

MEMBER SHOWCASE

Case study



NHS boards' quality and safety leadership programme

Eastern Academic Health Science Network

The challenge

Investigations into several serious NHS failures have identified board dynamics as a key causal factor. Leadership from executives and non-executives is crucial in any improvement initiative. Research shows high performing organisations tend to have quality as their top priority.

What was done

Eastern Academic Health Science Network, in partnership with the Advancing Quality Alliance (AQuA), has created a programme focusing on NHS boards' quality and safety role. Based on AQuA's experience of running similar projects,

the programme brings together both executive and non-executive board members to explore how their organisation measures and monitors safety. The ultimate aim is to help organisations move from a retrospective recording of harm to a more proactive system that prevents harm in the first place.

Leaders who have participated in the programme are being invited to work alongside the Eastern Academic Health Science Network and AQuA to build a sustainable local leadership faculty, as well as help deliver the programme to others in future.

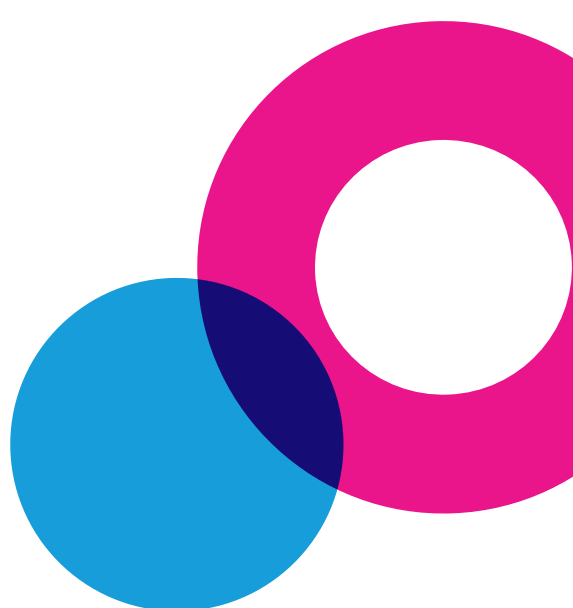





The results

Five NHS trusts from the East of England took part in 2015, with all participants offering positive feedback on the programme. Further cohorts are planned for 2016.

Other AHSNs across the country are introducing similar programmes.



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