

## **Demonstrating the value of non-medical prescribing**

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### **Learning objectives**

At the end of this module you should:

- Be familiar with the reasons to perform quality improvement initiatives
- Understand the quality improvement process
- Be familiar with sources of information and methods to identify and track quality improvement initiatives
- Appreciate the process and values of job planning

### **Reflective questions**

Before the module, please note three areas or situations where you feel the value offered by NMPs is not fully appreciated or recognised in the services offered by your trust.

What are the three most important 'take-home messages' you learnt in the module? How will these help you demonstrate the value offered by NMPs?

Are there opportunities to further demonstrate the value of NMPs in your centre? If not, why not? If so, what initiatives or service improvements will you undertake or propose? Do you expect to face any hurdles? If so, how will you overcome these?

**Additional resources**

- Institute for Healthcare Improvement: [www.ihl.org](http://www.ihl.org)
- Improvement Academy: [www.improvementacademy.org](http://www.improvementacademy.org)
- NHS Institute for Innovation & Improvement: [www.improvement.nhs.uk](http://www.improvement.nhs.uk)

**Further reading**

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