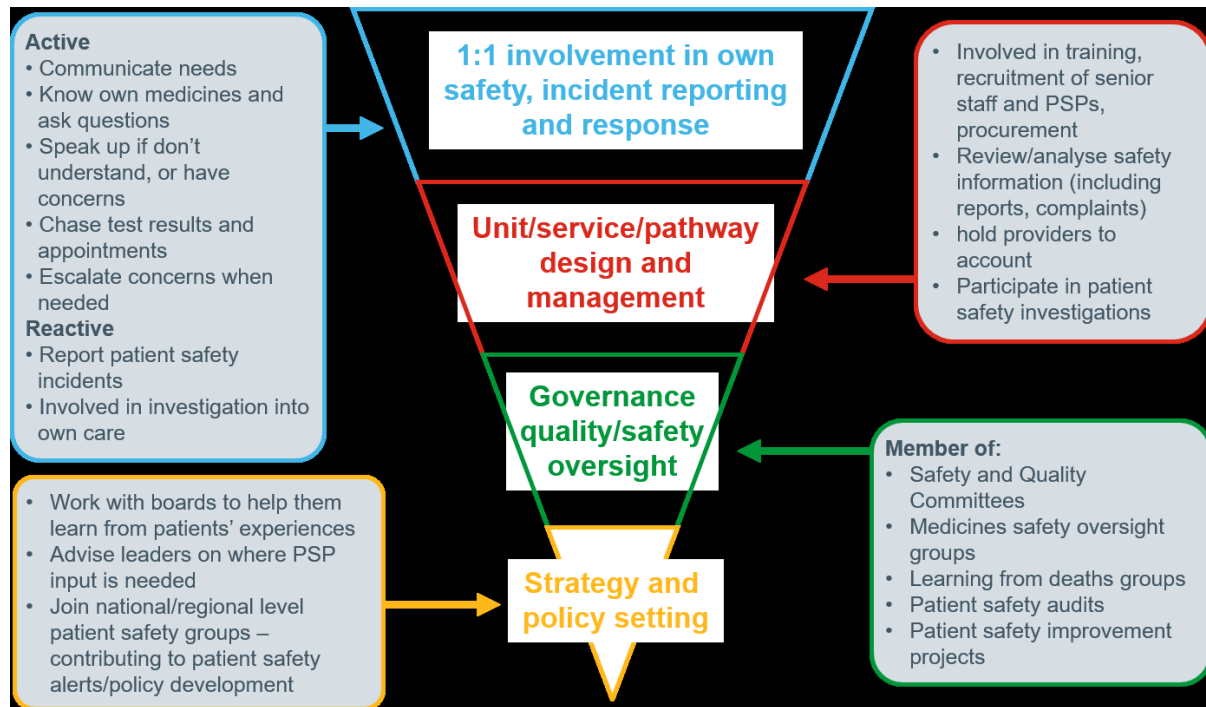


Role of Patient Safety Partners

- PSP will have skills knowledge and expertise in patient safety including lived experience where PPV may not do so.

Figure 2 :Potential roles of patient safety partners



- Recruit PSPs with clear role descriptions. Interview panels should include a diverse range of NHS staff as well as patient/public representatives.
- Not employees of the organisation they are working with, once recruited, PSPs should be annually appraised, with clear objectives and training needs agreed. The new patient safety specialists once identified may also have a role in supporting PSPs.
- PSP should have knowledge and understanding of patient safety issues and receive training based on national patient safety syllabus – we will be providing toolkits etc working alongside HEE to produce this to support organisations and where possible PSP's to be trained alongside staff.
- PSP's should be considered as a vital and equal role in driving up safety standards in the NHS: remuneration - Policy

Patients as partners in their own safety

Patients and their families/carers should be encouraged and empowered to become 'vigilant stakeholders' in safety, moving from passive recipients of care to active

