



About Q

The Health Service Executive (HSE), National Quality Improvement (QI) Team and Q are working in partnership to launch the Q community in Ireland. It is an exciting opportunity for improvers in Ireland to connect and collaborate with fellow improvers, use Q as a source of innovation and practical problem solving, and get involved with a range of activities and benefits that are on offer.

Q is an ambitious, long-term initiative that brings together people working to improve health and care. It is led by the Health Foundation and supported by partners across the UK and Ireland.

“I am delighted to be a member of the Q community. I am also really pleased to have helped bring the Irish QI community into the broader QI community with Q. There is so much we will want to share with our colleagues from our neighbouring countries and so much we will learn. We will be enthusiastic and energetic members.”

Dr. Philip Crowley – HSE National Director
Quality Improvement

Q’s mission is to foster continuous and sustainable improvement in health and care. By creating opportunities for people to share ideas, enhance skills, and collaborate, Q supports members to use and develop the wealth of ideas and expertise that currently exists in every part of the UK and Ireland.

Almost 4000 members are part of this diverse community, including health and care professionals, patient leaders, managers, commissioners, researchers, policymakers and others.

In May 2020, **applications to join Q** opened in Ireland. Those interested in joining are asked to reflect on their knowledge and experience of improvement and how they can benefit and contribute to the community.

There is no membership fee to join Q. It has been designed with busy people in mind and therefore there is no specific time commitment – members have the flexibility to commit and participate in ways that fit with their lives and their improvement work.

It is not a taught programme, but a network of support for those already knowledgeable in undertaking improvement work.

This is an exciting time to join Q with plenty of different ways for people to connect, mobilise, develop and support each other.

“Q community is a wonderful concept of promoting quality improvement in healthcare. As a dentist I try to digest quality improvement ideas and see how it fits into a dental community practice puzzle... I want to demonstrate how no person is too small and no idea is insignificant by encouraging the culture of sharing ideas. I want to reignite our passion for healthcare and doing good.”

May Yee – General Dental Surgeon



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