

# *About Q*



Q is an initiative connecting people, who have improvement expertise, across the UK.

Q's mission is to foster continuous and sustainable improvement in health and care. To achieve this, we are creating opportunities for people to come together as an improvement community – sharing ideas, enhancing skills and collaborating to make health and care better.

Q is being created for the long term to support individuals and their existing improvement work. It has been designed to complement and help connect other initiatives and networks.

The Q community is made up of a diverse range of people, including those at the front line of health and social care, patient leaders, managers, commissioners, researchers, policymakers and others. This diversity boosts the power of Q as a source of innovation and practical problem solving.

**Opportunities to join Q are being phased across the UK. From 9 March until 10 April we are looking for people the West Midlands.**

**Those interested in joining are asked to reflect on their knowledge and experience of improvement and how they can benefit and contribute to the community.**

There is no membership fee to join Q. It has been designed with busy people in mind and therefore there is no specific time commitment – members have the flexibility to commit and participate in ways that fit with their lives and their improvement work.

It is not a taught programme, but a network of support for those already knowledgeable in undertaking improvement work.

This is an exciting time to join Q. There are various activities and opportunities being tested with the members – different ways for people to connect, mobilise, develop and support each other.

The Health Foundation has partnered with West Midlands AHSN. They will be helping to grow the community in the West Midlands, working with other networks and organisations to support the delivery of activities and opportunities for members within this region.

For more information visit

[www.wmahsn.org/programmes/view/the-q-community](http://www.wmahsn.org/programmes/view/the-q-community) or email [QCommunityWM@wmahsn.org](mailto:QCommunityWM@wmahsn.org)

You can join the conversation on Twitter following [@PtSafetyWM](https://twitter.com/PtSafetyWM) or [@theQcommunity](https://twitter.com/theQcommunity) and [#QWMids](https://twitter.com/QWMids)



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