



Patient Experience and Public Involvement

Public and Patient Partner – Medicine Safety Committee

Role Description

Department Profile

Medicine Safety Committee sits as part of the Quality Governance & Compliance department.

The purpose of Medicine Safety is to ensure a high standard healthcare service is provided by The Trust that reflects well-established evidence-based practice. To identify medicine safety issues and identify areas of learning.

Function of Medicine Safety Committee (MSC)

The Medicine Safety Committee (MSC) is chaired by the Deputy Medical Director for Patient Safety. MSC is responsible for reviewing medication incidents that occur within the Trust, review primary action taken and instigate additional action where necessary in order to reduce the risk of further incidents and enable learning to be disseminated across the Trust. It feeds into the Drugs and Therapeutics committee which feeds into the Quality Governance Oversight Committee.

Function of Patient and Voice Partner at MSC

Our patient and voice partner will oversee our action log and hold us to account in delivering what we commit to. Our partner will sit as part of the MSC which takes place once every two months and will assist us to support and inform improvements in care through the process of reviewing medicine safety incidents.

We believe by involving patients, we can add value to clinical discussions at the Medicine Safety Committee although this is just our starting point, MSC is committed to continuing and improving Learning from medicine incidents to improve patients care.

Role title:	Patient and Public Partner – Medicines Safety Committee
Where:	Trust wide
When:	Meetings are held at 12.30 on a week day for 1.5 hours, every other month.
Location:	via MS Teams or meeting venues to be arranged in the future
Commitment:	Attend at least 4/6 meetings each year for the duration of the meeting. The meeting will last one approximately 1.5 hours and it may require a further 30 minutes preparation reading papers and reviewing materials. The role will be supported by the Pharmacy Governance team
Why we want you:	We want you to work with us to contribute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving the outcomes from medicine safety incidents and learning and to hold us to account for undertaking agreed actions • Providing a patient's view on the outcome from medicine incidents and to have an opportunity to give their non-clinical opinion on the agreed action plans for any areas of non-compliance • Ensuring our actions and outcomes from medicine safety incidents have a greater focus and relevance for the people most directly affected by the recommendations
Skills and experience	Good interpersonal and communication skills are essential and the ability to work as part of a team. We are looking for an individual that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has recent knowledge and experience of our services as a patient or carer, ideally within the last two years or experience of the process of audit. • Feels confident enough to contribute to discussions and can critically challenge our thinking in a constructive positive way. • Is able to offer constructive, feasible solutions and ideas • Respect and listens to other points of view and can tackle issues sensitively. • Is non-judgmental, trustworthy and treat sensitive information in confidence where required. • Can act as 'critical friend' to the Trust on delivery of the quality governance agenda. • Is able and comfortable to question clinical data and outcomes. • Has access to telephone, email and or mobile communication platforms. • Is able to read clinical audit reports and other papers and can take in and understand written and verbal information quickly and effectively.



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How to get involved

If you would like to become a PPV partner on our Public and Patient Partner – Medicine Safety Committee please contact our Head of Patient Experience, Maria Finch, via the following contact details:

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