



# East Midlands Clinical Audit Support Network (EMCASnet) 2018/19 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.

We have 84 members from 30 different organisations - acute hospitals, mental health, community, hospice, and GP out of hours providers, as well as relevant regional and national organisations

EMCASnet is run by the Chair - Marina Otley from Nottingham CityCare, and 2 Deputy Chairs - Donna Staples from Sherwood Forest Hospitals Trust (moved to Spire Healthcare from August 2019) and Cheryl Withenshaw from Lincolnshire Partnership Trust. Terms from July 2018 to July 2021.

## Our meetings during 2018/19:

All presentations and minutes are on the NQICAN Forum

2018

July

### Leicestershire Partnership

We agreed our new Chair/Deputy structure, and said farewell to Mavis Hawley (Secretary and former member). We also agreed staff competencies for clinical audit. Presentations on 'Consultant's Perspective on Clinical Audit', the East Mids QI Network, and Infographics.

September

### Sherwood Forest Hospitals

This meeting featured presentations from the Nottinghamshire Care Homes Community of Practice, NICE, plus Health Education England on their national programmes for quality. We also discussed plans for CAAW18 and 2 organisations presented examples of projects with learning for others.

December

### Chesterfield Royal Hospital

We welcomed Andrew Barraclough who presented on QSIR training, and Colin Moorhouse who presented on Learning from Excellence. We also discussed what had been done for CAAW18, and the November East Mids QI event.

2019

March

### University Hospitals of Derby and Burton

A new EMCASnet-led project was proposed to improve national clinical audit information. We shared approaches to record keeping audits, had presentations on Practical Experiences of NICE (joint session by NICE and Leicestershire Partnership), and heard about Sherwood Forest Hospitals Clinical Audit Dashboard.

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## Other activities

The network agreed competencies for clinical audit staff from band 4 to band 7.

The peer support buddying scheme set up by EMCASnet in 2017 is still in place and 2 new requests were received.

Marina Otley worked with NQICAN Chair Carl Walker and SWANS Chair Sarah Chessell to develop a pack of ideas for Clinical Audit Awareness Week (CAAW) 2018.

In order to support members with CAAW, Marina Otley obtained funding from NQICAN for promotional pens that were included in packs along with other items from the East Midlands Academic Health Science Network, East Midlands Leadership Academy, NICE and other printed materials, and given to member organisations in November 2018.

Marina Otley attended the East Midlands Quality Improvement events and had a stand promoting clinical audit.

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## Finances

The network has an account at Cooperative Bank

### Expenditure

£495.97 for meeting refreshments  
£237.60 for EMCASnet pens  
Total expenditure: £733.57

### Income

£733.57 from NQICAN

£380.40 account balance carried forward to 2019/20