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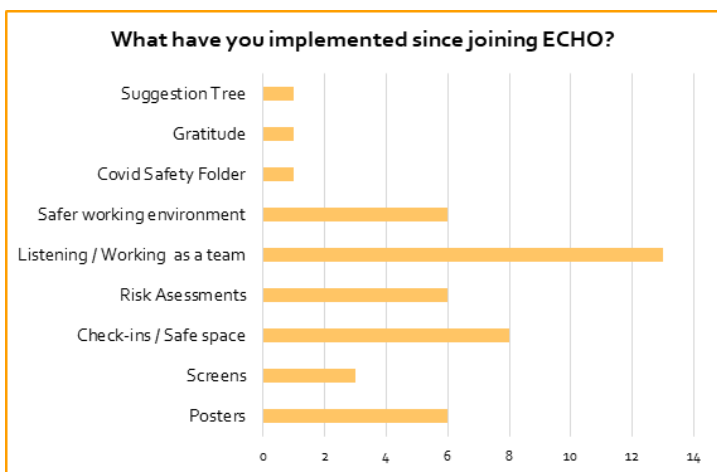


Support during COVID to Working Safely through Rebuild Western HSCT ECHO Network

December 2020 seen the launch of a new ECHO Network, which focused on the safety and protection of both patients and service users within the Western Health & Social Care Trust sites. A first for Northern Ireland but also within the UK and Ireland.

The Network was led by Riona Santiago, Assistant Director of HR, and supported by team members from facilities management, mental health services, and IT. The aim of their programme was to support all teams and managers implement their "Working safely in Covid-19 Guidelines" as part of their business continuity plans.

After a 6-week break, the Working Safely in Covid ECHO Network returned and transitioned to the 'Working Safely through Rebuild ECHO Network'. This aim of Term 2 for this ECHO Network is to support all teams and managers who are overseeing the rebuilding of services, taking into account lessons learned over the past year. In addition, acknowledging and understanding that we will continue to live with Covid-19 and how this will affect the services delivered. Riona Santiago, Assistant Director of HR, continues to lead the network and is supported by team members from facilities management, clinical psychology, ICT and Trade Union.



"This has been a great experience. I look forward to the next sessions"

"I look forward to every week's session and wasn't disappointed"

"The Working Safely Together ECHO Network has been a key enabler to the continued delivery of safe services in the Western HSC Trust throughout Covid. It was important to us that managers at all levels felt supported, informed and confident so that they could support their teams and facilities - we achieved this through our ECHO Safety Network. With the support of Project ECHO NI we developed a curriculum which covered all aspects of safety and drew on the wealth of experience that already existed within our Trust. Every week between 60-90 managers from a wide range of services attended to learn and share learning with others. As a result we achieved improvements in all aspects of safety across Trust Facilities. The support from Project ECHO has been invaluable to us in creating such a strong diverse safety network - thank you!"



Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much

Project ECHO celebrating success through the pandemic

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Parliament & Project ECHO



On May 17 at the all party parliamentary group on end of life care co-chaired by Jack Dromley (MP) and Baroness Finlay, Professor Max Watson, Director of Project ECHO, was given the opportunity to share the impact of project ECHO through the pandemic in Northern Ireland and across the UK. The afternoon meeting, which was well attended by members from both houses in Westminster, attracted real interest and affirmation for the work of the ECHO networks and those supporting them from across the political spectrum. Following on from the meeting there has been further conversations with MPs on how the methodology could be more widely support the integration and transformation agenda of the NHS. The experience of Northern Ireland in leading the way in using the ECHO methodology is of particular interest to the group because of the variety in the 30 network areas that the ECHO team in Northern Ireland has supported since March 2020.

Medicines Optimisation ECHO Network

Launched May 2021



iSIMPATY (Implementing Simulating Innovation in the Management of Polypharmacy and Adherence Through the Years) is a ground-breaking project which has the potential to make a significant impact into the growing problem of inappropriate polypharmacy. The project is European funded and is being run in 3 jurisdictions; Scotland, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland.

The ECHO network offers peer support and a shared learning environment for iSIMPATY pharmacists. Through the project, training will be delivered to pharmacist and other medical professionals to undertake 15,000 structured polypharmacy reviews, which fits in to the overall clinical area of medicines optimisation. They will share case studies to determine what works well in each of their jurisdictions as well as learning from invited experts. The network will also consider the impact of the reviews on adherence. The iSIMPATY project will play an integral role in delivering on the WHO Global Challenge to reduce harm caused by medicines which fits with the Department of Health's (NI) strategic plan.

mPower ECHO Network

Launched March 2021

The mPower Interreg VA project project works with communities to enable people to take the steps needed to live well, safely and independently. It is creating a cross-border service across Northern Ireland, Ireland and Scotland, with NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) as the lead partner.

The Network is led by Nicola Maher, mPower Shared Learning Manager and their ECHO sessions are facilitated by the members of the mPower Network. Their aim is to support older people to live more independently at home for longer by increasing self-management, and to share knowledge and best practice among health and third sector professionals to best achieve this.

Their programme is varied and co-designed with participants who identified education topics such as 'impact of social isolation'; frailty – how do we build resilience and provide support to 'how to support communities now and post pandemic'.

This innovative ECHO Network will continue to meet on a monthly basis to share learning and exchange best practice methodology.



"We're thrilled to become part of the ECHO network and to use the platform to start conversations that will benefit older people living with long-term conditions. We've got a fantastic programme developed for the next 9 sessions and we're excited about the outcomes these conversations will bring about".

Live Networks

- Atrial Fibrillation
- Care Homes Southern Trust
- Care Homes Western Trust
- Care Homes Northern Trust
- Care Homes South Eastern Trust
- Community Pharmacy
- Diabetes – Belfast Trust
- Family Nursing Partnerships
- HSCQI – Learning Systems
- Medicines Optimisation
- Neighbourhood District Nursing
- No More Silos – Western Trust
- Northern Ireland Social Care Council
- Nursing Homes Belfast Trust
- Optometry/Ophthalmology (Glaucoma)
- Palliative Paediatrics
- PHA - Care Homes and Domiciliary Care C-19
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Social Prescribing
- South West Acute Hospital - Primary/Secondary Interface
- Southern Federation GP Education - Primary/Secondary Interface
- mPower
- Towards Zero Suicide
- Working Safely – Western Trust



New Networks

- Lisburn Health Inequalities
- Long Covid
- Community Development Practitioners Forum

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