

Aims of the IDDSI Adoption Plan:

The adoption of the IDDSI framework in the UK aims to improve the care of patients with dysphagia by: -			
	Aim	How?	How to measure
1	Improving patient safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each texture is evidenced • Enables travel of staff and patients as all countries / places in UK will be using same framework • Clear and easy for staff to understand framework • Easy to use testing 	Number of incidents of choking and aspiration over a defined period
2	Making it easier for staff and patients to understand and use the texture modification descriptors framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colour coding • Numbers • Descriptions • Foods and fluids on one chart • Overlap of fluids and foods is described • Easy to use testing methods 	Quantitative and qualitative questions pre and post-implementation
3	Raising the profile and understanding of dysphagia and texture modification as management amongst frontline staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training front line staff • Dysphagia champions • Use of posters and adopted paperwork • Evaluations and audits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training evaluation • Auditing paperwork • Number of queries handled by Champions recorded over a defined period
4	Enabling and encouraging research into texture modification as a management for dysphagia and other aspects of the care of patients with dysphagia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dysphagia champions encourage • IDDSI website • BDA encourages • RCSLT encourages 	Number of research projects completed and published in this area in a defined period post implementation
5	Encouraging inter-professional collaboration to improve the safety and care of patients with dysphagia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraging representation from Dietetics, SLT, Nursing and Food Service and others in implementation groups at hospitals and facilities 	Diversity of implementation group membership