



National Quality Improvement Network

The NQIN is

A specialist body that supports quality improvement managers and policy makers working in early years, play and extended services to improve outcomes for children and their families, by providing an extensive range of peer support, practice development, leadership and guidance”

The group works to bring Local Authority and National Organisation quality improvement leaders together. The national group keeps quality improvement high on the agenda. It has links with DfE (Quality and Standards teams) and other leading organisations. There are regional groups that meet to discuss aspects of quality improvement and to share ideas and practice. The NQIN is self-funding through the sale of publications and training.

The regional groups offer peer support and representatives of NQIN disseminate information from the national network. They provide an opportunity to share good practice information from what works locally, linking this when possible to the QIP's. They also keep the national network informed of what is happening on the ground.

Quality Improvement Principles (QIPs)

In 2007 the group developed the 'red book' containing 12 Quality Improvement Principles. It was written as guidance for Local Authorities and National Organisations to deliver their vision for quality improvement. The 12 principles underpin quality improvement by providing a common framework. The principles are built on what was successful in Quality Assurance Schemes and Investors in Children. The Bristol Standard publications are all underpinned by these principles.

The Bristol Standard is represented on the NQIN which is led by the National Children's Bureau. Meetings are held three times a year in London and have representatives from all the regional quality improvement groups across the country. The recent meeting on 7th March had a big focus on health and Nicky Bale and Jessica Williams were asked to give a presentation on the work that has been taking place with the Bristol Standard Health Priorities pilot. There has been a lot of interest in this as it is an excellent model of Early Years and Health professionals working in true collaboration.

Link to find out more about the National Children's Bureau and the NQIN

<https://www.ncb.org.uk/what-we-do/our-priorities/early-years/our-early-childhood-unit>