

**We have an exciting opportunity for staff at any level across Manchester and Trafford LCOs to become a Patient Safety Specialist.** Could you be who we are looking for? We are keen to hear from colleagues who have a passion for improving patient safety and who are strong facilitation leaders.

**Role type:** voluntary    **Time and commitment:** Half to a full day per month    **Location:** In the locality where you represent

## The opportunity

Patient safety specialists have been brought into all health organisations by NHS England and NHS Improvement. This is to ensure that the **NHS Patient Safety Strategy** that sits alongside of the **NHS Long Term Plan** is implemented and to ensure good practice and learnings are shared across their organisation.

Within the LCOs (Manchester and Trafford) it will be first time we have introduced such posts and by choosing to get involved, you will take the lead role on delivering the Patient Safety Strategy into your area (neighbourhood or locality). In addition, you will be required to provide dynamic, visible and expert patient safety advice to your fellow colleagues.

Furthermore, as a Patient Safety Specialist you will become part of our wider Patient Safety Group where you will meet on a regular basis to support the development of a patient safety culture across the LCOs, plan actions and discuss any areas of concern.

## Drop in information session

Join us via **Microsoft Teams on Monday 11 July at 11:00am to 12:00noon** to ask any questions you may have in relation to this role.

**Email** [melanie.atack@nhs.net](mailto:melanie.atack@nhs.net) to request the meeting link.



## Main duties

**Subject to approval by your line manager, you will be required to attend a monthly two-hour patient specialist meeting. In addition, you will:**

- Represent your locality for patient safety
- **Play a key role in the development of a patient safety culture**
- Assist colleagues with any patient safety concerns/issues they may have
- **Attend regular training sessions such as the Attend Human Factors Science training and ensure colleagues within your area are up to date with this too**
- Be the channel between the patient safety group and locality/directorate meeting structures where patient/citizen safety is discussed

## Key skills and experience

- **Good organisation and communication skills**
- The ability to build and maintain strong relationships and networks throughout your locality
- **Have a sound knowledge and understanding of the patient safety policies within the LCOs**

## How to express your interest

If you would like to express your interest for this role, then please send a supporting statement (maximum of 500 words) to Melanie Atack at [melanie.atack@nhs.net](mailto:melanie.atack@nhs.net).

Alternatively, if you know someone who would be suitable for this additional responsibility, with their permission please send a supporting statement as to why you think they should represent the locality.

**Note** it is important that you seek agreement with your line manager before expressing your interest. There will also be no formal interview for this opportunity,