

Aim

To continually reduce error, harm and death as a result of failures in the system so the NHS becomes comparable with the safest health care services in the world by March 2025

Primary Drivers

Maternity and Neonatal Safety Improvement Programme

Reduce the rate of stillbirths, neonatal death and brain injuries occurring during or soon after birth by 50% by 2025

Managing Deterioration Safety Improvement Programme

Reduce deterioration-associated harm by improving the prevention, identification, escalation and response to physical deterioration, through better system co-ordination and as part of safe and reliable pathways of care by March 2024

Medicines Safety Improvement Programme

Reduce severe avoidable medication-related harm by 50% by 2024

Adoption and Spread Safety Improvement Programme

Identify and support the spread and adoption of effective and safe evidence-based interventions and practice across England by March 2022

Mental Health Safety Improvement Programme

Improve safety for those who use mental health services by March 2024

Secondary Drivers

Improve the optimisation and stabilisation of the preterm infant

Improve the proportion of smoke-free pregnancies

Improve the early recognition and management of deterioration in women and babies

Responding to COVID-19

Responding to non-COVID-19 identification of deterioration in children

Managing deterioration in non-acute settings

Safer administration of medicines in care homes

Reduce inappropriate high-dose opiate prescriptions for non-cancer pain

Reduce harm from prescription and supply of 10mg Methotrexate

Improve the safety and clinical outcomes of patients following admission to hospital with an acute exacerbation of COPD

Improve the care and safety of patients with tracheostomies

Develop an improvement and innovation pipeline to inform future programmes

Reduce suicide and self-harm

Reduce restrictive practice

Improve sexual safety