

The Productive Operating Theatre

Building teams for safer care™

Creating the perfect operating list

This leaflet contains information to get started, and more about implementation support



Congratulations!

You have taken your first steps towards creating the perfect operating list with The Productive Operating Theatre. This programme is designed to dramatically improve the quality and safety of your operating theatres by helping you create the perfect operating list.

What is The Productive Operating Theatre?

- A modular improvement programme created by the NHS Institute with theatre teams in NHS trusts to help you significantly improve patient experience and outcomes.
- A systematic way of improving patient care.

Why The Productive Operating Theatre?

- Improves safety and quality of care for patients.
- Puts you - frontline clinicians and theatre staff - in the driving seat of improvement.
- Helps teams perform together more effectively to deliver safer care.
- Empowers you to identify and resolve day-to-day frustrations.
- Helps you to understand measurement, and how this can be a real motivator for improvement.
- Delivers significant efficiency benefits through improved start times and turnaround, session uptake and utilisation, reduced cancellations and stock management.

The programme is aligned and relevant to any cost and quality agenda being followed by organisations and addresses key issues from *High Quality Care for All*.

Benefits

Some of the benefits already achieved in the test sites which may be obtainable in your theatre:

- Increase in the proportion of patients in recovery with a maximum pain scores < 6 from 73% to 88%.
- Increase in the percentage of patients with an axillary temperature on arrival in recovery above 35.4° from 91% to 98%.
- Reduction in patient safety incidents and complications through improved team working and communication.
- Statistically significant increase in job satisfaction, team working climate and safety climate.
- 63% reduction in average turnaround time.
- 25 minute reduction in average start time.
- 16% increase in touch time.
- Minimum £5K stock reduction per theatre.
- Minimum £9K recurring saving per theatre on theatre consumables per year.

'The Productive Operating Theatre programme has helped us make significant improvements in the three key challenges currently facing the NHS; patient safety, staff morale and productivity. We would highly recommend implementing this programme to support you in your journey of improvement'

Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust

The Productive Operating Theatre – getting support

The Productive Operating Theatre has been designed to give you everything you need to run the programme.

- Five Foundation modules and the Toolkit – AVAILABLE NOW
- Two Enabler modules – AVAILABLE November 2009
- Six Process modules – AVAILABLE January 2010
- An invitation to attend a start-up day training event to help you get the most out of the programme.

Go to www.institute.nhs.uk/theatres to register and book your place now.

Five box sets are available free to every NHS acute trust and PCT in England that registers.

The Productive Operating Theatre Implementation Support Programme

The box set and start-up day is designed to get your programme off to the best possible start.

However, our learning from previous Productive programmes indicates that those organisations that use our implementation support package are more likely to succeed, with more dramatic results.

The implementation support programme combines structured training with on-site support delivered over six months.

- Four days training for your service leader and an improvement lead delivered by theatre staff from the test sites.
- Team working on-site training for up to 50 theatre staff.
- Five days implementation support. This provides an opportunity to tailor the programme to your organisation's specific requirements, either to facilitate workshops or provide one-to-one or team support.
- Web and telephone support.
- Access to networking and shared learning events.
- Two additional complete box sets.

The implementation support programme is provided at a one-off charge of £29k per NHS trust.

'Support from the NHS Institute got The Productive Ward programme off to the best start, and gave us the confidence to test ideas and drive forward implementation trust wide.'

Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals NHS Trust



The Productive Operating Theatre team

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When will the implementation support programme be available?

The support programme will be delivered to the NHS in waves, starting from October 2009.

For more information please see www.institute.nhs.uk/theatres

'We have shown it can transform the way we work. We are now able to provide safer, better care in a calmer environment.'

Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust