



## **Wessex Deterioration and Sepsis Network**

The Wessex Deterioration and Sepsis Network is working with healthcare organisations across Wessex to improve the delivery of care to patients with Sepsis and/or Deterioration.

### **Strategic Purpose**

The purpose of the Wessex Deterioration and Sepsis Network is to support staff to deliver high quality and safe care to patients across Wessex, raising awareness of patient safety and quality improvement.

### **Vision**

The Network vision is to connect staff across all sectors to enable the sharing of process/outcome data, knowledge, projects, progress, resources and learning, to “shamelessly steal” and learn from each other to achieve a region wide reduction in poor outcomes and avoidable deaths.

### **Goals**

The goals of the Deterioration and Sepsis Network include:

- Raising awareness around Deterioration and Sepsis to improve prevention
- Better recognition, early intervention and management of the deteriorating patient
- Sharing of local experiences (successes and challenges) and local projects
- Supporting a unified regional approach
- Supporting co-design and co-production with patients
- Promoting the sharing and use of Quality Improvement methodologies and tools

### **Current workstreams**

The Network is currently engaged in the following workstreams:

- Incorporation of national developments around Sepsis definition, NEWS methodology, NICE guidelines and Deterioration priorities into local approaches and tools
- Supporting the adoption and spread of NEWS at the interfaces of care (between acute / ambulance / community / primary care sectors)
- Spreading locally developed tools which include NEWS scores, including “Soft Signs” of Deterioration, for Community, Care Home and Domiciliary settings and SBAR (Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation) communications.



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Current workstreams (cont...)

- Provision of Quality Improvement training, coaching and resources (including access to the LIFE QI system) to support organisations, quality improvement teams and individuals working to develop capability in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety.

## **Network Organisation**

The Clinical Lead for the Network is Dr Matt Inada-Kim who is a consultant acute physician at Hampshire Hospitals NHS FT, NHS(E) National Clinical Advisor on sepsis, co-chair of the National AHSN sepsis cluster, Lead for sepsis and deterioration at Wessex PSC and attends the NHS Cross System Sepsis Programme Board.

The Network is co-ordinated by Geoff Cooper who is the Programme Lead and Improvement Coach for the Wessex PSC Deterioration Workstream.

The Network meet approximately every 3 months and membership is open to all healthcare staff and organisations, and their lay partners, across Wessex.

## **Community of Safety and Improvement Practice (CSIP)**

Network members also have the opportunity to join the Wessex Community of Safety and Improvement Practice (CSIP) and via CSIP have free access to LIFE, a software application designed to support networking and QI project management.

CSIP is a Wessex wide network that offers the opportunity to connect individuals and projects across health and care in areas of innovation, quality improvement and patient safety. It helps people to share successes, learn from each other and speed up the adoption of good practices that make a difference to our patients.

Regional events and annual conferences offer its members the opportunity to network, make contacts, pool ideas, share resources and engage with peer support in order to share and learn together across Wessex. The online community platform (LIFE) facilitates networking opportunities.

Membership of CSIP can be requested via: <https://surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WessexCSIP>

## **More Information**

More information about the Deterioration and Sepsis Network can be obtained from the network webpage at: <http://wessexahsn.org.uk/projects/116/the-physically-deteriorating-patient> .

If you have any questions about the Deterioration and Sepsis workstream, or any other aspects of the Wessex Patient Safety Collaborative, please contact us at [patient.safety@wessexahsn.net](mailto:patient.safety@wessexahsn.net)

