

## Background

The AHP QI group was set up in 2017 to action National AHP leadership for quality improvement recommendations; particularly in relation to learning and development.

The group comprises of a range of AHP professionals from across Lothian, the core group being:



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Below are the vision and aim for our group. Our driver diagram is on page 2.

## Vision:

**All AHP's in NHS Lothian will have awareness and knowledge of QI creating a quality improvement focused culture in practice. Therefore achieving better outcomes and experiences for our patients in NHS Lothian.**

## Aim:

**By the end of March 2019 all AHP services in Lothian will be able to evidence their use of QI theory and tools in everyday clinical practice.**

Across NHS Scotland, there are three agreed levels of quality improvement skill – Foundation, Practitioner and Lead. We have been working to develop AHP staff at each level; this has included facilitating learning for teams, encouraging use of the QI zone elearning modules on TURAS and individual QI objectives, accessing NHS Lothian Quality Academy and national learning programmes.



NHS Lothian recently published its Quality Strategy to “tackle the long-term challenges of rising demand, rising costs and limited resources in healthcare. By making quality the focus of how we run our services.”

We generated change ideas and as a group ran some tests to try ideas out and learn together. This year we are focusing on:

- Quality patient experience and care e.g. AHPs understand model for improvement
- Create a culture for QI e.g. celebration event, using social media to promote QI activity, AHP pages on Lothian Quality
- Infrastructure to support QI e.g. leadership for improvement , AHPs as QI coaches
- Knowledge and skills e.g. QI masterclasses

We are keen to celebrate and share some of the improvement work which is underway across the organisation.

Do you have a local improvement project that you'd like to share with others?

Would you like to be more involved in QI?

Would you like to join the AHP QI group?

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