

Northern Ireland HSC Safety Forum Nursing Home Collaborative

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The collaborative will include 4 learning sets spread over 12 months (from February 2012). Conference calls and site visits will also take place between learning sets.

Teams from each Nursing Home are working on a range of interventions known to improve safety and are testing these at local level. These include the use of safety crosses, intentional rounding and safety briefings as well as other more specific interventions when indicated.

All the Nursing Homes involved are reporting that there is significantly increased awareness both of when residents fall and the reasons for this. They are then able to put in place more focused plans to prevent this from happening in the future.

All participating Teams say that the Collaborative is a great opportunity to meet with other Homes to share and learn from each other

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HSC Safety Forum News for Residents and Families

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**Leading the way ...
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Nursing Home Quality and Safety
Collaborative**

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Anyone can fall at any time, but the risk of falling does increase as people get older. This can cause injury, loss of confidence and independence.

By working in partnership with residents and families, staff in the nursing homes will seek to minimise the risk of residents falling.

**Setting the scene –
Learning Session 1
Participants meet to learn about
the work of the collaborative**

Nursing Homes will have opportunities to share their work, learn about good practices in other facilities and bring this learning back to their own Homes to further improve the work to prevent falls.

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