The NHS Patient Safety Strategy

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The NHS Patient Safety Strategy provides a structure for all our patient safety work:

- **A patient safety culture** – encouraging engaged, visible leadership promoting openness, just culture and continuous improvement, valuing diversity and equality.

- **Patient safety systems** – governance, accountability, supporting whole systemic and systematic improvement, including primary care, intelligent use of digital.

- **Insight** – a whole organisation commitment to identifying risks, reporting incidents, understanding what contributes to safety, identifying how we normally keep our patients safe

- **Involvement** – a focus on people, giving them the skills and support they need, fundamentally involving patients and the public, recognising the need for specific expertise

- **Improvement** – identification and implementation of improvement priorities using quality improvement science to continuously reduce risks to patients.
Patient Safety Strategy Progress

- **Patient safety culture** improvement work (ongoing)
- The new **Learn From Patient Safety Events** Service (LFPSE) (July 2021)
- **Patient Safety Incident Response Framework** (PSIRF) (June 2022)
- **Patient Safety Specialists** – over 750 across England (ongoing)
- Framework for **involving patients in patient safety** (June 2021)
- **NHS Patient Safety Syllabus** (eLearning published Sept 2021)
- A focus on **patient safety inequalities** (ongoing)
- Ensuring links to and coordination with wider organisational work, particularly;
  - the creation of a new **Digital Clinical Safety Strategy** by NHSX (Sept 2021)
  - the creation of a **primary care safety plan** (ongoing)
  - the implementation of the **NHS People Plan** (ongoing)
  - a new **Maternity Transformation Programme** (ongoing)