Empowering staff to make changes that benefit patients

Nursing staff from across the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board have increased the amount of time they spend directly caring for patients through the Transforming Care programme.

Transforming Care aims to increase the time nurses spend providing direct care to their patients, and also to improve the experience patients have during their hospital stay. Many of the improvements are small, but they make a big difference to patients. Read more

Patients at the centre in Cardiff & Vale University Health Board

Several changes in working practice are helping to build the highest quality care around the needs of patients in Cardiff & Vale University Health Board, as explained in a new 1000 Lives Plus video update.

"There are many pressures in the health service at present and it’s important for us to maintain the focus on quality and safety in the organisation," says Dr Graham Shortland, Medical Director. Watch the video report Reports from every health board and trust are available

Complete care for older patients

Staff in Aneurin Bevan Health Board have been piloting work as part of 1000 Lives Plus aimed at the early recognition of potential problems relating to mental health, especially dementia

"Coming into hospital can be a daunting experience at any stage of life," says Vicki Williams, ward sister on C7 East orthopaedic ward at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport.

"If an older patient starts to develop a mental health problem such big changes in their environment can start to cause problems." Read more

Improving care for unwell mums-to-be in Powys

Pregnant women who become suddenly unwell will receive a quicker response and referral to consultant care thanks to new measures being tested by Powys Teaching Health Board.

Improved methods of monitoring to quickly recognise when women are becoming unwell in pregnancy and ensure a prompt referral to a district general hospital for further investigation and care are currently being tested by community midwives. Read more

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‘Small Changes, Big Impact’ is the IHI Open School (UK) Conference happening in Cardiff on 23-24 March. Find out more and book your place today!

Dr Anne Freeman, who advises 1000 Lives Plus improvements in stroke services, has been awarded an OBE.

Creating a culture that continually looks for quality improvement - conference proceedings from 'Managing Continuous Improvement' now available online.

28 Feb: Enhanced Recovery After Surgery (colorectal) - learning session
1 March: Eating Disorders - programme area launch
7 March: Preventing Falls - learning session
23-24 March: ‘Small Changes, Big Impact’ IHI Open School (UK) Conference, Cardiff

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