

## Safer Care

Staff across the NHS work very hard to care for their patients, yet despite their efforts and good intentions, many patients suffer complications whilst under their care. The same is true in healthcare systems the world over.

Increasingly, staff and patients are demanding action. They are proving that such events are often avoidable, and not just 'recognised complications'. Often it is about improving our systems and processes, making it easier for staff to do it right and minimising distractions from care delivery.

When the Chief Medical Officer produced 'Safety First' in Dec 2006 the NHS Institute was given a remit to:

- run a national patient safety campaign in collaboration with our partners. The objective of this initiative should be to engage, inform and motivate clinical staff and healthcare providers to address the challenge of providing safer healthcare.
- work with medical royal colleges and others to ensure that advances are made in education & training to support patient safety.

Read the [Safety first \(1.84 MB\) document](#)

Read about the aims of the programme.

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