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Evidence Update

*Articles published in **September 2026** unless otherwise stated & in alphabetical order by journal / website*

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

- 100 Voices: How Better Feels – capturing the hard-earned wisdom of improving healthcare – new podcast launching 4 November, then fortnightly (The QI Hub)
- Harmful air where we should feel most safe: addressing health inequalities using a QI approach to tackle smoking on a hospital site (Archives of Disease in Childhood: Education and Practice Edition)
- 1:1 observation and support: a quality improvement approach to reducing cost and improving therapeutic input (BMJ Open Quality)
- De-implementation of routine laboratory testing in a surgical intensive care unit: lessons from a two-phase quality improvement initiative (BMJ Open Quality)
- Enhancing medical record management: effective implementation of operational standards at Wallaga University Comprehensive Specialized Hospital, 2025 (BMJ Open Quality)
- Quality improvement project to improve immediate postpartum family planning utilisation at Dilla University Teaching Hospital (BMJ Open Quality)
- Implementing a Protocol for Incremental Hemodialysis in Incident Patients With Kidney Failure: A Quality Improvement Initiative (Canadian Journal of Kidney Health and Disease)
- Learning from 30 years of systems thinking in healthcare (Frontiers in Health Services)
- The evolution of quality assurance – Opinion (Future Healthcare Journal, Dec 2026 issue)
- The impact of the Flanders Quality Model (FlaQuM) on staff and patient/kin perceptions of quality: a multi-centre longitudinal study (F1000Research)
- Engaging healthcare professionals to lead change as local champions: lessons learned from a TeamSTEPPS implementation (Journal of Interprofessional Care)
- A Quality Improvement Project to Increase Discharges before Noon at a Pediatric Hospital (Pediatric Quality & Safety)
- Case Study: Creating a culture of continuous improvement: a system level QI network (Q Community)

STRATEGY

- The Longest Wait to Leave (Age UK)
- Safety management systems in adult social care: research report (Care Quality Commission)
- National Commission into the Regulation of AI in Healthcare: Recommendations for a future regulatory framework (Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency)
- NHS England annual report and accounts 2025 to 2026 (NHS England)
- Nuffield Trust briefing: Health Bill – Report Stage (Nuffield Trust)
- Patient Safety Commissioner strategy for 2026–2028 (Patient Safety Commissioner for England)
- Breaking the cycle: how to build a more productive NHS (The Health Foundation)

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PATIENTS & PEOPLE

- Patient experiences of acute medical same day emergency care: a mixed-methods cross-sectional survey across two hospitals in England (BMJ Open)
- What is the patient experience of receiving lifestyle advice regarding age-related macular degeneration (AMD) in secondary eye care? A multi-methods study (BMJ Open)
- International survey of people living with chronic conditions: development and evaluation of the PaRIS Patient Questionnaire in 18 countries (BMJ Quality & Safety)
- Mind the Gap: A Qualitative Study of Patients' Experiences of Acute Elective Care Across the NHS and the Private Sector in England (Health Expectations)
- Patient Perspectives on Quality Care and Engagement with Regulatory Complaints Processes: A Qualitative Study of Rural–Urban Differences (Health Services Insights)
- Equipping Health Systems to Meet Older Adults' Care Needs: A Novel Age-Friendly Patient and Family Advisory Council (Journal of Patient Experience)
- Enduring inequalities in cancer care experience across England: a longitudinal analysis of NHS trusts, 2015–23 (Journal of Public Health)
- Reclaiming the Human Connection in Clinical Care With AI (Journal of Patient Experience)
- Finding Community and Losing the Plot: Social Media, Healthcare, and Patient Experience (Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics)
- Learning from national patient experience surveys: qualitative insights across care pathways (NHS England)
- The public's views on the regulation of AI in health care (The Health Foundation)
- We need to talk: Public attitudes to social care and the NHS (The Health Foundation)

EVENTS

- 11 November 2026: Skills for collaborative change - 12:00-13:00 - Q Community - Online
- 16 November 2026: NHS IMPACT: Psychological safety in Improvement - part 2 - 11:00 - NHS IMPACT - Online
- 24 November 2026: THIS Space 2026 - 10:00-16:00 - THIS Institute - Online
- 25 November 2026: 100 Voices: The human side of improving health and care - 12:00-13:00 - Q Community - Online
- 26 November 2026: Common challenges and policy responses: international lessons for the NHS - All day - The Health Foundation - London
- 2 December 2026: Creative Approaches to Problem Solving - 12:00-13:00 - Q Community - Online
- 15 December 2026: Healing by Nature: co-producing a relational green health hub - 10:30-12:00 - NHS England - Online
- 2 March 2027: NHS IMPACT: Value Improvement in Action: Learning from the Greenwich Frailty Service - 11:00 - NHS IMPACT - Online

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