

About the West of England Academic Health Science Network

The West of England Academic Health Science Network is one of 15 across the country. It was set up in 2013 by NHS England and brings together people working to improve healthcare. The network (where lots of people or things join together) includes:

- Members of the public, including people with experience of using services
- NHS organisations – for example hospitals and community care providers, such as GPs
- Physical and mental health services
- Social care
- Industry – for example organisations with good innovations (new ways of doing things)
- Academic – for example universities
- Voluntary organisations

An important focus of our work is in improving patient safety, as well as supporting the NHS to find solutions and new technology. We also work with the other networks across the country to share successful solutions.

Some of the things we are particularly good at are:

- Sharing our skills in 'quality improvement' (ways to make things better) with NHS staff
- Supporting culture and leadership
- Bringing tried-and-tested solutions into healthcare
- Finding gaps in healthcare services and developing solutions
- Providing space for people to connect and collaborate (work together to make things better)
- Supporting innovation (new ways of doing things)
- Sharing lessons and good healthcare practice
- Making health and social care services safer through our Patient Safety Collaborative (lots of people working together to make things better)

Bringing together key services to improve healthcare

