The East Midlands Patient Safety Collaborative and the Leicestershire Improvement, Innovation and Patient Safety Unit:

Working together to improve quality and patient safety

- The East Midlands Patient Safety Collaborative (PSC) (hosted by the East Midlands Academic Health Sciences Network, AHSN) and the Leicestershire Improvement, Innovation and Patient Safety (LIIPS) Unit have a common interest in working for improvements in healthcare quality and safety.
- The PSC will involve healthcare organisations across the six counties of the East Midlands, whereas LIIPS is a collaboration involving NHS organisations and higher education institutions in Leicestershire and Rutland only.
- The priorities for PSC include nationwide issues determined by NHS England and issues of interest to patients, clinicians and managers in the East Midlands, currently being prioritised through a Delphi consensus-building exercise; the priorities for LIIPS will be determined by patients, clinicians and managers in its partner organisations in Leicestershire and Rutland.
- Given the common interests of the two initiatives, several priorities are likely to be shared, and here the PSC and LIIPS will collaborate closely to deliver collaboratives and associated activities that result in measurable improvements in processes and outcomes. LIIPS may act as a vehicle for delivering the PSC’s work in Leicestershire and Rutland, building on existing networks and relationships it has developed.
- LIIPS is also likely to develop a separate work programme within Leicestershire and Rutland, focusing in particular on (i) areas outside the remit of the PSC, such as training and education, and research and evaluation, (ii) issues of particular interest to its partner organisations that are not prioritised on a region-wide basis by the PSC, and (iii) issues not amenable to improvement using a formal Collaborative approach.
- Across both programmes, the PSC and LIIPS will maintain close contact via common stakeholders (especially those involved in the core of both initiatives), and will also liaise closely with the East Midlands AHSN to respond to cross-cutting areas of importance, such as healthcare for BME groups.

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