



## Quality Improvement Awards 2019 Winners

**The Innovation/Transformation in Care Award was won by the 'Bronchiolitis ... When less is more' project developed by Joanne McClune from the South Eastern Health and Social Care Trust.**



A multi-professional team from the Paediatric Unit and unscheduled care undertook the QI project to implement NICE guidance; Bronchiolitis in children: Diagnosis and management. The project involves medical and nursing staff in 3 areas in the Ulster Hospital- Emergency Department, Paediatric Rapid Response and Maynard Sinclair Ward. NICE guidance includes recommendations on diagnosis, treatment and management, admission and discharge criteria. This involved considerable change to medical and nursing practice, a shift in culture and traditional ways of caring for children with bronchiolitis. Traditional clinical interventions e.g. routine suction, bloods, x-rays, bronchodilators and other medications are no longer advised with a lower threshold for oxygen administration and are was focussed on supportive with minimal interventions.