

Engagement events

Ran series of informal engagement events with EDI leads working in the system

Held with existing networks where they exist, and bespoke meeting as appropriate in areas such as Yorkshire, London, and the East

Key feedback

- Lack of clear leadership in relation to driving and supporting EDI agenda across the system
- They found it difficult to feed experiences and expertise into the national structures. Identifying the right people and getting them to listen was incredibly difficult
- EDI leads are an underused and undervalued resource – they are happy to engage and support work programmes
- EDI networks are highly valued and all involved are committed, but the position of some is quite precarious
- There was a need to ensure engagement with STPs and be involved in that process
- There was a requirement to review the effectiveness and content of EDS2

What next

- 4 regional reps to sit on EDC
- Sharing with networks minutes and products
- Ongoing engagement with EDI leads through a series of engagement meetings/events – potentially one following EDC Annual Report and one more operational meeting (both supported by NHS Improvement)
- Need to identify how EDC can more systematically support networks and engage them in development of products and resources