

Formula for Success - Accelerating the Implementation of the NSW Medicines Formulary

Situation

NSW Public Hospitals were given a year to implement the NSW Medicines Formulary. Funding was provided to each Local Health District (LHD) for a senior pharmacist to manage the implementation. Due to delays in funding access and recruitment, South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) had four months to implement the NSW Medicines Formulary (NSWMF)

What did we do?

We applied Accelerated Improvement Methodology (AIM) to the NSW Health implementation framework to fast track the implementation of the NSWMF in SWSLHD

How did we do it?

Focus on \$\$\$

Prioritise high-savings items to achieve \$13.6 million in cost savings for SWSLHD

Eliminating duplication

4 tranches of products condensed to a single gap analysis

Innovative digital solutions

Utilised the MS O365 suite to gather, organise & disseminate information
Embedded link to formulary site on SWSLHD intranet homepage

Education & communications

25 unique forums reached over 350 clinicians

Stakeholder engagement

DoPs & DTCs of six hospitals plus SWSLHD finance & procurement

Building relationships with other LHDs to leverage the work already completed by others – reduced change activities by 80%

OUTCOME - Implementation progress of 89% at go-live