“Every one of us in the NHS should make a difference to patient safety.”

All doctors in training within Wessex must provide evidence of patient safety activity in each year of training and should include this as an entry in their e-portfolio as an example of Quality Improvement Activity.

The programme for CT1/ST1 is called the “Patient Safety First” training day.

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All CT1/ST1 trainees in Wessex must attend a Patient Safety First training day held during the initial few months of GP and Speciality Training Programmes.

The Training days are based around speciality groups and usually occur during September to December with a couple of “mop up” sessions early in the following year. Attendance at this programme is mandatory and if the trainee is unable to attend in their ST1 year they should then attend during the ST2 year.

There is the expectation that all trainees will take part in a Patient Safety Project in their training speciality and prepare a Poster or Presentation for the annual conference usually held each year in June or July.

GP Trainees are usually in a Hospital Specialty post in their ST1 year and therefore do not often undertake a Patient Safety Project related to their own Speciality (GP). However the learning from this should be contextualised on GP study days by the Educational supervisors and PDs.

While the number of incidents reported is low in GP they still pose a risk and can lead to a degree of harm to patients.

The first chart below shows the “Degree of Harm” across a number of Clinical settings including GP and the second chart shows the key areas where these incidents occur.

The Patient Safety Project can be used by a trainee as evidence of a "Quality Improvement Activity" for Revalidation, as long as it is written in a way to show personal involvement and change to their own professional behaviour.

This will be looked at during the ARCP ST1 panel reviews.