

Infection Prevention and Control
Champions Network Launch Event

SUMMARY

Tuesday 30 November

11am - 1.30pm

Via Zoom

Welcome and Introduction

Sharon Aldridge-Bent, MA, RN, DN, QN, RNT, Director of Nursing Programmes (Leadership),
The QNI

- 'Welcome to the Infection Prevention & Control Champions Network Launch #IPCChampion today. Commissioned by @DHSCgovuk'
- 'Covid has highlighted infection prevention and control. We will be developing a Facebook page to enable front line staff to share their experiences, as well as holding more events on #IPC.'
- Find out more about the project here: <https://qni.org.uk/news-and-events/news/new-infection-prevention-network-launched-for-social-care/>



1. Introduction to Infection, Prevention & Control Champions Network

Charlotte Fry, RN, DN, QN, Expert Lead Nurse, IPC Champions Network, The QNI

- '#IPCChampion launch event purpose is the sharing of good practice, providing a platform for peer learning that may be supported by other organisations that work in partnership with social care'
- 'What's in it for your champion: invitation to bi-monthly (virtual) network events and a bi-monthly newsletter

Aims of the IPC Champions Network

- To share good practice, ideas & resources.
- To share any new learning and how this was put into practice
- To provide a safe space for practitioners to be innovative and learn
- To support each other with practice issues that may arise through reflection.
- Provide links to organisations for networking to take place outside the meeting if participants wish



2. Excellence Awards

Gloria Beckett, RGN, BSc(Hons), MPH, SPDN, Lead Health Protection/ Infection Control Nurse, Oldham Public Health

- Oldham in Greater Manchester deals with 43 care homes of which 12 are nursing homes, 31 are residential homes and they serve over 1600 residents and nearly 2000 staff

What will Care Homes need to do to achieve the IPC CoE award?

- IP&C Care Home Audit completed and must achieve 92% and above annually.
- Evidence of IP&C Annual Update and annual training/competencies for all Care Home staff (inc. Essential Steps).
- 6 monthly Hand Hygiene audit for all staff with evidence of hand hygiene training and assessments.
- Up to date IP&C notice board displayed for staff and visitors.
- IP&C link worker to attend the quarterly IP&C CoE Workshops and show evidence of dissemination.
- IP&C Annual statement



2. Excellence Awards (continued)

Maria Marinou, IPC Link Worker, St George's Nursing Home

- Maria won the Certificate of Excellence Award
- 'IPC is vital to the wellbeing of people who need care and support and is even more crucial during the Covid-19 pandemic.'
- 'The Certificate of Excellence offers the guidelines and criteria that enables care homes to meet the high standards that are required to deliver a safe and effective service for residents, staff and relatives regarding infection prevention control'
- 'In order to receive safe and effective care, IPC must be part of everyday practice and be applied consistently by everyone.'



2. Excellence Awards (continued)

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Certificate of Excellence Award Criteria

Criteria
Completed IP&C Audit (92% or above) which includes Covid Secure standards
Completed Hand Hygiene Audit
Completed Oral Care Audit
Completed Annual IP&C Statement
IP&C lead person to attend the IP&C leads care home workshops every quarter (must attend 3 meetings a year) and evidence of cascading this to their care home.
Named IP&C Link
Up to date IP&C Notice Board

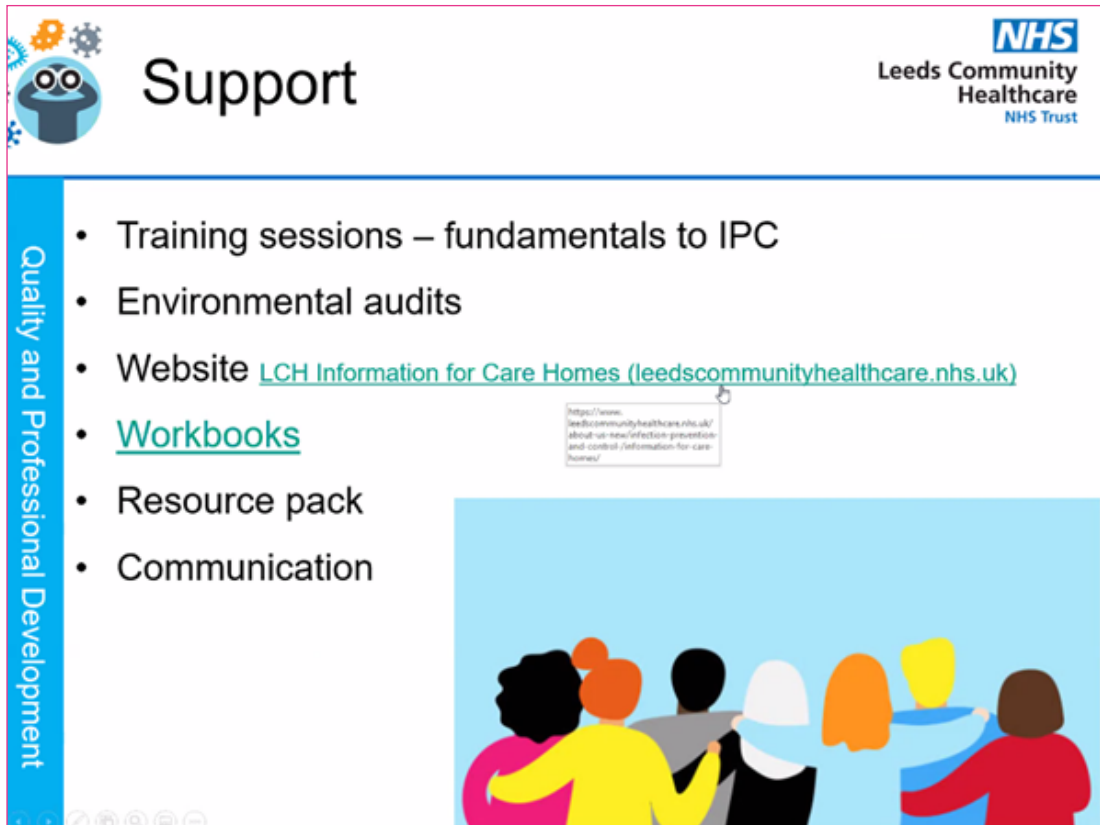



Why It Is Important?

- Protects against cross infections and contamination of contagious diseases, therefore decreases the chance of common outbreaks in Nursing homes such as D&V, Influenza and of course Covid-19. In turn improves the overall health and well being of staff residents and visitors.
- It offers peace of mind to family members and visiting professionals that the home is clean, abiding by Government and Department of Health Guidelines and are following the Certificate of Excellence Award standards to enable us to deliver a safe service for all.
- It has given our staff confidence, knowledge and awareness that they are protected by adhering to the policies and procedures that are in situ, which are recognised by a regulated body (The Certificate of Excellence Award) as being the highest standard regarding IPC.
- We have noticed a marked decrease in Nurses and Care Staff being off sick which has enabled us to deliver continuity of care even more so throughout the pandemic.

3. Care Provider Support

Liz Grogan, RGN, MSC Public Health, ILM 5 L&M, QN, Head of Infection Prevention & Control and Deputy Director of IPC, Leeds Community Health Care NHS Trust




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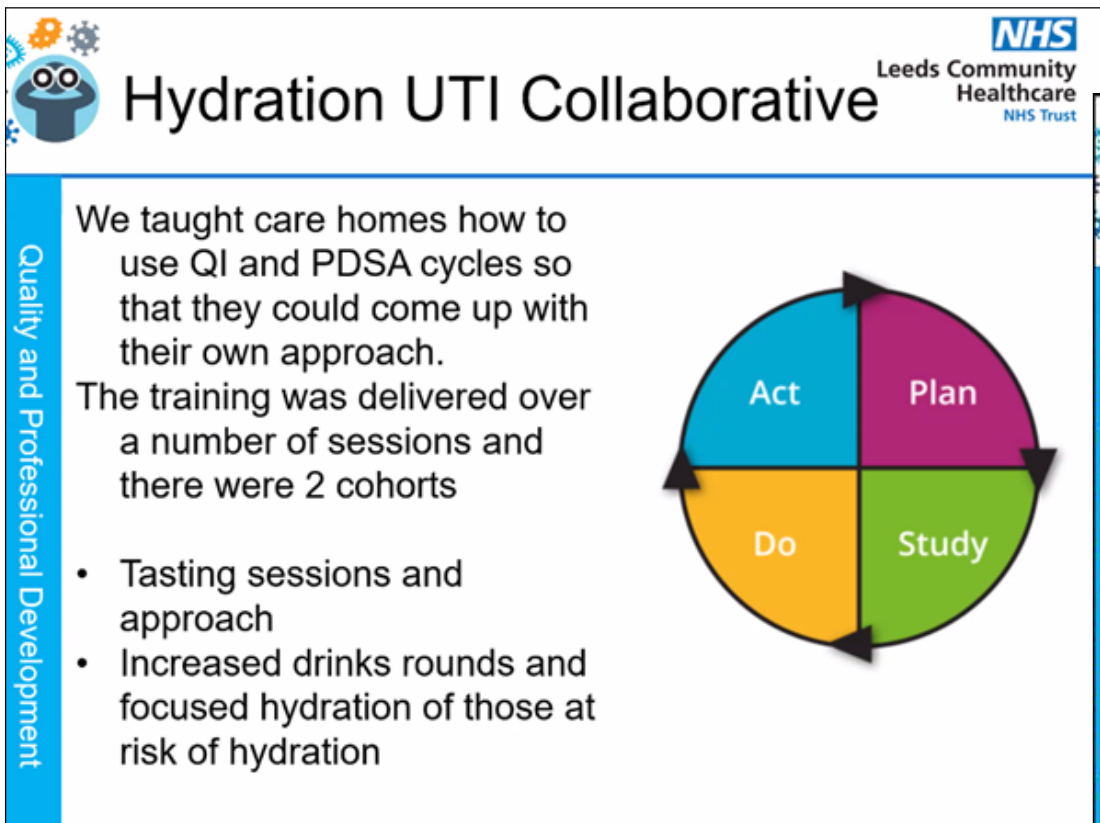
- Training sessions – fundamentals to IPC
- Environmental audits
- Website [LCH Information for Care Homes \(leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk\)](https://www.leedscommunityhealthcare.nhs.uk/about-us/new/infection-prevention-and-control/information-for-care-homes/)
- [Workbooks](#)
- Resource pack
- Communication

Quality and Professional Development



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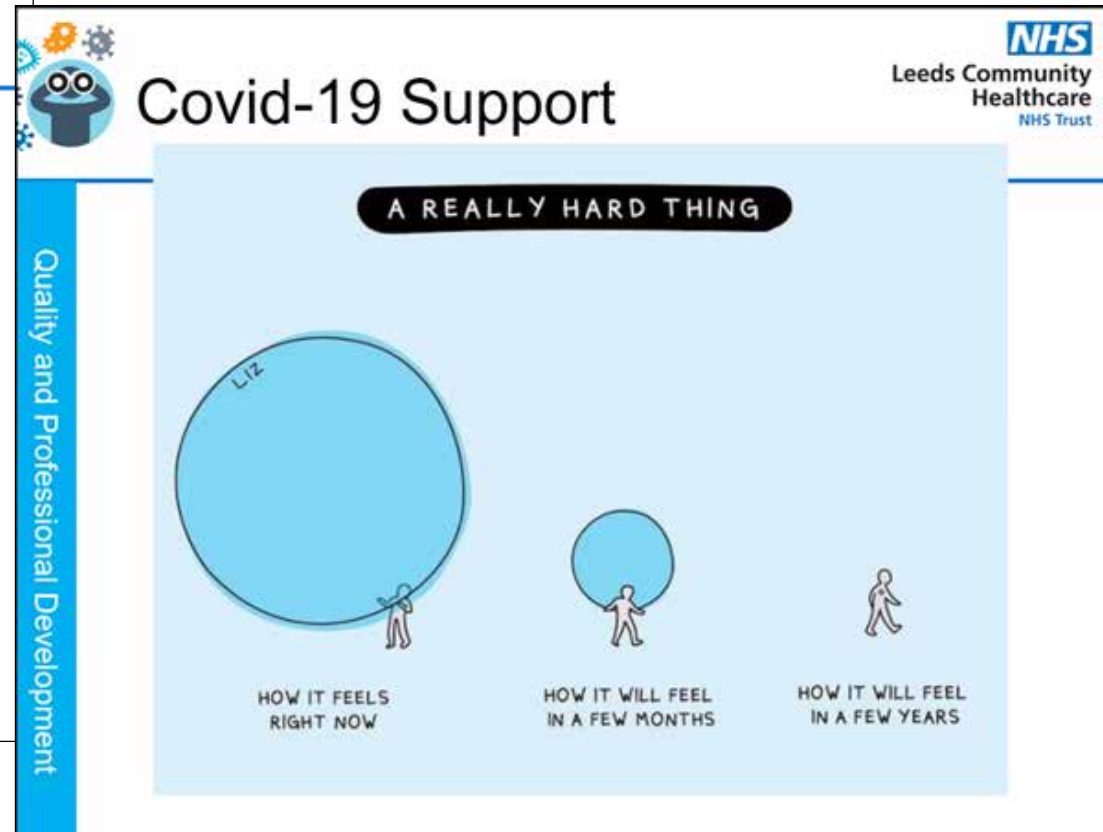
Hydration UTI Collaborative

We taught care homes how to use QI and PDSA cycles so that they could come up with their own approach. The training was delivered over a number of sessions and there were 2 cohorts

- Tasting sessions and approach
- Increased drinks rounds and focused hydration of those at risk of hydration

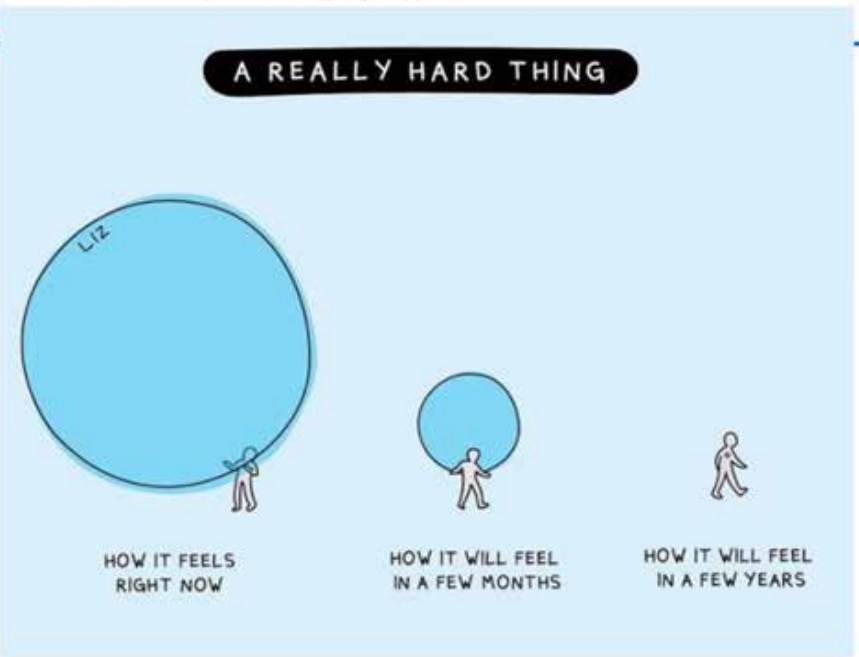


Quality and Professional Development



Covid-19 Support

A REALLY HARD THING



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4. Keynote speaker

Deborah Sturdy OBE, Chief Nurse for Adult Social Care in England, DHSC

'So important to share good practice on IPC'

- 'How ironic that this week we have seen another #Covid variant, it just clarifies why #IPC is such an important issue in adult social care.'
- 1.52 million Adult Social Care employees - bigger workforce than the NHS
- 'Huge opportunities in #AdultSocialCare: it's complicated, it's diverse, it's challenging, it's interesting and complex.'
- 'Infection, prevention and control is the role of every member of staff in the adult social care sector. It's the actions of every staff member going above and beyond that has saved lives through the #pandemic.'



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Recognising Staff

CARE

- Infection, prevention and control is the role of every member of staff in the adult social care sector
- It is the actions of every staff member going above and beyond that has saved lives through the pandemic
- Examples of actions that have been taken can be found in the Good Practice Guide – this covers developing a culture of safety, good hand hygiene, PPE use, ventilation practice and supporting each other

4. Keynote speaker (continued)

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What are our opportunities for the workforce?

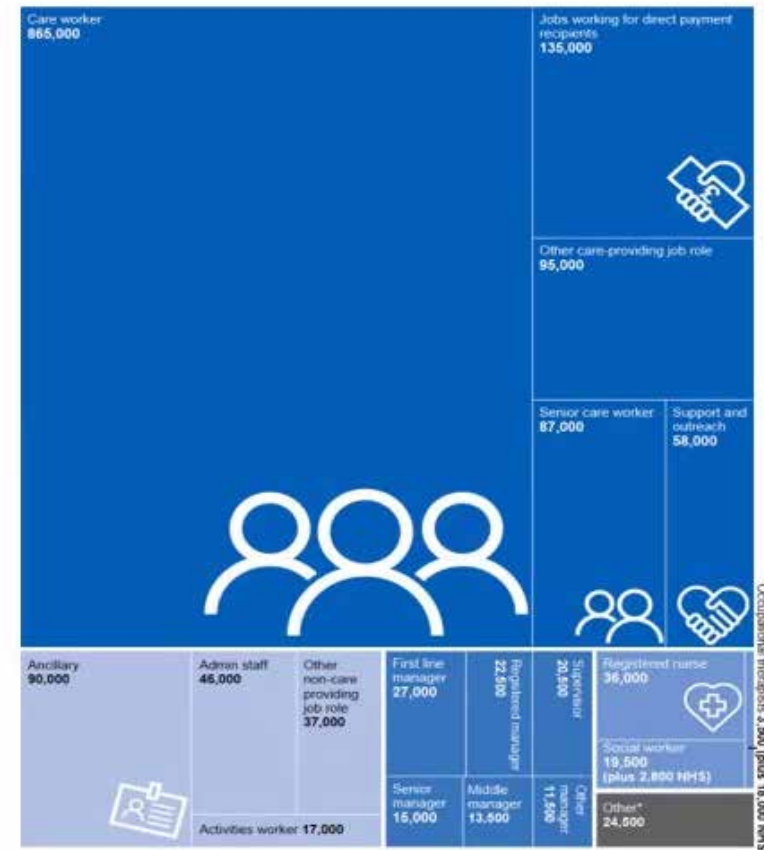
Opportunities – Learning and Development

- Workforce Reform
- Building the evidence base and academic underpinning
- Changing the undergraduate experience to shape the longer-term workforce, understanding and responsiveness
- Creating a post graduate qualifications Nursing/Specialist Practice – N Tyneside CCG
- Well educated workforce evaluating the impact on care quality
- Knowledge & Skills Framework which supports lifelong learning
- Appointment of the UK's first Chair in Social Care Nursing
- Creating career pathways for everyone, creating a momentum and options

Opportunity to Bust the Myths

- Creating a belief and confidence in what social care offers, and the complexity of what it does
- Changing the perception – outdated thinking and myths
- The most skilled workforce needed
- Social Care as a first -class career choice not a second -class option
- Its complicated, its diverse, its challenging, its interesting, its complex

Chart 7. Estimated number of adult social care jobs by individual job roles
Source: Skills for Care estimates



*"Other" includes 11 job roles which were estimated to include fewer than 8,000 jobs each.

Thank you to all 251 delegates who attended the IPC launch event



COMMENTS

A selection from delegates:

'Thank you that was really informative and useful !'

Brilliant, thanks, moving forward positively!'

'Excellent presentations well done'

Very informative and enjoyable, thank you.'

'thank you - really good sessions'

'Thank you . Very interesting. Look forward to the next session.'

'So helpful, thank you so much for this session'.

'Thank you to all the speakers, very informative and encouraging'

.Thank you and great, learned something new today, thanks for all the speakers as well the chair.'