



# Improvement Academy

## Air Pollution: the silent threat

**Air pollution is a major environmental risk to health.** By reducing air pollution levels, countries can reduce the burden of disease from stroke, heart disease, lung cancer, and both chronic and acute respiratory diseases, including asthma. Four local authorities in the region – Bradford, Calderdale, Hull, and Wakefield - are working together to test ways of improving air quality. The work is being led by public health but will involve colleagues from across the authorities.

For more information click [here](#)



## Mapping of Public Access Defibrillators

The Improvement Academy and Yorkshire Ambulance Service are working in partnership with the British Heart Foundation and have been awarded funding to look at the location and intelligent mapping of Public Access Defibrillators in Yorkshire and the Humber.

This Project aims to determine the location and details of all Public Access Defibrillators (PADs) in Yorkshire & Humber and to provide intelligent data on where defibrillators should be placed in the community. The overall goal will be to increase the use of PADs in out of hospital cardiac arrests and increase survival rates.

If you have any queries, please contact [Noshaba Anwar](#) at the Improvement Academy on 01274 383965.



## Quality Improvement Training

In consultation with partner organisations across the region we have identified a need for training in quality improvement skills and knowledge. We currently have two one-day Quality Improvement skills workshops planned for the New Year, with further dates to be announced.

These workshops are suitable for individuals or for teams who work together, and receive excellent reviews from participants. There is no charge to NHS employees or AHSN partners within Yorkshire and Humber.

Our dates and venues for 2015 are: [21 January](#) in Leeds and [5 February](#) in Sheffield.

To book your place and for further information click on the dates above.



## Tweet us your questions

We are welcoming two important visitors to our offices on 6 November: Dr Mike Durkin, National Director of Patient Safety at NHS England and Dr Suzette Woodward, Campaign Lead for Sign up to Safety

Why not tweet us with any questions you may have for them? [@Improve\\_Academy](#)

Further information on the Patient Safety Collaborative is available [here](#)

**Hot off the press:** we have 100 sponsored places available for the Patient First conference in London 26-27 November. For further information please contact [Louise Barber](#)

**Our latest blog** from Clare Ashby, Yorkshire Ambulance Service, 'Patients and Citizens – bringing something different to patient safety' can be accessed [weblink](#)

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