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**Collective Leadership to enhance team performance and
safety culture**

Tuesday 8th January 1pm – 2pm

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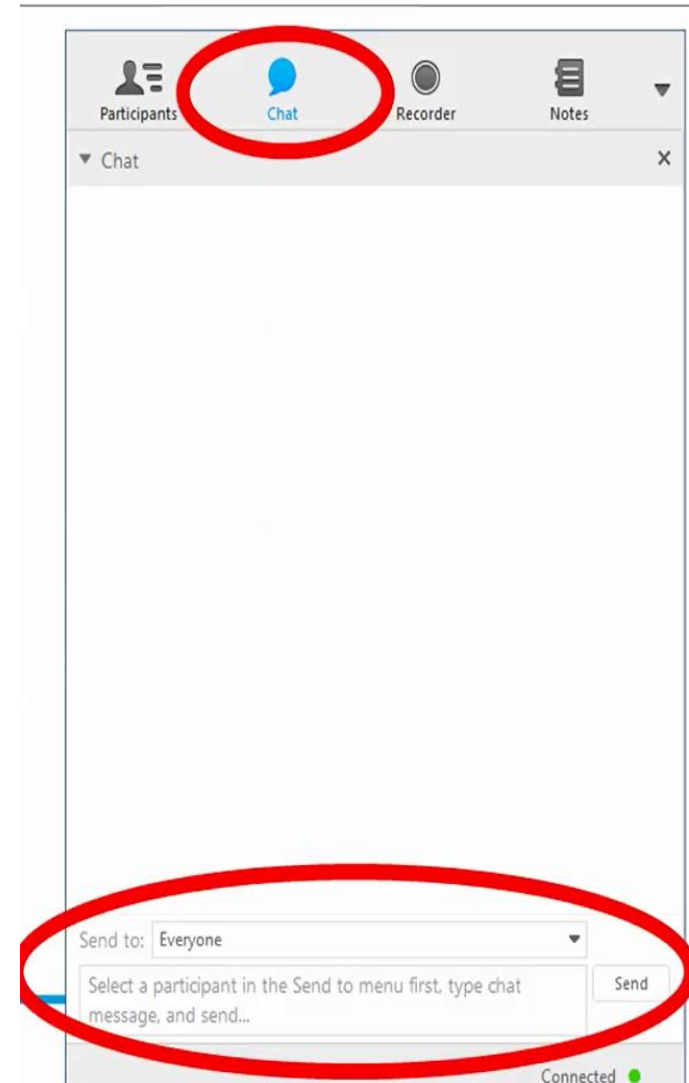
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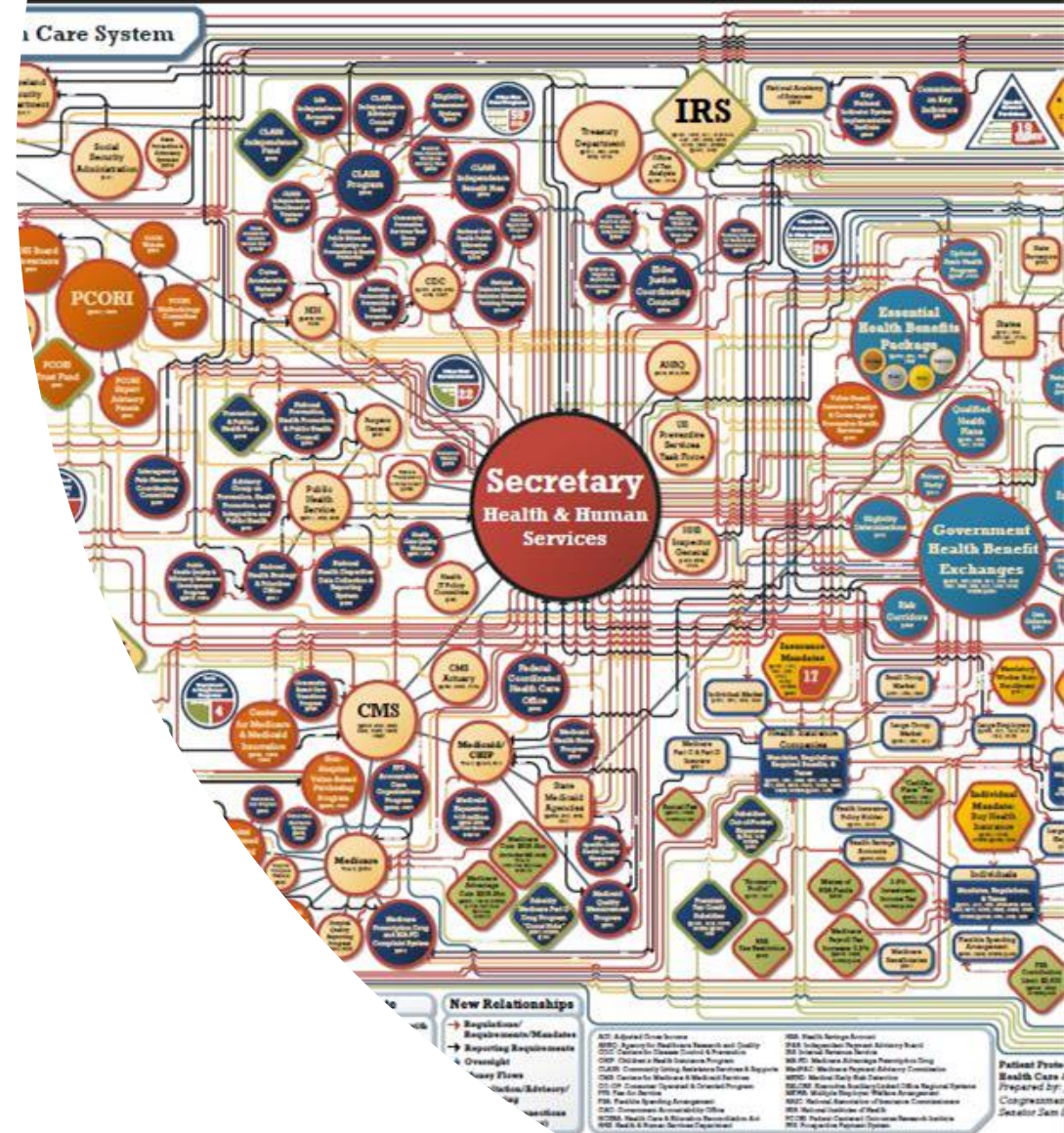


COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP AND SAFETY CULTURES (CO-LEAD)

QI Talktime Webinar

Tuesday 8th January 2019

Co-Lead



Is leadership failing?

- *There was a lack of leadership and of teamwork (P1)*
- *Poor teamwork demonstrates a lack of effective clinical leadership (p4)*
- *There was power but no leadership (p5)*
- *Others showed a lack of leadership and insight. (p10)*





- *failed to tackle an insidious negative culture .. tolerance of poor standards ..***disengagement from managerial and leadership responsibilities** (Sir Robert Francis, 2013)
- *suggestive that there are places where unhealthy cultures, **poor leadership**, and an acceptance of poor standards are too prevalent.* (p31)
- *it revealed a state of affairs **that required remedying by strong leadership*** (p69)
- *Although some of this non-compliance might arguably be overlooked as the standards were to some extent developmental, ...lack of.. clear policies should have been seen as **signs of serious deficiencies in leadership**, management and governance* (p76)
- *findings of this report would or should have **called into question the competence of senior management and leadership** at the Trust* (p89)



**Scoping Inquiry into the CervicalCheck
Screening Programme**

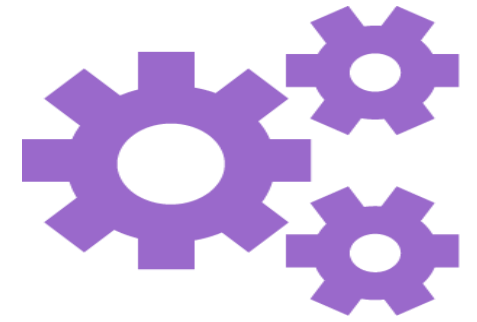
Dr Gabriel Scally

Final Report
September 2018

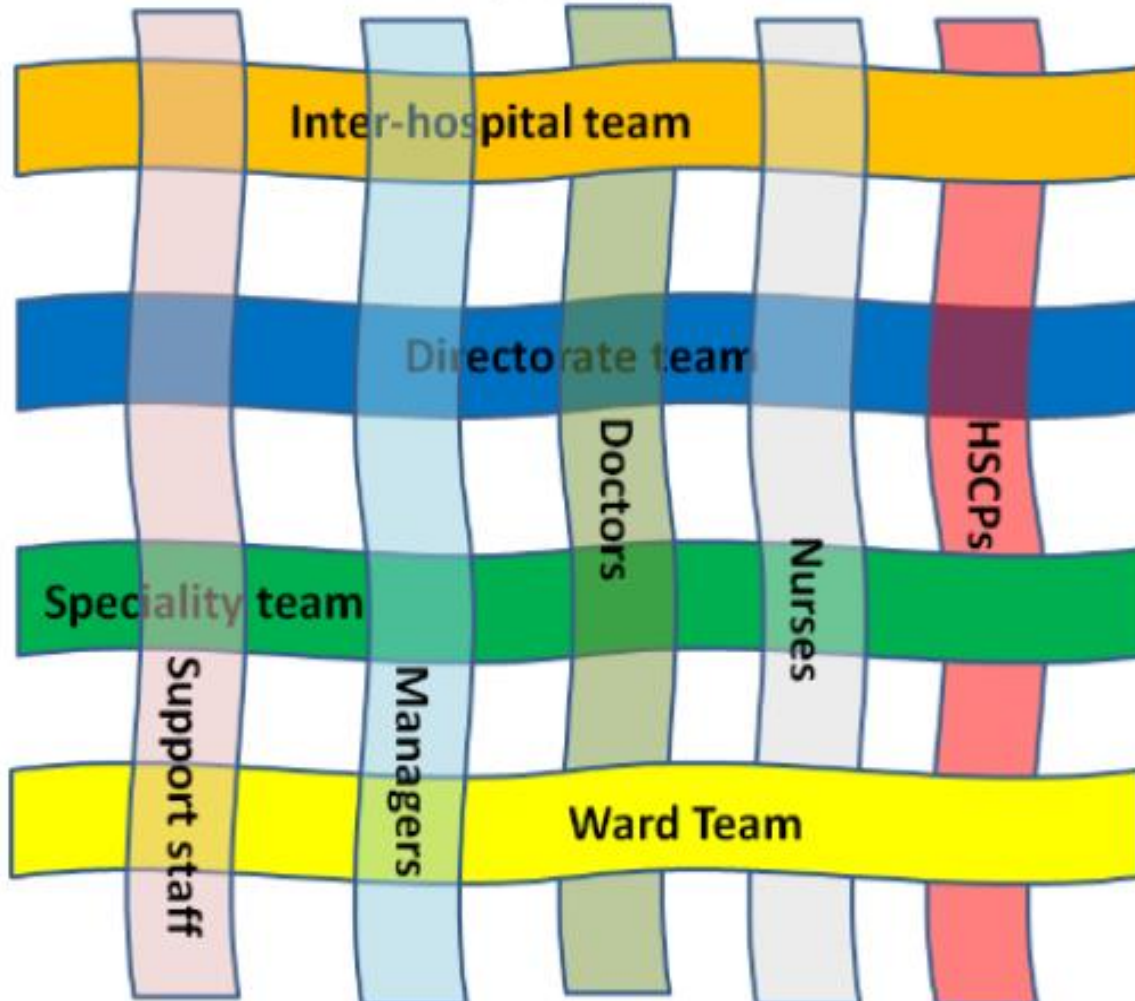
- *there appears to have been a lack of clear governance and adequate reporting lines between CervicalCheck, the NSS, and the HSE management structures (p38)*
- *There is no evidence in the notes of clear leadership and expertise in the clinical interpretation and relevance of data in the screening context (p127)*

A cartoon illustration of a yellow van labeled "JACK OF ALL TRADES" and "Happy Hal PROPRIETOR". The van is overflowing with various tools and equipment, including a lawnmower, a chainsaw, a jackhammer, a shovel, a rake, a broom, and a large metal drum. A small dog is sitting on the roof of the van. The van is driving on a road, and a small insect is visible on the ground.

- The desire to identify a universal set of traits, styles or behaviours of “great men” and “great women” still defines much scholarship. (Ospina & Hittleman, 2011)
- Focus has been on the characteristics of leadership rather than the “work of leadership”
- Recognising the social and historical contexts in which the work of leadership takes place matters not only to how leadership is carried out but to *how it is constituted and understood*. (Ospina & Hittleman 2011)



The Complexity of Teams



What is a team?

- (a) two or more individuals who
- (b) socially interact (face-to-face or increasingly, virtually);
- (c) possess one or more common goals;
- (d) are brought together to perform organizationally relevant tasks;
- (e) exhibit interdependence with respect to workflow, goals, and outcomes;
- (f) have different roles and responsibilities; and
- (g) **are together embedded in an encompassing organizational system, with boundaries and linkages to the broader system context and task environment.**

The evolving healthcare landscape

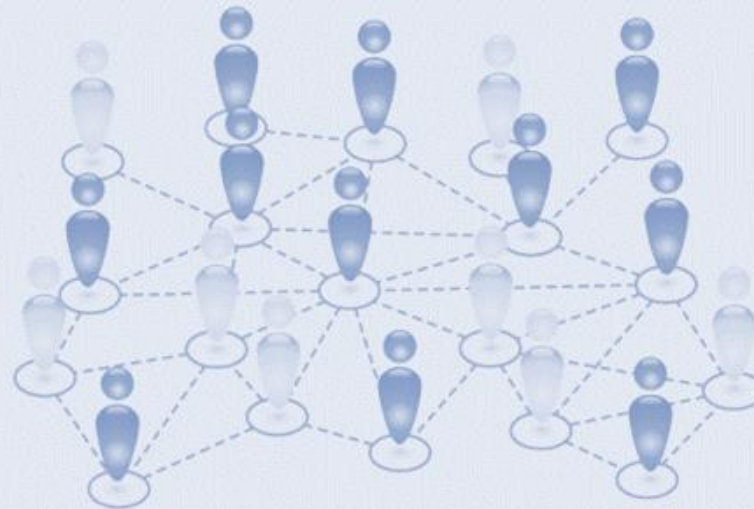
- Shift to team-based healthcare delivery – but healthcare education and leadership development have (largely) not adapted to this shift
- In 1970, the number of doctors a patient at a hospital was seen by, on average, was 2. By the end of the 20th century, it was 15 (Gawande, 2012).
- Gawande: “We have trained; hired; and rewarded people to be cowboys, but it's pit crews that we need, pit crews for patients.”



Changing Mindsets



**Traditional Leadership
Mindset**



**NEW Collective Leadership
Mindset**



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What is collective leadership?

“A dynamic leadership process in which a defined leader, or set of leaders, selectively utilise skills and expertise within a network, effectively distributing elements of the leadership role as the situation or problem at hand requires” (Friedrich et al., 2011:1)

Requires “flexibility from leaders engaging alternatively in moments of ‘give and take’ and occasionally stepping back from decision-making and allowing the team to find solutions.” (Klinga et al., 2016)

Individual Vs. Collective Leadership



Individual Leadership
Leader of Followers
Setting Vision & Directing
Control and Planning
Exercising Power
Leadership Hierarchy
Centralized Decision Making
Personal Claim or Blame
Individual Responsibility
Individual Intelligence



Collective Leadership
Self as Leader
Aligning Purpose & Actions
Adaptive Action Learning
Transparent Power Sharing
Relational Shared Leadership
Collective Input & Process
Group Reflection/Learning
Group Accountability
Group Creativity & Wisdom



Leadership Invested in the Individual	Leadership as the capacity of the team or collective
Individual visionary	Knowledge and expertise of collective creating shared vision
Leadership distinguished from followership	Leadership in all team members Leadership and followership interchangeable
Leader makes decisions based on knowing the answers	Using collective knowledge and input of the team, leader makes the ultimate decision
Focus is on individual impact/competition	Focus on collective impact/collaboration
Individual leader oversees operational requirements to achieve goals	Collective oversees operational requirements to achieve goals
Leader alone is accountable	Collectively responsible and accountable, thus assisting the leader in ultimate accountability

Why Collective Leadership?

Breaking down silos
Sharing expertise
Target power structures that obstruct change

Greater identification with team/organisation goals
Greater staff commitment & engagement
Ownership and acceptance of change and innovation

Collective responsibility and mutual accountability
More integrated, co-ordinated care with better outcomes
Safer and more responsive healthcare





What is collective leadership?

Collective leadership is not the role of the formal leader, but the **interaction of team members to lead the team by sharing in leadership responsibilities**



Image via leadershiplearning.org

Recent research consistently indicates that, across sectors, shared leadership in teams predicts team effectiveness

(D'Innocenzo et al., 2014; Wang et al., 2014, West et al., 2014).



Evidence for Collective Leadership

- Collective leadership predicts team effectiveness (D’Innocenzo et al., 2014) and is a better predictor of team performance than vertical leadership (Ensley et al., 2006)
- Leadership with a strong emphasis on hierarchy can inhibit a positive safety climate due to fear of blame and repercussions for reporting safety issues (Hartmann et al., 2009)
- Best performing hospitals in UK characterised by high staff engagement in decision-making & widely distributed leadership (McKee et al., 2010)
- Leadership is described as **‘the most influential factor’** in shaping organisational culture... with good evidence of links between leadership, culture, climate and outcomes in healthcare (West et al., 2015)



Collective leadership in healthcare – systematic review

Review question

What interventions are the most effective for the development of collective leadership in healthcare teams, what outcomes have been measured, and what evaluation approaches have been adopted?

Methods

- 5 major databases and grey lit searches
- 21 studies included following review of 4,448 papers
- Studies included service improvement, co-design, team training and team development interventions



Systematic review: Key findings

- All studies demonstrated at least moderate success in developing CL in practice, with positive outcomes reported for staff, patients, teams and organisations

Collective leadership was associated with:

- Improved communication and role clarity
- Enhanced mutual respect, trust and support
- Greater willingness to adopt leadership roles and 'give and take' by leaders, who became more willing to share leadership responsibilities
- Increased staff engagement, staff satisfaction and empowerment
- Reduced stress; reduced turnover



Characteristics of effective teams

- Research conducted with individuals across 4 different teams in Ireland (n=25); identified by expert opinion as working collectively
- Culture of **collective leadership**: leadership described as “democratic” & “inclusive”; team leaders described as “approachable” & “accessible”
- **Strong, supportive interpersonal relationships; team-based approach to care delivery**: Colleagues “rally around” others; process of “give and take” where team members were “venturing into each other’s spheres” to help one another.



- Inclusive **communication and collaborative decision-making**
“I mean, no matter what grade you are at, everyone kind of has a say and everyone has an opportunity to get their opinion across, rather than it being very hierarchical.”
- Culture of **psychological safety**: *“this is a no blame team. It is being able to actively reflect on something rather than ‘Why didn’t you?’ or ‘You should have’ – dialogue is quite different”*
- Effective **conflict management**
 - Mitigated by placing the patient at the core of all decision-making and by having knowledge of each others’ role and expertise.



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Co-Lead Research Programme

Aim: To positively impact patient care, quality, and safety cultures through the development of a new model of collective leadership that is associated with effective team performance in healthcare.



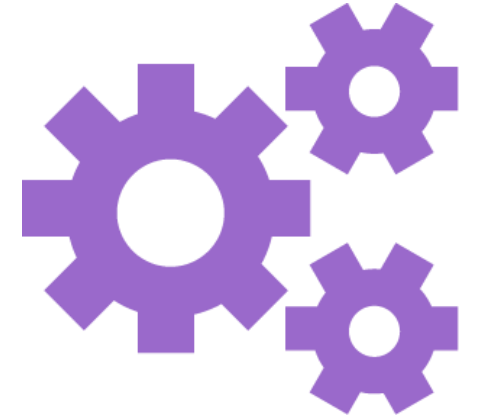
Can we improve patient safety culture by introducing collective leadership to healthcare teams?

Lack of knowledge of **HOW** to do this – **first need to develop intervention**

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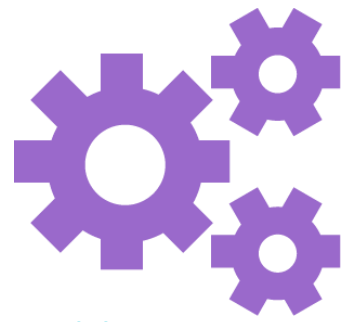


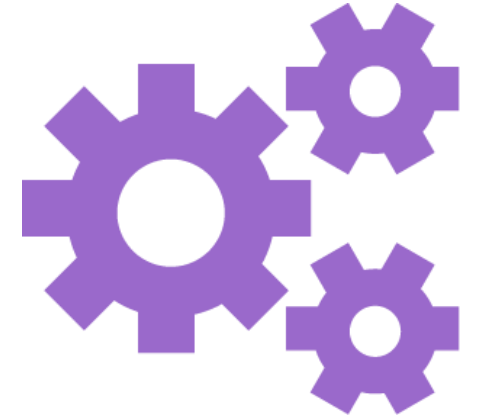
Co-design of the collective leadership intervention

- Co-production / participatory design, developing a **collective solution**
- Defining feature of co-design is its **emergent nature**; detailed pre-specification of interventions and outcome measures is impossible
- Based on principle that those with **lived experience of working within systems** are best placed to help: design, refine and improve them



Co-design Team





Co-Design Process



Identify challenges to working collectively as a team



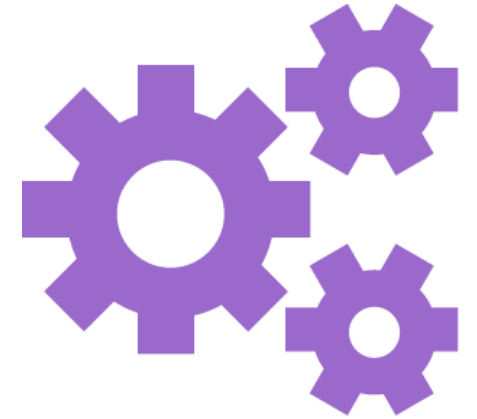
Develop an understanding of the supports teams need



Explore the utilisation of data to improve team performance

Methods within Co-design process:

Word association, Stickies, Paired conversations, group discussions



Inputs for Co-Design

Case studies of
interventions from
international
healthcare

Evidence/
knowledge from
literature

Experience of
leading and working
within teams

Case studies of
effective teams

Co-design of collective leadership intervention

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Through Co-design, we...

- Developed better understanding of the nature of healthcare teams
- Considered the shift required to practice collective leadership in teams
- Developed sense context and of barriers and enablers
- Identified target areas for intervention
- Designed inputs, prioritised and organised content
- Selected appropriate outcome measures
- Designed and adapted Co-Lead intervention on the basis of this knowledge





Patient rep Alan's experience of the Co-Design process



Patient Rep Alan English: UCD Co-Lead Co-design workshop

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewCdm6_wlCs

What we learned about healthcare teams

- Some more stable membership than others, some know each other, some do not
- Initial uni-disciplinary definition of team
- Patient perspective on team membership very different
- Individuals not sure of own role within the team; unaware of the skills/expertise of others
- Lack of clarity of team role and purpose and how it fits within goals of the organisation
- Not aware of whether they are performing well – lack of transparency of how performance is measured





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Interventions to Promote CL for Effective Team Performance (Core/Foundation components)

Team Values, Vision and Mission setting

Team Goal setting

Role Clarity on the team

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Interventions to Promote CL for Safety (Core/Foundation components)

Collective Leadership for Safety Skills

Risk and Safety Management at the team
level

Monitoring and Communicating Safety

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Next steps

- Finalising Co-Lead intervention Toolkit components and open source hosting via website: **www.ucd.ie/collectiveleadership**
- Post-intervention data collection and evaluation on-going in teams that have completed testing of Co-Lead
- Cross case comparison to explore unique effects of specific contexts and what is common across implementation settings
- Late 2019 – Further large-scale testing of Co-Lead in two major hospitals

What are the aims/expected outcomes of this intervention?

What is involved?

1-2 team members can facilitate discussions and ensure everyone has the opportunity to contribute. One facilitator can act as whiteboard/flip chart scribe to collect ideas and identify common themes from discussions.

The session is structured as follows with more detailed information for facilitators and facilitators notes available in these documents: ['Session Outline'](#) and ['Team Vision'](#) (PDF).

1. Welcome to all and ice-breaker activity (10 minutes)
2. Discussion of values and what are the values we want our team to embody (5 minutes)
3. Discuss and develop a team vision statement (20 minutes)
4. Discuss and develop a team mission statement (20 minutes)
5. Close of session, short feedback if possible give topic and date of next session (5 minutes)

What is the evidence for this intervention?

Further information

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