

Topic leaders

Thank you for considering becoming a topic leader for Patient Safety Learning – *the hub*. Here is a brief summary of what a topic leader is, what we expect from you and what you can gain from getting involved.

Why do we need topic leaders?

the hub is a shared online learning platform, which encourages and facilitates knowledge sharing, collaboration and conversation in patient safety across the whole health and care system. Topic leaders are an integral part of the professionalisation of content on *the hub*. We want to ensure that quality content is published on *the hub* and that we have credible experts in specific topic areas to advise us on the validity of posted content, suggest areas we should be developing content in, and lead discussions within our Community areas.

How much of my time will it take up?

- You can give as little or as much as your time allows. We understand that you are busy with other commitments. However, we ask you to play an active part on *the hub* and try to meet the expected requirements below. The minimum we expect you to commit is 2 hours per month.
- There will eventually be more than one topic leader for each area, so you will have other people to share your responsibilities with.
- We have a number of full-time, salaried staff whose jobs revolve around sourcing, maintaining and refreshing *the hub* and its content. There is an editor, content facilitators and moderators whose jobs also involve policing the community areas and ensuring that the content is of a good standard. Topic leaders are not expected to do the day to day running of *the hub* but are there to provide their expertise and ideas in an advisory role.

What will be expected of me?

For the knowledge library:

- Contribute original content to *the hub* every 2-3 months; that could be an interview, a blog, a case study...
- Highlight pre-existing content and news items you come across that would be of interest to users of *the hub*.
- Answer, clarify or advise on any complex questions that may arise from content posts in your topic area. We will alert you to these.
- Interact with others who respond to your content posts.
- Keep up to date with the content on *the hub* in your topic area and alert us if you spot anything incorrect, out of date or controversial.
- Encourage your colleagues and peers to contribute content to *the hub*.

For the community areas:

- Seed conversations in the community every 2-3 months; these can be on topics of your choice.
- Contribute to other members' conversations.
- Answer, clarify or advise on any complex questions that may arise in your community area. We will alert you to these.
- Alert us if you spot any controversial, incorrect or slanderous posts in your community area.
- Consider running a regular webinar/chat related to your interests.

What's in it for me?

- A key role in developing *the hub*, the first platform of its kind dedicated to sharing learning for patient safety.
- The opportunity to interact with frontline staff, patient safety leads and patients/families on topics which are related to your specialist subject.
- Showcase your work to a targeted audience.
- Start conversations on subjects that are not being heard elsewhere.
- Understanding that you are sharing and informing others on patient safety in a more immediate and meaningful way.