



## South West Audit Network (SWANs) Annual Report 2017 18

The South West Audit Network (SWANs) meet twice a year normally in June and November in Bridgewater Taunton which is a central location to maximise attendance within the wide geographical south west area.

The network is made up of 37 organisations across the south west and has approximately 89 members. The network is subscription based (£70 per year) to support the running of the network and training and education.

I am delighted in the first NQICAN Networking & Sharing Forum (NNSF) baseline regional metrics that the SWANs network has been noted as having the highest number of members on NNSF with 55 members and has an 78% active participation rate.

### Key points from the network in 2017/18

- **Appointment of Chairman** – Sarah Chessell, Poole, previously vice chair and treasurer agreed to take this role, and was elected unopposed. SC wrote formally to the outgoing chairman Stuart Metcalfe, Bristol to thank him for all his hard work in organising stimulating and informative meetings over the previous 3 years.
- **Appointment of Vice Chair and Treasurer** - Laura Lewis, Exeter, agreed to take on this role and was elected unopposed.
- **Appointment of Communications Officer** – Dawn Tilsley (National Blood and Transplant) agreed to take this role, and was elected unopposed.

### Meeting 15th June 2017 key points:

- **Presentation: 7 Day Service**, Sue Cottle and Louise James, NHS England
- **Presentation: When to re-audit**, Kay Southway, Somerset Partnership
- **Feedback from SWANs IT survey**, Stuart Metcalfe
- **NICE Update**, Stuart Metcalfe

### Meeting 16th November 2017 key points:

- **Presentation by NICE Field Team South**  
Chris Connell, Associate Director, NICE Field Team (South) Health and Social Care Directorate – Systems Engagement National Institute for Health and Care Excellence and Jane Jacobi, Implementation Facilitator for the South West
- **Appointment of Chairman, Vice Chair and Treasurer and creation and appointment of new role of Communications Officer** (as outlined above).
- **Subscriptions.** Network voted to continue being subscription based (£70 per year) to support the running of the network and training and education.
- **National Quality Improvement and Clinical Audit Network (NQICAN – previously NAGG):** SC updated the group on key points.
- **NQICAN Forum** - SC recommended that all members of the network use the forum for communication and provided a quick demonstration.



- **NQICAN putting in bid to re-write the Clinical Audit Guide** – volunteers sought to look at statistical topics.
- **Discussion: Clinical Audit and QI – Is there, or could there be alignment or integration?**  
Discussion regarding the changing national agenda and agreed further exploration at our June 2018 meeting.
- **Training.** Agreed lack of training provision recently from SWANs and that this would be rectified. Members asked to suggest priority topics.
- **Local round up – what’s going on at Trusts.** Each trust provided a single slide outlining key points for awareness and discussion.

Looking forward into 2018/19, the network will meet on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018 and 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The network will undertake further development to recognise the changing national agenda, incorporating QI and ensuring that clinical audit is undertaken to improve the quality of patient care. In addition, the network will provide more training opportunities on key priorities.

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**Chairman of the South West Audit Network (SWANs)**

**16<sup>th</sup> April 2018**