



**Optimising  
Patient Safety  
in Primary  
Care**

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# In my experience....

- Patient safety project- safety culture, patient focus groups
- Incident reporting- NRLS
- Serious Incident Closure Group- NHS England SC
- Supporting GP practices in Special Measures, encouraging PPG involvement
- Patient Safety Academy, Oxford

...there were people missing





What does patient safety feel/look like?



Challenge- to learn and act



Involving patients



New models of care- new opportunities

# PPG Focus groups



# What does a 'safe' practice look and feel like? How do you know it's safe?

No-one slipping through the net

Want more info but don't know where to find it

No emotional harm

Trust

Continuity is important

Assume clinicians 'know' and competent

Want to see it is clean

Don't want something bad to happen to someone else

Want care tailored best for me

Don't want to complain

Want to know a GP has learnt lessons

Frontline staff help 'feel' safe

Want feedback

Want to be listened to

# PATIENT TRUST- “feel safe”

- ‘Trust’ in Clinicians
- Frontline/reception staff- help to ‘feel safe’ ....or not
- Access
- Systems and processes that help or hinder
- Medication/prescription errors and delayed/mis-diagnoses- most common concern
- Want feedback that lessons have been learnt

Challenge: **to effectively learn from mistakes** and to act to reduce the risk of it happening again **and then share with patients and feedback**

We don't want something bad to happen to someone else

We want to know a GP has learnt lessons





# Patient Safety Toolkit

School for  
Primary Care  
Research

The NIHR Greater  
Manchester Primary  
Care Patient Safety  
Translational Research  
Centre



National Institute for  
Health Research



# MaPSaF

- All different staff groups within the practice
- Perceived level of maturity
- Dimensions with widest spread, were the most problematic issues
- **Involving patients in patient safety incidents**
- Needs to result in actions

**Meds incidents**

**Contibutory factors**

**Root cause**

**System & process**

**Human factors**



# MaPSaF, CQC and SEA

*Significant  
Event  
Audit*

- Are the non clinical team aware of their role in patient safety?
- Leading through learning- continuous learning
- Involve your wider team- problem/solution
- How are you involving patients?
- How do patients know lessons have been learnt?
- Is analysis and sharing resulting in actions?
- Identify, manage and monitor risks

We want to know a GP has learnt lessons

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# Involving Patients

- Involve PPG in improvement programmes
- PPG – patient safety champion
- Share trends/themes with PPG
- Involve patients in analysis/learning
- Provide feedback
- Self care- encourage reporting

Patients and the public

Report a patient  
safety incident here



# New models of care- new opportunities

- GP at scale
- New roles- Clinical Pharmacist, Medical Assistant, Physician's Assistant
- MCP, PACS, Primary Care Home
- Build on foundations of existing work

# Primary Care Home Model

- Multi professional, cross boundaries, sense of ownership, safety cultures.
- New systems and processes that help or hinder?
- Patient -centred



# Patient centred model

Will patients be at the centre when things go wrong?



Will patients be able to be part of the solution?



# Points to consider:

- How do patients know how safe?
- Patient and wider team involvement
- Wider sense of 'us' to own, learn and act
- New roles, models, systems and processes-  
opportunities and risks?