



East Midlands Clinical Audit Support Network (EMCASnet) 2019/20 annual report

EMCASnet is a network of people working in clinical audit, effectiveness and improvement roles in the East Midlands, to share learning and develop skills.

EMCASnet is run by the Chair - Marina Otley from Nottingham CityCare (until July 2020), and 2 Deputy Chairs - Donna Staples from Spire Healthcare and Cheryl Withenshaw from Lincolnshire Partnership

We currently have 83 members from 29 organisations including acute hospitals, mental health, community, hospice, and GP service providers, as well as relevant regional and national organisations

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Finances

The network has an account at Cooperative Bank

£380.40 balance brought forward from 2018/19

£0 for June 2019 meeting, refreshments sponsored by QuiqSolutions (value £134.73)

£110.00 for refreshments at September 2019 meeting - reimbursed by NQICAN

£256 for refreshments at November 2019 event (cost shared with MEAN) - paid directly by NQICAN

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Other activities

Marina Otley (Nottingham CityCare/ EMCASnet Chair) and Roger Simpson (Derbyshire Community Health Services) developed a project to review the quality of information available on the websites of national clinical projects, in order to drive improvements and ultimately improve participation. The project was scoped with help from EMCASnet and data collection was undertaken by members of various regional networks. The project was supported by HQIP and NQICAN from the outset and results were shared with them in early 2020. The project was due to be presented to the Clinical Audit for Improvement conference in March 2020 but due to Covid-19 this has been rearranged to September 2020.

Our meetings during 2019/20:

All presentations and minutes are on the NQICAN Forum

2019

June

Lincolnshire Community Health

We welcomed presentations from Clinical Audit Support Centre on their annual survey, Nottingham University Hospitals on data quality in national clinical audits, and the East Mids Academic Health Science Network (AHSN) and East Mids Leadership Academy on their safety and improvement work. Lunch was sponsored by QuiqSolutions.

September

Leicestershire Partnership

This meeting featured presentations by Lincolnshire Partnership on using patient experience information in clinical audit, and the care homes clinical audit led by East Mids AHSN. Derbyshire Community presented on managing time and balancing priorities and ran a well-being activity during lunchtime.

November

Joint event with Midlands Audit and Effectiveness Network (MEAN)

This was the first joint event with our West Midlands counterparts and featured speakers from HQIP, NICE, Care Quality Commission, NCEPOD, and the Universal Improvement Company, as well as the regional AHSNs and several local speakers.

March

Our first online meeting

Due to Covid-19 our March meeting was moved online. Although a shorter meeting than planned we did discuss the latest from NQICAN as well as the results of the members survey and proposed changes to the network, and Marina Otley announced she would be stepping down as Chair.

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