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The winners of the HSC Quality Improvement Awards 2019 (previously the Safety Forum Awards) awards were revealed at a celebration event in Riddell Hall, Queen's University earlier this month. These annual awards celebrate and recognise the innovative and excellent QI work going on across health and social care in the region.

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ShareHD is an initiative, supported by the Health Foundation, to encourage patient participation in hospital-based haemodialysis (HD) treatment. HD involves attending hospital 3 times per week for 4 hour treatments. Patients are also required to restrict dietary and fluid intake, take multiple medications, and face a poor prognosis (50% five year survival). Unsurprisingly, patients can be non-adherent with treatment and feel they have lost control. Patient participation in management of chronic illness is associated with physical and psychological improvements. Belfast City Hospital successfully applied to join Phase 3 of ShareHD. One of the patients who helped shape the service Robin shared his personal story of dialysis at the awards ceremony explaining how taking part in shared care has given him some control, a feeling of self-esteem and achievement and a better understanding of his care, powerful words for a life changing project.