Score (NEWS2) across acute trusts, ambulance services, and supporting primary care and community care settings to develop a standardised approach and common language for communicating illness severity across the care pathway.

Improving maternal and neonatal safety – supporting the National Maternal and Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme to improve the safety, outcomes and experience of maternal and neonatal care in England for women, babies and families. Building quality improvement expertise through coaching maternal and neonatal staff and hosting local learning systems to support topic specific system-wide improvements.

Adoption and spread – facilitating and accelerating the pace of the spread and adoption of effective evidence-based practice across England. In 2019/20 the programme is supporting the spread and adoption of the following priority interventions:

- Emergency Department Safety Checklist
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) Discharge Care Bundle
- Emergency Laparotomy Care Bundle
- PReCePT

Additionally the programme will identify evidence-based interventions that will help inform future priorities.

Medicines safety – plans are being developed to provide improvement support to the National Medicines Safety Programme that aims to reduce the burden of medication-related harm in the NHS. It is expected that work in this area will start in the autumn, with a focus on improving medication administration for frail older adults residing in care homes.



Building on the work of their first five years, the PSCs are a key delivery arm of the National Patient Safety Improvement Programme (NPSIP), supporting the ambition to deliver improvement in patient safety as set out in the new NHS patient safety strategy.

To find out more about the programme or to access resources, visit www.improvement.nhs.uk/resources/patient-safety-collaboratives or contact your local AHSN (www.ahsnnetwork.com) to find out about the work in your region and get involved.

The NPSIP is a joint initiative, funded and co-ordinated by NHS England and Improvement and delivered locally by teams hosted by the 15 Academic Health Science Networks (AHSNs).

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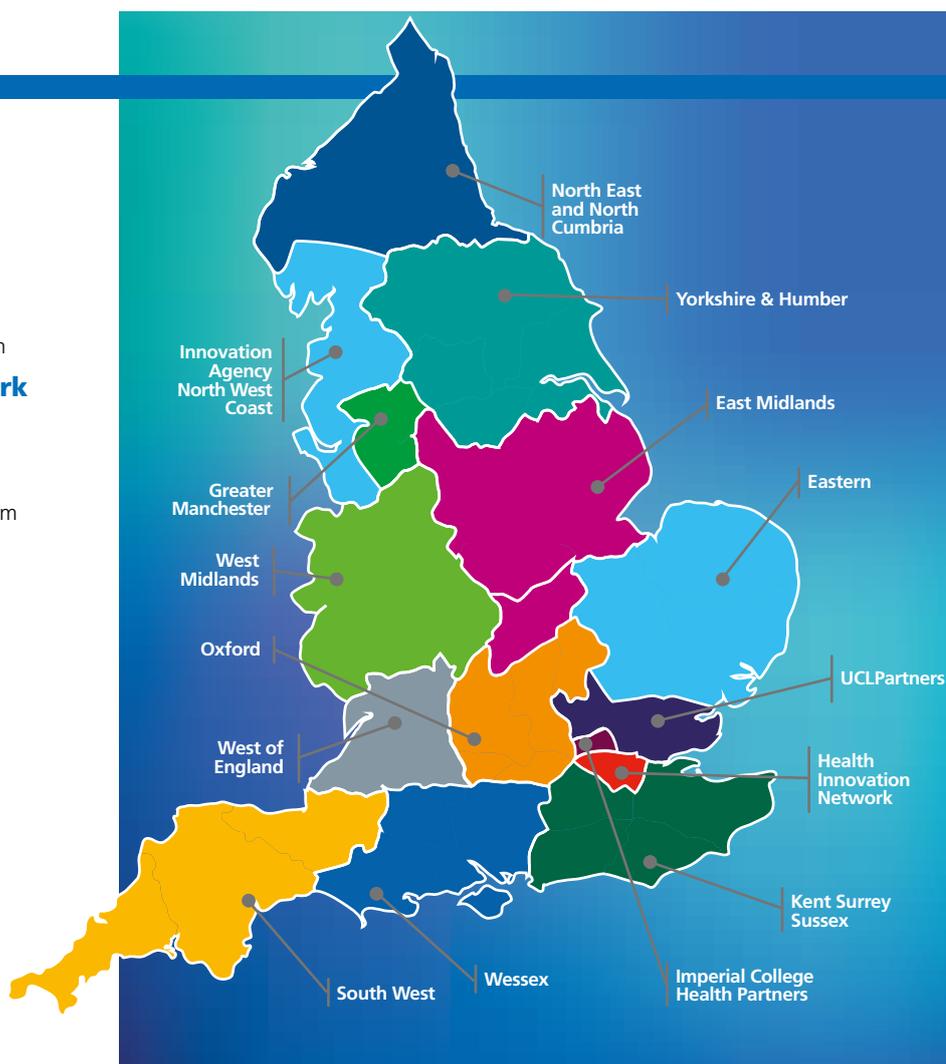
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