

*Mersey Quality Improvement (including Clinical Audit)  
Network (M-QI-CAN)*

*Annual Review: 2018-19*

*It gives me great pleasure to introduce this review, having been appointed as chair in October 2018. Since then our network has reflected on what our purpose is, have consulted and made a number of changes to what and how we do things.*

**Successes**

- Review of member organisations, and identification of nominated leads and deputies to attend steering group meetings.*
- Creation and ratification of Terms of Reference for the steering group, to help inform our work moving forward.*
- 'Rebranding' from Mersey Clinical Audit Network, to Mersey Quality Improvement (inc. Clinical Audit) Network, reflecting the national position and wide remit of clinical audit as a quality improvement tool.*
- The Terms of Reference include chair, deputy chair and a liaison role with the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence Regional Forum, to share good practice and keep colleagues abreast of discussion in the wider clinical effectiveness, audit and quality improvement community.*
- Agreement on standing agenda items including feedback from National Quality Improvement (inc. Clinical Audit) Network meetings, and round table updates from members on activity, progress and challenges. These opportunities to share good practice and innovative ideas, share resources and documentation are particularly welcome by members.*
- Realignment of regional meetings which take place quarterly, two weeks after the national meeting, to allow for prompt feedback and requisite actions.*
- Securing of a regular venue for network meetings, which take place at the NHS Blood and Transplant Service - free of charge for room and parking! A fantastic result which has reduced the burden of finding host organisations.*
- Increased activity on the national forum, with members uploading documents shared in network meetings.*

- *Collaboration with other northwest networks, culminating in a regional study day. Feedback from members advised this was particularly valuable event to attend, with the presentation 'Join the Dots' on Statistical Process Control (SPC) charts being particularly well received.*

### *Future Plans*

- *To communicate with all members via the national forum, rather than e-mail, unless there is an urgent item for circulation. A dedicated MQICAN area for discussion will be requested to support this.*
- *Design of a logo, to help create a sense of belonging and community of equals.*
- *To review and agree training and development needs and provision for the network. This will take in to account the work being undertaken at a national level in response to the NQICAN survey.*
- *To increase submissions for Clinical Audit Hero Awards.*
- *To include sharing success item for forum as a standing item on network agenda.*

*My thanks go to our network members, for their support and ever increasing engagement. I've received lovely feedback and am confident we'll go from strength to strength. I'd also like to extend particular thanks to Mark Lyon and the NHS Blood and Transplant Service for providing us with such a wonderful venue for our meetings; and Jan Evans, Officer Manager for the Clinical Effectiveness Team at the Royal Liverpool University Hospitals who kindly volunteered to provide secretarial and administrative support for the network.*

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*on behalf of Mersey Quality Improvement (inc Clinical Audit) Network*