

Wellbeing Group August 2021

The late July meeting of the Patient Safety Ambassadors Group of the NHS Northwest Innovation Agency received four presentations.

The first one was a follow up presentation on the work relating to Maternal and Neonatal Safety. As mentioned in the meeting in May, the aim of this project is to pre-term births from 8% to 6% and to reduce the rate of stillbirths, neonatal deaths and brain injuries occurring or soon after birth by 50% by 2025. Steps to help to achieve these goals include trying to improve smoking cessation rates, best practice in the management of pre-term labour, and strategies to help improve the recognition of deterioration in mothers and babies.

The second topic was a Patient Safety and Care improvement project on COPD and asthma. There is work being done to develop discharge care bundles for patients admitted to hospital with exacerbations of respiratory conditions with the aim of reducing the number of readmissions.

Respiratory Review. The Cheshire and Merseyside Health and Care Partnership are in the process of developing a website dedicated to the management of respiratory conditions with the idea of all patients living in the area having access to information about their condition including diagnosis and management, pointers to local services, and a peer-to-peer discussion group. Group members have been invited to assist in the website development.

Mental Health Program. The Programme Manager for the Mental Health Safety Improvement Programme (MHSIP) spoke about the aims of this national programme which are to:

1. Reduce suicide and self-harm for inpatients
2. Reduce harm to staff
3. Reduce restraining practices.

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