# Leadership Reform in Healthcare

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### *LEADERSHIP IS BOTH AN ART AND A SCIENCE*

Leadership is influence that particular individuals (leaders) exert on the goal achievement of others (subordinates) in an organizational context.

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### The Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust: The Francis Report

The results of the wide-ranging investigation into failings at the Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust were set out in two reports.

- The first (2010) focused on the neglect of patients and poor standards of care.
- The second (2013) considered the adequacy of regulatory and supervisory systems. It also highlighted issues of negative culture, tolerance of poor standards and disengagement from managerial and leadership responsibilities.





# The Telegraph

#### Bristol heart scandal

The Bristol heart scandal in which 35 babies died and dozens more were left brain damaged sparked a sea-change in the way mortality rates in hospitals are monitored, especially in cardiac care.



Sir Ian Kennedy at the inquiry in 2001 Photo: PAUL GROVER



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Concerns about the high mortality rate of babies undergoing heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary eventually led to the biggest public inquiry ever undertaken into the workings of the NHS.

Sir lan Kennedy who chaired the inquiry collected 900,000 pieces of evidence and operations spanning a ten year period were examined.

Between 30 and 35 babies died between 1990 and 1995, the inquiry found, while over the whole decade up to 170 might have been saved if they had been operated on elsewhere.

He found there were staff shortages a lack of leadership and the unit was 'simply not up to the task'.

The inquiry found 'an old boy's culture' among doctors, a lax approach to safety, secrecy about doctors' performance and a lack of monitoring by management.









# Paradigm shift in leadership philosophy

- Increasing gap between real needs/population demands for healthcare services and limited financial resources
- Quality of healthcare and patient experience has to be enhanced under the pressure of costcontainment and turnaround time reduction





# Leadership models for healthcare transformation

- For decades, healthcare leaders, managers and professionals have operated within challenging, rapidly changing, and fragmented healthcare systems worldwide.
- Today, the healthcare environment is even more complex as sweeping healthcare reform and market forces *transform* the way healthcare is delivered and managed.
- This profound shift is both structural and cultural. New alliances and partnerships emerge. Belief systems, values, and attitudes are shifting.

# Leadership models for healthcare transformation

- Creative thinking and agile, adaptive *leadership* will be required to make hospitals, health systems, and networks *sustainable and resilient* as the healthcare delivery landscape transforms.
- Rapid innovation and adaptation to change require a collaborative, interdependent culture and solutions that cut across function, region, and profession.
- Leaders must learn to shift away from the "individual expert" model so common in today's healthcare systems and move towards a model that leverages cross boundary groups and teams and spans disciplines, levels, functions, generations, and professions.

## Leadership models for healthcare transformation

Healthcare leaders, managers, and professional collaborative groups will be able to integrate knowledge throughout the system and to anticipate and solve unprecedented challenges—all while delivering efficient, highquality, compassionate patient (and personcentered) care across the continuum.



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An achieved position	An assigned position
Part of every healthcare professional's responsibility	<ul> <li>Usually responsible for budgets, hiring and firing people</li> </ul>
Initiative Independent thinking	<ul> <li>Improved by the use of effective leadership skills</li> </ul>
Managers Leaders Managing Leading	Managing Leading

### AUTHENTIC LEADERSHIP



Authentic leadership focuses on inherent and intrinsic moral and malleable quasi-traits that originate from a person's value standards, selfawareness and moral principles.

Authenticity is a central concept for positive psychology (Harter, 2005).

Authentic leadership extends beyond the authenticity of the leader as a person to encompass authentic relations with followers (Gardner, Avolio, Luthans, May & Walumbwa, 2005).

Avolio and Gardner (2005) state "authentic leaders are anchored by their own deep sense of self" (p. 329).













## Leadership Practices

- Accountability, transparency, and integrity
- Scanning the environment and seeking innovative solutions
- Appreciating and combining compassionate care needs with business strategy
- Entrepreneurial—generating new ideas and seizing opportunities
- Accessing a larger talent pool, beyond the traditional arena of healthcare specialty
- Redefining a new leadership strategy in the face of the new structures and models associated with reform
- Identifying, developing, and retaining the leadership talent needed to create and implement solutions in the face of rapid and evolving change
- Creating a culture that encourages and values mutual respect and professional practice

## Leadership Practices

- Thinking, acting, and influencing systemically
- Leveraging differences to drive innovation
- Co-creating tools for practical application and sustainable change
- Driving innovation and risk-taking in the midst of ambiguity and uncertainty
- Transforming the culture from dependent to interdependent
- Leading both the structural and human side of change and transition
- Creating an integrated approach to engagement and well-being

## Leadership Practices

- Maximizing human energy and potential in service of the organization's mission
- Fostering a culture in which the people who work in the organization are treated as well as the people they serve (Includes encouraging a healthy work/life balance, sustainable staffing models)
- Enacting the tasks of leadership: Direction-Alignment-Commitment
- Working interdependently to achieve the mission of healthcare
- Creating a culture of collaboration and mutual respect

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#### The evidence is clear:

- Leadership at every level – from frontline leadership in wards, primary care and community mental health teams, to board leadership in trusts, to national leadership in overseeing bodies crucial for organizational performance.
- The evidence points towards the need for what we call collective leadership. Collective leadership is characterized by shared leadership, where there is still a formal hierarchy, but power is more dependent on who has the expertise at each moment.
- Leadership is most effective when all staff, (MDs, nurses and other clinicians, accept responsibility for their leadership roles.
- Collective leadership is characterized by leaders working together to nurture a shared culture, adopting leadership styles that are consistent across the organization, and cooperating and supporting each other across boundaries within the organization to deliver continually improving, high quality and compassionate patient care.

