

## Emergency Department Collaborative

Having benefited from the collaborative approach used by the Sepsis Workstream, clinicians in Buckinghamshire's Emergency Department asked the Oxford PSC to support the development of an Emergency Department (ED) Collaborative.

ED multidisciplinary teams from across the region signed up to themed regional shared learning events where clinicians, lay partners and specialist teams have a safe environment to learn from each other and spread best practice. The collaborative encourages relationship building within and between EDs across the region.

The collaborative runs bi-annual events, with member trusts rotating the responsibility to host the event. Each event is built around a theme decided by the hosting ED; focussing on specific topics for sharing and learning.

Maintaining a safe environment for patients within the ED is challenging in the face of increasing demand, an ageing population with increasingly complex needs and a shortage of inpatient beds. An increased reliance on locums and non-specialist staff means that it is crucial that every effort is made to reduce variation in the standard of care offered to patients.

The ED Collaborative focusses on sharing solutions and improvement work developed by clinicians with public and patient involvement. This encourages the development of a supportive environment which enables staff to deliver safe and compassionate care.

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*Exploring the principles of maintaining patient safety in an ED environment and consider how emergency departments can work together throughout the region*

***“It is inspiring and humbling that Emergency Departments are so keen to share ideas and seek solutions”***

***“We are not alone, we all have the same issues, more heads and experience builds knowledge and improves patient care”***

***“Very moving – makes you think about the person behind the illness”***

Delegates

Emergency Department  
Collaborative Events

September 2017 and  
March 2018