

Programme launch and clinical workshop: *Helping surgical patients to get better sooner*

25 February – Newcastle, then repeated on 17 March – Liverpool, 31 March – London

Enhanced recovery is an innovative approach to elective surgery, which ensures that patients are in the optimal condition for treatment, have different care during their operation, and experience optimal post-operative rehabilitation.

Patients on enhanced recovery pathways recover more quickly following surgery, and so can leave hospital and get back to normal activities sooner.

Until now, enhanced recovery has been applied to colorectal, orthopaedic, gynaecological and urological operations, but could be extended to some other forms of surgery.

There is an improved patient experience and improved clinical outcomes, and the need for ongoing care interventions are reduced. Patients around the country are already benefitting from this progressive approach - but the scope for even more patients to benefit is broad.

The programme is closely aligned with many critical items on the NHS agenda including the operating framework, 18 weeks, cancer reform strategy, WCC and the quality and productivity challenge.

Register now to learn how your patients and organisation can benefit from this innovative model of care.

The launch will also mark the release of the new guide, ***Delivering enhanced recovery: Helping patients to get better sooner.***

Keynote speakers:

Senior Responsible Officer Professor Sir Mike Richards, National Director for Cancer Services and End of Life Care

National clinical leads Professor Monty Mythen and Mr Alan Horgan

Mr Alan Robson, Deputy Director, Head of Elective Care and Diagnostics

Dr Mary Archer, Addenbrookes Hospital Cambridge

Topics:

- Benefits for patients
- Enhanced recovery case studies in practice:
- colorectal, gynaecology, urology and musculoskeletal surgery
 - The role of primary care
 - The opportunities for commissioners
 - Informed decision making
 - Benefits for organisations in supporting delivery of the operating framework, cancer reform strategy and the quality and productivity challenge

Who should attend?

Multidisciplinary teams, primary and secondary care clinicians, gynaecologists, urologists, colorectal and orthopaedic surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses and allied health professionals, commissioners, NHS managers in PCTs and acute hospitals.

How to register?

For more information and to register for the three regional launch events in Newcastle, Liverpool and London please visit the enhanced recovery section of the 18 Weeks website [here](#), where you should only register to attend one of the events