

# What is a Collaborative?

A collaborative is a short-term learning system, run over 12-18 months that brings together a number of provider multidisciplinary teams to seek improvement in a focused topic area.

HSC Safety Forum collaboratives will have 3-4 Learning Sessions with action periods in between where teams will test and implement changes in their own settings and collect data to measure whether or not improvement is occurring.

A final “Holding the Gains” event will be held approximately 6 months after the final Learning Set and will focus on:

- Attainment of the improvement goals
- The impact of the improvement work
- Sustainability of the identified measures
- Celebrate success



To provide some additional information on this improvement method, please see '[A Guide to start you on your collaborative quality improvement journey](#)'.

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