



# Reducing 'Avoidable Harm' in Your Care Home

*An Interactive  
Workshop*

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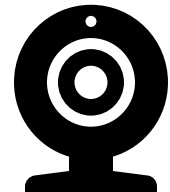
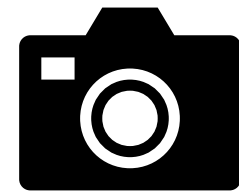
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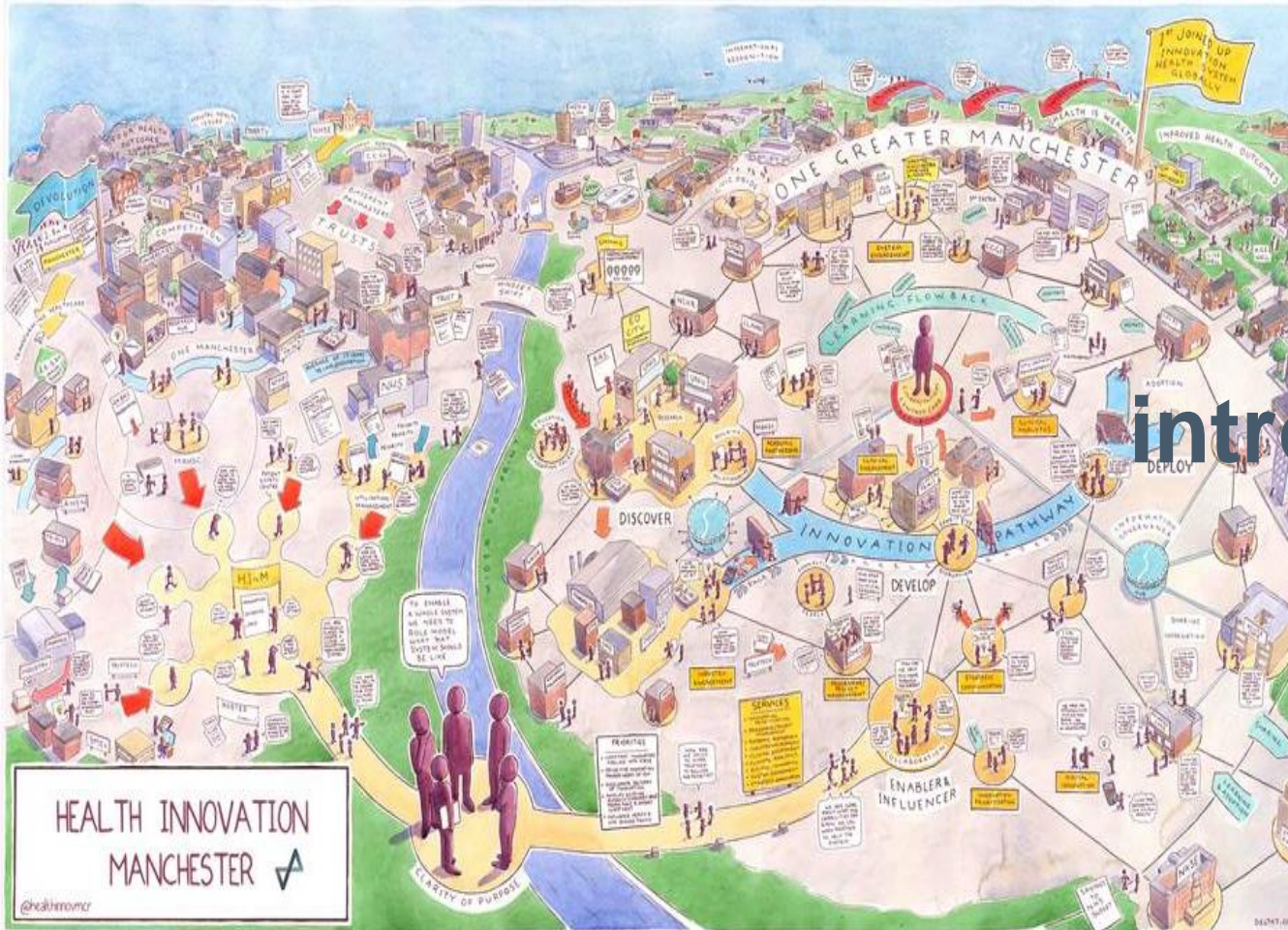


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# Help from the PSC?





# An introduction to HInM

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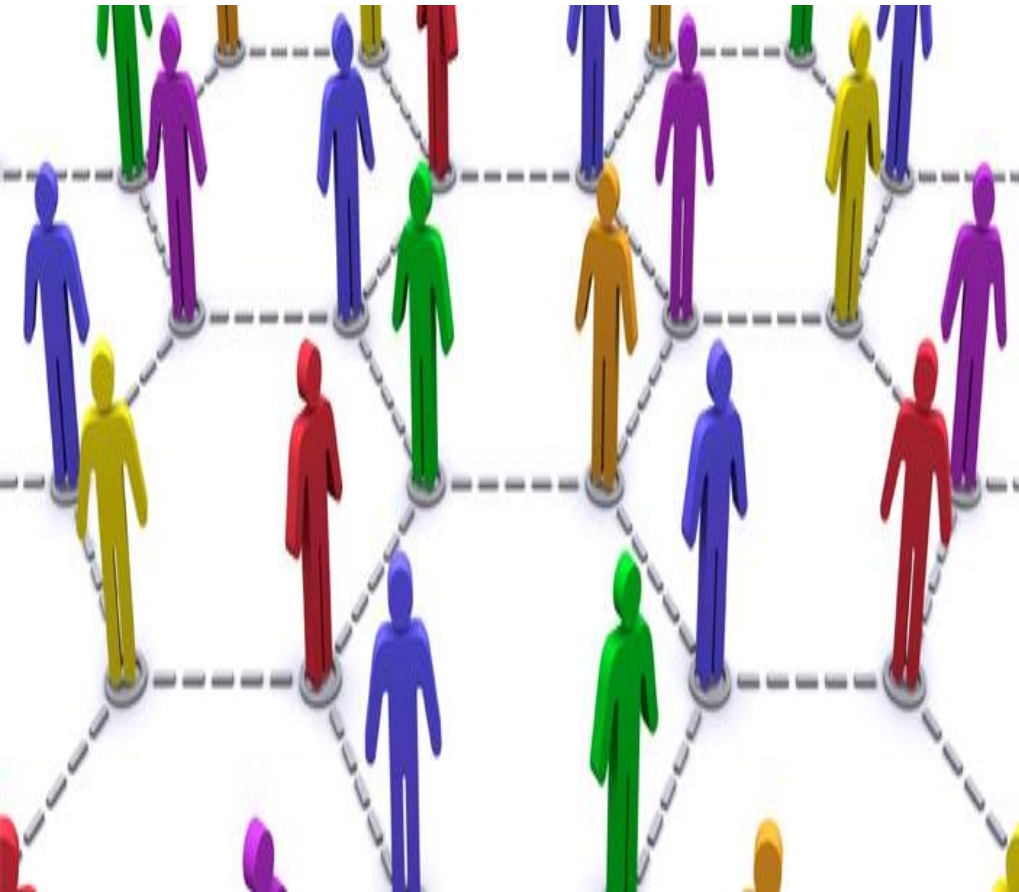
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## Ice-Breaker

*Tazeem Shah -  
GMEC PSC Project Manager  
(5 minutes)*





# ‘Getting to Know You’

*Joanna Casby -*  
GMEC PSC Project Support Officer  
*(10 minutes group activity)*



# Setting The Scene

*Jay Hamilton – Associate Director &  
Patient Safety Collaborative Lead*

**(10 minutes)**

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# What is patient safety and why is it an issue?

Health care is a **'safety critical industry'** where errors or design failures can lead to loss of life.'  
(Illingworth 2015)

Healthcare is a **people business**, and despite the very best intentions **people will make mistakes.**

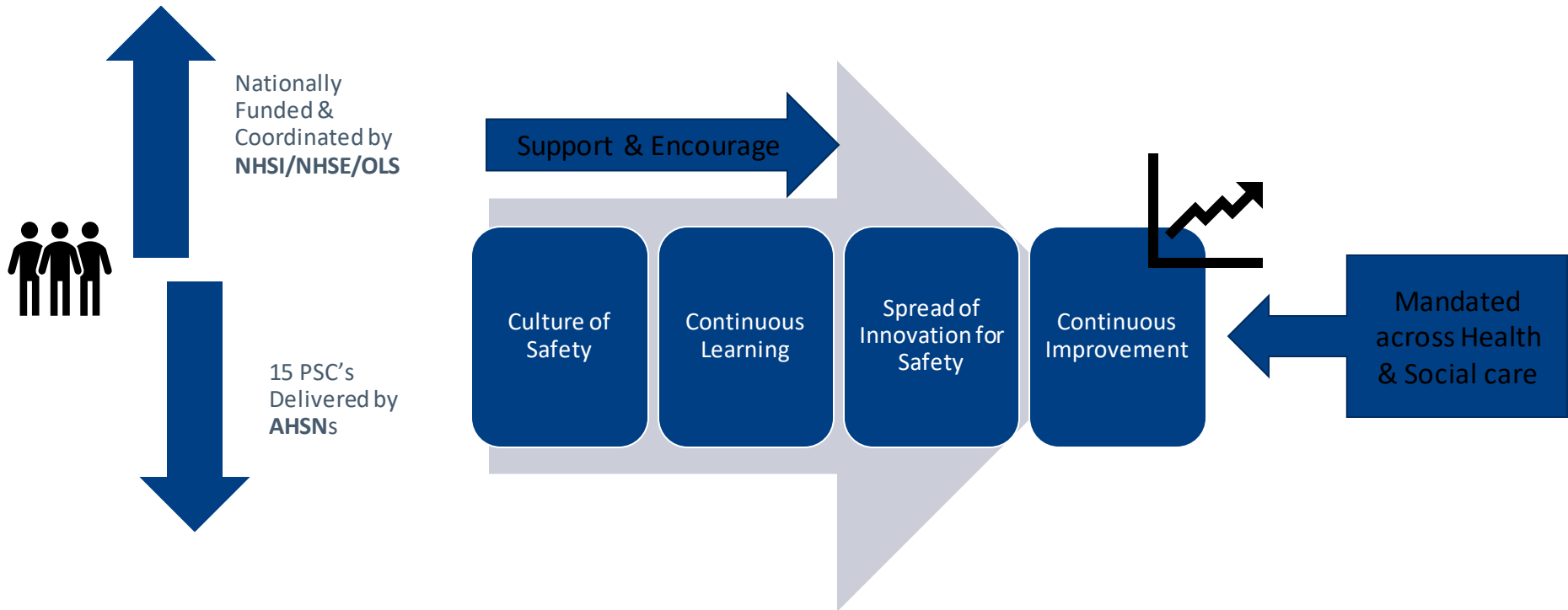
**Improving safety** is about **reducing risk** and **minimising mistakes**

Patient safety is the **avoidance of unintended or unexpected harm** to people during the provision of health care.





# National Patient Safety Collaboratives



# Patient Safety Collaborative – Our Mission



# PSC Work Streams

## Workstream 1: Deterioration

- To **reduce avoidable harm** & enhance the outcomes & experience of patients who are deteriorating

## Workstream 2: Maternity & Neonatal

- To improve maternity & neonatal care, specifically reducing the rate of stillbirth, neonatal death & brain injuries occurring during or soon after birth by 20% by 2020

## Workstream 3: Adoption & Spread

- To work with local teams to ensure they have the necessary skills and resources to support the successful adoption and spread of innovations and improvements in health care

## Workstream 4: Medicines Safety

- To improve medicines safety by aiding network development and improving team capabilities that support system level improvement and the adoption and spread of change ideas and interventions

# Purpose of Today



Define & Clarify - **What** do we mean by 'avoidable harm'?

Discuss - **Why** reducing avoidable harm is important?

Identify - **What** specific patient safety issues should we be focusing on?

Explore - **How** we can make care safer?

Identify - **NEXT STEPS**

# An Interactive Patient Story

*Eva Bedford -*  
Deterioration Programme Lead

**(20 minutes)**

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# Frank's Story



Frank is a 79 year old gentleman who lives in a residential care home.

Frank has mild dementia, high blood pressure, arthritis, anaemia, cholesterol and mild depression.

He mobilises independently with a frame, but recently has become more unsteady on his feet and requires a little more help around the home, i.e. getting out of a chair

## What are Frank's current risks?



# Frank's Story



On Tuesday morning Jane, the Senior Carer, finds Frank sitting on the lounge floor.

Frank states that he “slipped off his chair”.

Jane checks Frank over and there appears to be no injuries. She is happy for Frank to be helped up and into his chair.

**What do you think Jane should have done?**



# Frank's Story



At lunch time when Jane goes to assist Frank to the dining room for his dinner, he is walking more slowly and complaining of some pain in his left leg and hip.

Frank's has analgesia prescribed on his 'MARS' chart and Jane administers two paracetamol for pain relief.

**Would any alarm bells be ringing at this point?**





# Frank's Story



Later that day two of Frank's daughters visit him and want to take him for a walk in the local park.

As they help Frank to his room to get his jacket, they note he is really struggling to walk.

Tracey (who has taken over from Jane) brings the family up to speed with Frank's slip/fall earlier that morning.

The insist that Frank is seen by a Doctor.

Tracey contacts Digital Health requesting the GP to visit Frank regarding his fall.

**Would you have done anything differently?**



# Frank's Story

GP is unable to visit today

**So..... what would  
you do now?**



# Pause



*Phew - 10 minutes!*

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# What Do We Mean by 'Avoidable Harm'?

*Eva Bedford – Deterioration Programme  
Lead*

*(5 minutes – table top discussion)*

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“Patient harm is  
**PREVENTABLE** if it occurs  
as a result of an  
**identifiable modifiable  
cause**, and **its future  
recurrence can be  
AVOIDED** by reasonable  
adaptation to a process or  
adherence to guidelines.”

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Nabhan, M., et al., *What is preventable harm in healthcare? A systematic review of definitions.*  
Bmc Health Services Research, 2012. 12.

# What do you know?

## A 10-minute Quiz

### No conferring!!!

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## Question 1:

*Which industry has the worst 'safety' record?*

Aviation industry

Construction industry

Nuclear industry

Healthcare industry



## QUIZ ANSWER

*Which industry has the worst safety record?*



**1:1,000,000** risk of harm



**1:20** risk of harm

Preventable Patient Harm across Health Care Services:  
A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis (Understanding Harmful Care)  
A report for the General Medical Council July 2017





## Question 2:

*Adverse events (or patient safety incidents), as well as near misses are frequent occurrences in healthcare systems.*

*What percentage of ‘adverse events’ are thought to be preventable?*

- 0 - 20%
- 10 - 20%
- 20 - 30%
- 30 - 40%
- 40 - 50%



## QUIZ ANSWER

*What percentage of 'adverse events' are thought to be preventable?*

Adverse events occur in **10.8%**

“Slips, trips and falls”

Approximately **2%**  
catastrophic or

Up to **50%** of  
'adverse events'  
are preventable

House of Commons Health Committee (2009).  
*Sixth Report – Patient Safety*. House of Commons





### Question 3:

*A number of different 'factors' can contribute to incidences of avoidable harm?*

True

False

## QUIZ ANSWER

### *A number of different 'factors' can contribute to incidences of avoidable harm?*

The three most common factors thought to contribute to adverse events are system failures, human factors and medical complexity.

#### **Human factors include:**

- Variations in training and experience,
- Fatigue, depression and burnout
- Failure to acknowledge the seriousness of harm and take steps to do something about it.

#### **System failures include:**

- Poor communication
- Unclear lines of authority
- Increasing patient to staffing ratios
- Ineffective sharing of information during handovers
- Thinking that action is being taken by other groups within the organisation
- Drug names that look alike or sound alike
- Environment and design factors



## Question 4:

*Medication errors are a major cause of avoidable harm.*

True

False



## QUIZ ANSWER

*Medication errors are a major cause of avoidable harm?*

**2<sup>nd</sup>** highest category of adverse incidents accounting for **9%** of 'adverse event' reports

**25%** of preventable harm occurs from medication incidents

Preventable medication harm affects **4%** of patients and is most likely to occur at the stage of **prescription/ordering** of medication and **administration of medication**.

Shaw R, Drever F, Hughes H, et al  
Adverse events and near miss reporting in the NHS  
BMJ Quality & Safety 2005;14:279-283

Dr Maria Panagioti et. Al (2017). Preventable Patient Harm across Health Care Services: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis (Understanding Harmful Care). A report for the General Medical Council





## Question 5:

*Levels of avoidable harm among older people are considerably higher than in younger age groups.*

True

False



## QUIZ ANSWER

*Levels of avoidable harm among older people are considerably higher than in younger age groups?*

Older people are particularly vulnerable to healthcare error and harm: they tend to be more physically frail, and may have some degree of cognitive impairment

They have **reduced physiological reserve** and are **more strongly affected** by, say, an adverse drug event than their younger counterparts and take **much longer** to recover.

*The are **vulnerable to a downward spiral of ill health** in which for example a fall weakens them, an infection sets in....such a scenario once entrenched is very hard to reverse.*

Oliver D. 'Acopia' and 'social admission' are not diagnoses: why older people deserve better. Journal of the Royal Society Medicine , 2008;101(4):168-74.



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Long SA. Adverse events in the care of the elderly (Unpublished PhD thesis). 2010.



# What Types of 'Avoidable Harms' Impact Residents In Care Homes?

*Tazeem Shah - Project Manager, GMEC  
Patient Safety Collaborative*

A round-table discussion  
**10 minutes**

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# *What ‘Avoidable Harm’ poses the biggest risk to residents in care homes?*

**10 minutes**

Instruction 1: **Circle** the harm your group thinks poses the biggest risk

Instruction 2: Feed back **biggest risk** to delegates

Instruction 3: **Individually**, go and stand next to the flip chart that describes what you think is the ‘biggest risk’ to residents

# Avoidable Harm – College for Improvement

*Tazeem Shah, Project Manager*

**Group Activity**

**Brainstorming - 20 minutes**  
**Group feedback – 10 minutes**

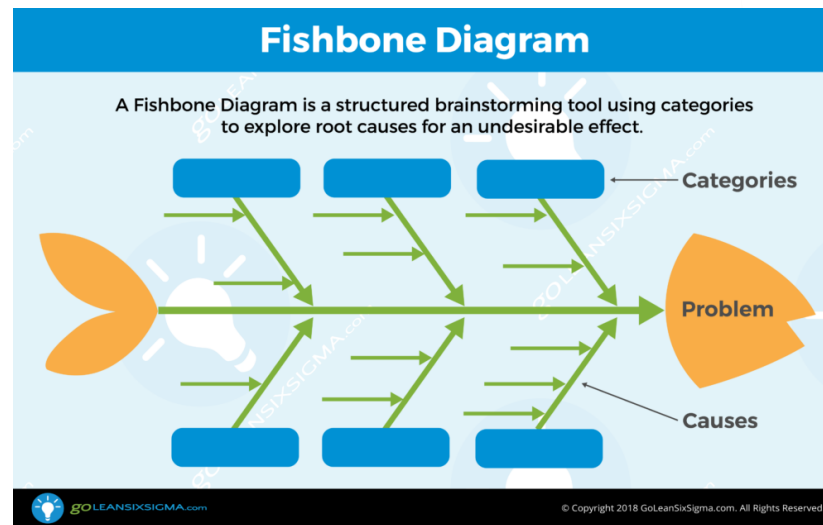
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# Identifying factors that contribute to an 'Avoidable Harm'.

Step 1: Each group find a table to work on

Step 2: On the table you will find an A3 'Fishbone Diagram'



Step 3: You have 15 minutes to brainstorm the problem using the 'fishbone' diagram'



# Learning from Others

## ‘Safe Steps’

*James Chapman - Chief Operating  
Officer, Safe Steps*

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# 6 older people fall over every single minute in the UK<sup>1</sup>



11.6 M

OLDER PEOPLE LIVING IN THE UK



22.0 K

RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES



*“A fall can have a devastating effect on an older person, bringing physical consequences and associated loneliness, isolation and loss of independence”*

Errol Taylor, CEO Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

<sup>1</sup>Age UK report 6 people over 65 experience a fall every minute (2015)

# Hospital admissions to reach 1,000 a day by 2020<sup>2</sup>



**40%**

A&E ADMISSIONS  
FROM CARE HOMES  
AFTER A FALL



**£2.3 Bn**

ANNUAL COST TO  
THE NHS



*"..measures that could prevent people falling would help ease the burden on the health service."*

Local Government Association (LGA) - March 2018

<sup>2</sup> Local Government Association (LGA) March 2018



# Prevention rather than treatment

*“Risk assessment followed by appropriate interventions for falls prevention can reduce the rate of falls by 24%”*

**NICE** National Institute for Health and Care Excellence



Trusted evidence.  
Informed decisions.  
Better health.



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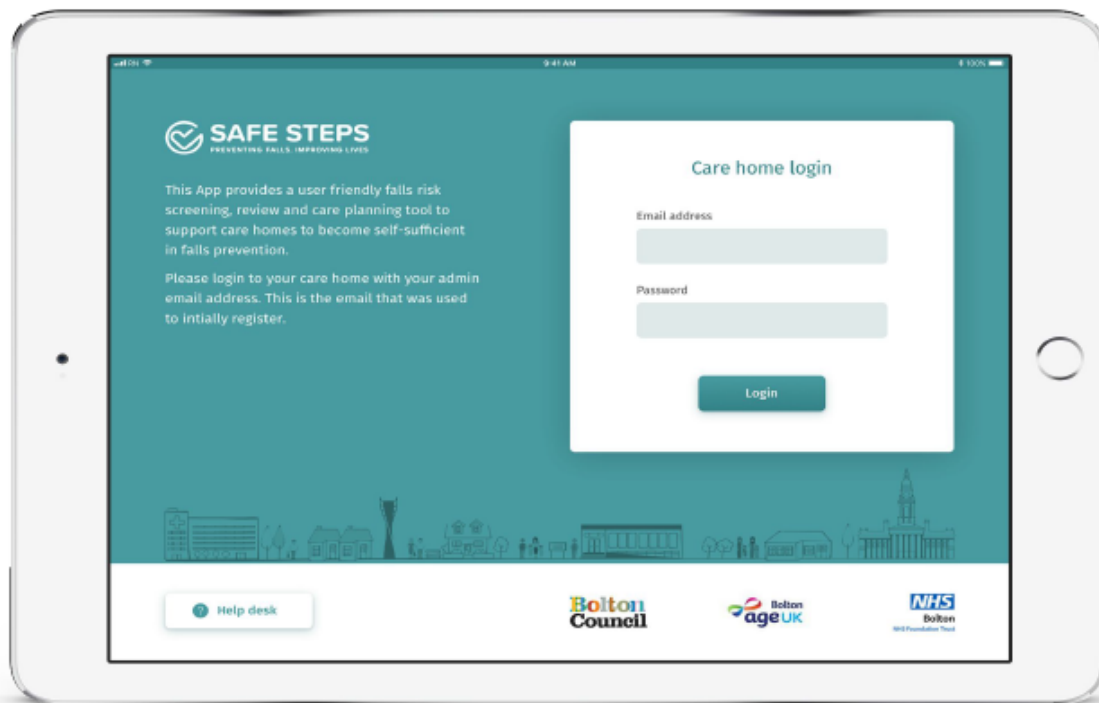
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# Safe Steps - Preventing falls, improving lives

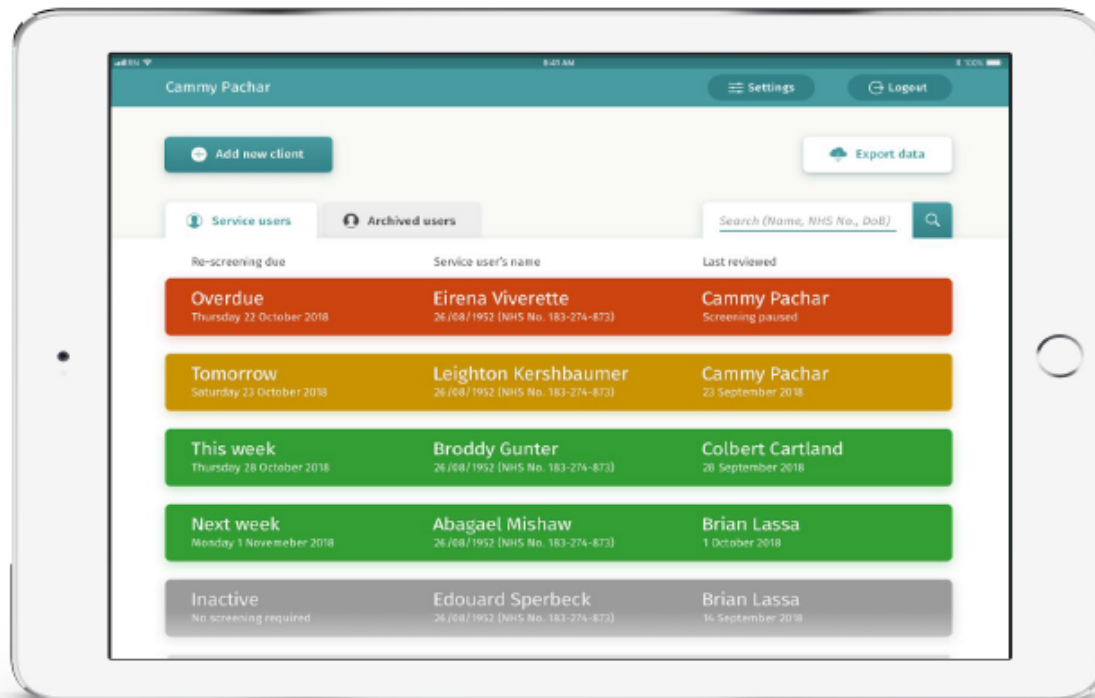


# A standardised and effective approach to falls risk management



**Secure risk assessment platform - easy to setup and can be configured for different types of care organisation**

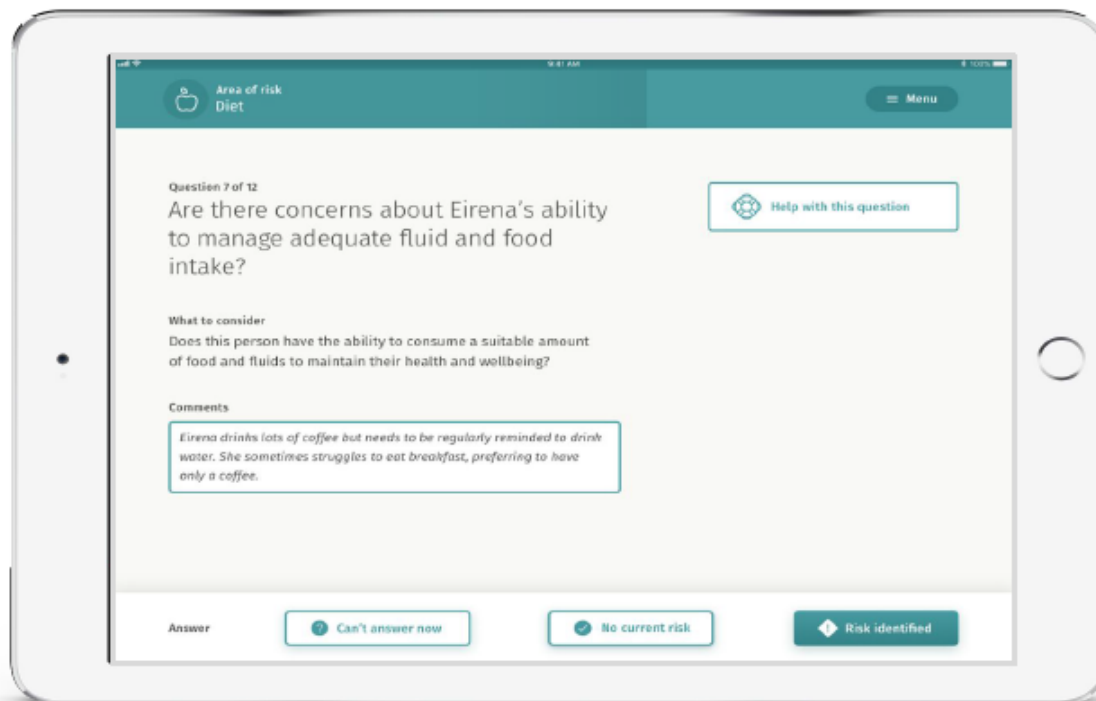
# A standardised and effective approach to falls risk management



Care home staff complete a simple, face-to-face **assessment once a month** for each resident

**Advice and support** provided through the platform

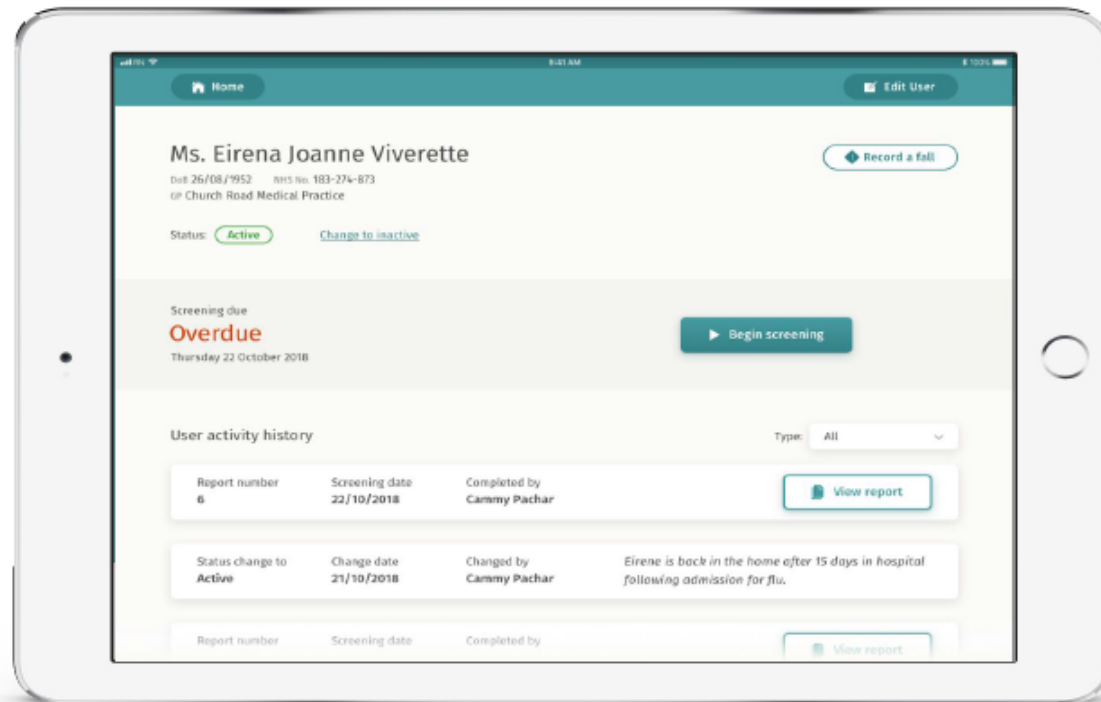
# A standardised and effective approach to falls risk management



Measures **12 key risk factors** based on UK Healthcare guidelines (NICE), including history of falls and the three biggest risks:

- Walking ability / gait
- Medication
- Eyesight

# A standardised and effective approach to falls risk management



Creates a **personalised action plan** for care homes to follow to reduce the risk of falls for residents

Individual recommendations **co-designed** with care home professionals

Provides care homes with digital audit trail to satisfy **regulatory inspection** requirements (Health & Social Care Act 2008)

# Safe Steps - How it can help reduce avoidable falls



- **Reduced levels of falls and falls risk within care homes** - appropriate falls risk management can reduce falls by 25-30%
- **Documented audit trail for CQC reporting** - care plan reports can be easily stored, retrieved and exported from the cloud.
- **Less time spent on paperwork** - digital assessment can be completed in less than 5 minutes from login to completion, reducing the amount of time spent manually inputting data from paper to electronic records.
- **Helpful advice and guidelines for carers** - can be used as a training tool and will soon include video content, training guides and other digital resources.
- **Safer, happier and more confident residents** - feedback from residents is very positive that care homes are taking a proactive approach.

*“We go through the assessment with our residents and it helps put their mind at ease that they know we are dealing with the problem and it boosts their confidence”*



Care Worker, Age UK



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# Learning from Others

## *Bruin Biometrics*

*Lesley Lawson - UK National Sales  
Manager*

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# BBI SEM Scanner – Prevention Made Real

Innovative Technology

Reducing Pressure Ulcer Incidence

Achieving Quality Outcomes



**SEM Scanner™**  
*Making the Invisible Visible*



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# The SEM Scanner

## SEM Scanner™

Making the Invisible Visible



First hand-held wound  
assessment device

Detects early-stage pressure  
damage

### Prevention

Early detection enables  
intervention and reversal of  
damage.

### Monitoring

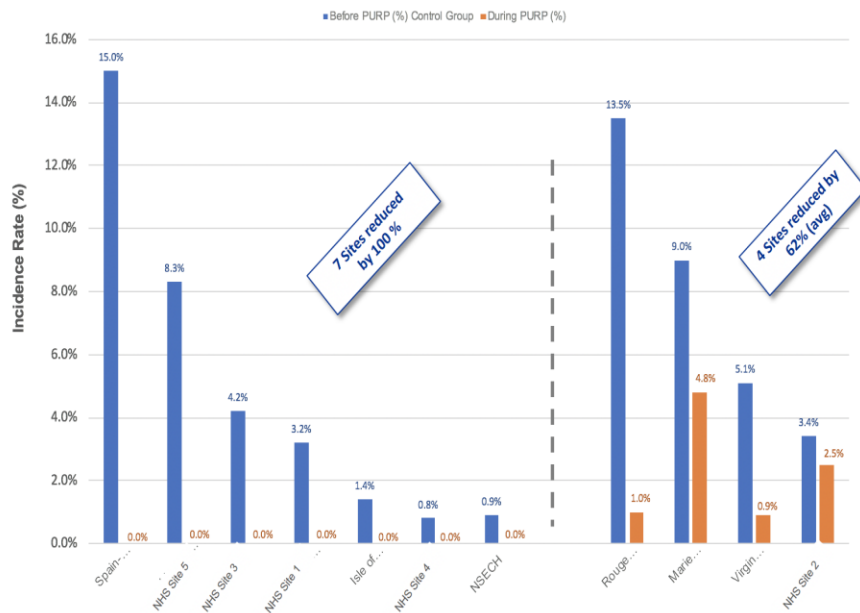
Real-time tissue health status

**5 days earlier than current  
standard of practice**



# Real World Evidence Snapshot

PU Incidence: before and during PURP period by site



Global Real World Evidence collected from 905 patients in 11 facilities in 3 countries<sup>1</sup>

- 64% of participating sites, achieved Zero HAPU's
- The straight average reduction in HAPU at all 11 sites was 86.2% during the PURP
- 64% sites indicated that measuring SEM could be easily adopted into clinical practice

1. Submitted to FDA as key element of De Novo Submission. Accepted and presented at EPUAP Conference, Rome, Italy. 2018. Hancock K et al. (2018). PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION PROGRAMME\* (PURP), ENABLING CLINICALLY EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS AT RISK OF PRESSURE ULCERS (PU).



# Achievable Outcomes

## Example

1 ward, 27 PU's p/a, 3 scanners

50% reduction in Year 1

80% sustained reduction years 2-7

Material Savings

**£358K**

NET Savings in dressings, mattresses, analgesics and antibiotics

Released Nursing Hours

**42,234**

4 WTE nurses / care staff per year

Released Bed Days

**606**

88 additional admissions

Return on Investment

**£22.98**  
(2,298%)

For every £1 invested savings of £22.98 achieved



**1** Detects tissue damage early

**2** Supports targeted clinical decision making

**3** Integrates with nurse-led interventions

**4** Improves patient outcomes

**5** Reduces the cost of care

**6** Achieves prevention



# Learning from Others

## AQuA

*Liz Kanwar - AQ Programme  
Manager, AQuA*

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# Learning from Others

## Quality Improvement & Leadership Programme; Care Home Academy

*Paul Brain,  
Project Manager, Patient Safety Collaborative,  
Innovation Agency*

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# INNOVATION AGENCY

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for the North West Coast

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-  Lancashire
-  Merseyside
-  Cheshire



Kendal



Lancaster



Liverpool



Chester

What has been done....

What we want to do....

What we are currently working on....



# Anticipatory Care Calendar

## What?

- The ACC is a **simple tool** to improve the daily surveillance of health.
- Currently **paper based**
- **Free resource** for use in any social care setting supporting people with learning disabilities, dementia etc.
- Works well for people with reduced capacity and / or communication difficulties



# Anticipatory Care Calendar

## Why:

- Improved communication – with the individual person and between professionals
- Flags health issues and facilitates access to health services more quickly when necessary

## How:

- Daily health assessment alerts staff to changes in a person's health status and provides clear directions about accessing care
- Traffic-light' system triggers the need to respond to changes to the person's health through observation
- Supports and empowers social care staff to develop a high standard of health record keeping,
- Impacts and outcomes:
- Final evaluation just received – next steps to update the learning materials and relaunch



## Next Steps – Feedback

*“The ACC is a daily health surveillance tool, supports social care staff to effectively monitor physical health & wellbeing of clients.”* **Michelle Walklett, Autism Together**

*“The ACC improves screening of service user and this helps to identify early signs and symptoms of life limiting diseases such as cancer.”* **Katherine Evans, Autism Together**

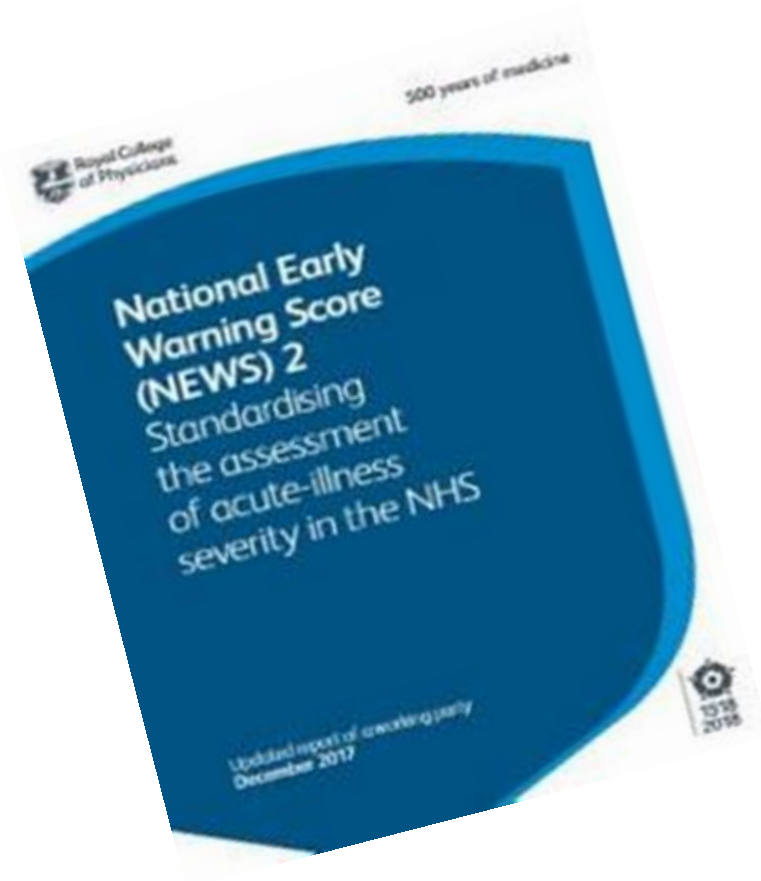
*The ACC has the benefits to save lives and reduce health inequalities for people with a learning disability, it needs to be shared as far and wide as possible’.* **Sarah Ormston, MacIntyre**



# Deterioration Work Stream



# NEWS within Care Homes



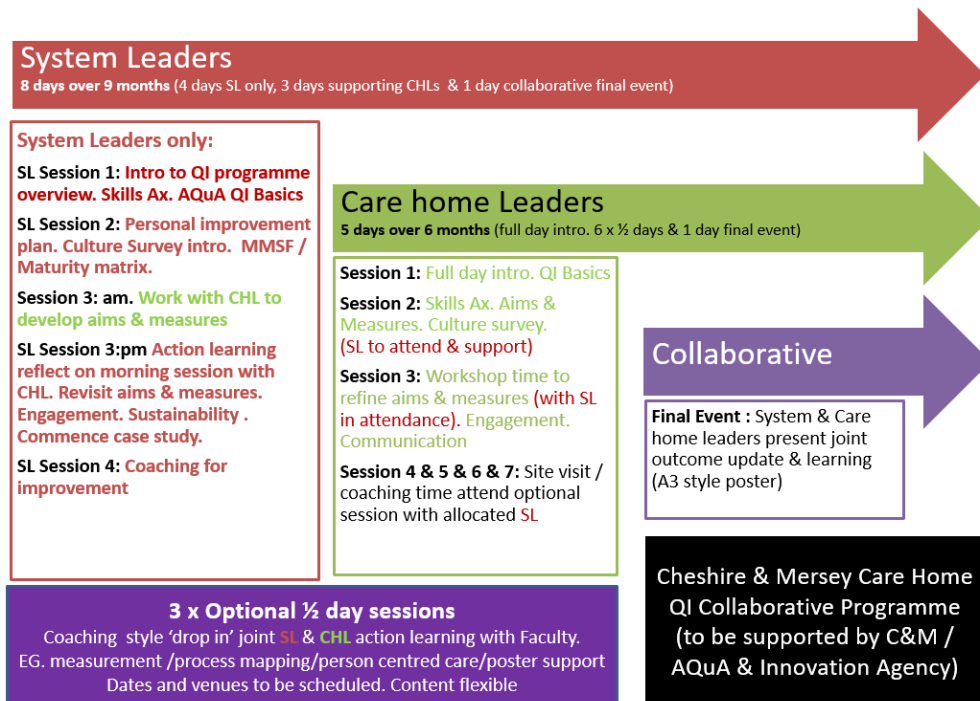
NEWS2 is a scoring system in which a score is allocated to physiological measurements.

It was developed by the Royal College of Physicians to help improve the detection and response to clinical deterioration in adult patients.

The six physiological parameters for the basis of the scoring system include

- respiration rate,
- oxygen saturation,
- systolic blood pressure,
- pulse rate,
- level of consciousness or new confusion
- temperature.

# Care Home Collaborative



## System leaders

- It is envisaged that these will be people working within CCGs and local authorities.
- facilitating or supporting care home quality and safety through effective leadership.
- They will provide one-to-one support for the care home manager as they go through the programme together.

## Care home leaders

Care home participants will be managers who have identified an area requiring change or improvement within their care home which requires skills, knowledge and support to effect the change.





# Show and Tell - Examples of good practice in your care home

*Eva Bedford – Deterioration  
Programme Lead*

*(15 minutes open discussion)*

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# Next Steps?

*Jay Hamilton – Associate  
Director & Patient Safety  
Collaborative Lead  
(15 minutes open discussion)*

- 1) Is there an appetite for quality improvement in your care home?
- 2) What ‘avoidable harm/s’ should be our priority?
- 3) Would you be interested in attending further learning events?



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