Welcome!

Here’s your latest edition of the 1000 Lives Improvement Student and Educator Community newsletter. Packed full of stories, resources, news and events, this is your chance to stay in touch and find out what students across Wales have been doing to improve patient care.

Whether you’re just starting out on your improvement journey, or if you’ve been involved for years, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved, develop your skills, and gain experience to practice safer care.

Congratulations to the winners of ‘A day in the life of a patient’ photo competition!

Last month healthcare students across universities in Wales took the opportunity to consider what it’s really like to be a patient as they picked up their smart phones to capture ‘A day in the life of a patient’. The photo competition fortnight took place from Monday 30 May to Monday 13 June and challenged students to look at the environment around them, and put themselves in the position of a patient.

A peer review process selected Bianca Jourdain, nursing student at Swansea University, and Sophie Burgess, nursing student at Bangor University. The lucky winners will be joining over 2000 healthcare professionals at the Patient Safety Congress in Manchester next month.

Bianca said: “The competition captured perfectly what we are taught in lectures and on placement - to always put yourself in the shoes of the patient to provide care that is individual and holistic”. Sophie continues “By taking part in the competition, I learnt and realised the importance of considering the patient’s perspective, and the way they feel”.

The runners up were: Chloe Everard, dietetics student from Cardiff Metropolitan University, Carla Morgan, nursing student at Swansea University, and Amanda Wilkinson, nursing student at Bangor University.
Call for students - get actively involved in improvement and join a Welsh Chapter!

Do you want to get involved in quality improvement at your university? Then why not set up or connect with a local Chapter!

A Chapter is a group of like-minded students who share an interest in improving care for patients and their families. It’s similar to a society and can be within one profession or across different health professions in your university.

Being part of a Chapter can help your understanding of improvement, and your future career!

Kim Davies, former nursing student at Swansea University who recently graduated explained: “Being part of the Swansea Chapter not only increased my understanding of quality improvement, but it also provided a great networking opportunity”.

If you’re interested in quality improvement and want to gain skills that will help your future career then either join or set up your own IHI Open School Chapter in your university.

Find out more here: http://www.1000livesplus.wales.nhs.uk/student-and-educator-chapter-support

Bangor University nursing students working in partnership in latest research study

A group of third year nursing students at Bangor University have been contributing to a new research study whilst working in partnership with their educators and colleagues from their local Health Board.

The study involves implementing and evaluating an Infection Prevention Link Nurses programme in Community Hospital settings, highlighting the importance of the nurses’ role within infection prevention.

The students’ involvement in the research study has allowed them insight into the research process, enabling them to link theory to clinical practice whilst broadening their understanding of infection prevention, research governance, ethics and the implementation process.

Stephanie Morris explained: “It is a wonderful learning opportunity, where we are gaining valuable skills which will prepare us for our careers as nurses and potential future researchers. We would encourage fellow students to get involved with research at any level as the benefits for preparing for clinical practice are enormous”.

The group will be sharing their experiences at the Bangor University Nursing Society conference taking place on Wednesday 13 July.
Don’t miss us!

The Student and Educator Community will soon be visiting universities across Wales to share our latest news and resources that will be useful for your studies.

Do you have an event or freshers fair where you’d like us to help you promote Quality Improvement?

We’d love to come along with a stand & recruit even more student members to the quality improvement movement happening in NHS Wales! Email 1000livessec@wales.nhs.uk.

- Tues 27 September - University of South Wales
- Mon 19 September - University of South Wales Learning Disability nursing conference

Success for Wales in Queen’s Nurse Awards

Angela Williams, lecturer in nursing at Bangor University has been awarded the title of Queen’s Nurse at the Spring Awards Ceremony on Monday 9 May in London. Angela was one of 126 nurses from across the UK to receive the title of Queen’s Nurse which was awarded by the Queens Nursing Institute in London.

Angela said about receiving the award: “I was very proud to receive the title of Queen’s nurse. I have spent many years working in the community as a health visitor and midwife, and to be recognised for this is truly rewarding. I believe in the values of the Queen’s Nursing Institute which put the patient at the centre of care. I was so glad to be present at the award ceremony being one of three nurses representing Wales.”

Huge congratulations to Angela!

Quality Improvement Videos

Know your run charts from your control charts? Understand driver diagrams and PDSA cycles? No?

Well the IHI Open School has a series of whiteboard videos which are here to help you. You can watch all of these for free here:

Get involved!
If you have a story you’d like to submit for a future edition of the e-newsletter, please email: 1000livessec@wales.nhs.uk