Communities
of practice

Introduction

The Innovation Agency offers communities of practice to individuals in the North West Coast working in health and care who are helping with the spread and adoption of innovations and best practice.

Anyone interested in learning, sharing and making connections is encouraged to join one or more of these communities, to help make a difference to the quality of services provided in our region.

About Q

Q is an initiative connecting people who have improvement expertise across the UK. It is run by the Health Foundation; there are almost 3000 members and the community continues to grow. In the North West Coast, activities are delivered by the Innovation Agency.

Benefits

Q members connect, share and learn with people from different disciplines and sectors from across the UK to help create real change. This is a diverse community that brings together individuals from the front line of health and social care, patient leaders, managers, researchers, commissioners, policy makers and others.

Members can: Develop improvement skills and help to lead and develop others; receive access to journals and learning resources; and take part in Q visits and inspiring events scheduled throughout the year. Other opportunities include special interest groups, Q Labs and Randomised Coffee Trials with members across the Q community.

How to join

Applications are made online to the Health Foundation; find out more at: https://q.health.org.uk/

INNOVATION SCOUTS

The Innovation Scouts are a community of practice focussed on innovation and entrepreneurship in the North West Coast. They are supported by the Innovation Agency through a programme of networking, learning and development opportunities.

The programme seeks to attract a wide range of clinicians and health professionals from across care settings as well as academics, innovation leads and social entrepreneurs, local NHS Innovator Accelerator fellows and NHS Clinical Entrepreneurs.

Benefits

- Introduction to innovation tools and approaches
- Culture and leadership coaching, creating an innovation mindset
- Innovation pathway exploration
- Entrepreneurial skill building
- Coaching and mentoring
- Thought leadership and site visits
- Connecting and networking

How to join

Apply online to the Innovation Agency at:
https://forms.gle/744gcayvx2yxzLwx5

Find out more by emailing our Innovation Scout facilitator:
Karla.Rimaitis@innovationagencynwc.nhs.uk

INNOVATION EXCHANGE NETWORK

The Innovation Exchange Network connects the Innovation Agency with leaders in all parts of the healthcare system – NHS organisations, local authorities, GP federations/primary care networks, clinical networks and STP/ICS programme work streams.

Benefits

Network members are senior connectors in their part of the system. They use the network to share the innovative practices of their own organisations and to learn about innovations from elsewhere, relevant to their workplace.

They receive information from the Innovation Agency about solutions which have a national seal of approval, having been well evaluated in an appropriate setting and backed by NHS commissioners; plus a range of other leading products.

How to join

Request more information by emailing: info@innovationagencynwc.nhs.uk

Patient Safety Collaborative learning sets

The North West Coast Patient Safety Collaborative, delivered by the Innovation Agency, also organises a number of communities of practice.

These include:

- Maternity/neonatal
- Deterioration
- Emergency laparotomy
- Care homes
- Medicines safety

These communities of practice support the National Patient Safety Improvement Programme. For more information about how to take part, email: Mandy.Townsend@innovationagencynwc.nhs.uk

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