

# System Safety Update – Medication Safety Inequalities

*Communication of urgent / topical safety issues Sept 23  
Signposting to resources*

The first stop  
for professional  
medicines advice



# RECENT NEWS, UPDATES, ALERTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

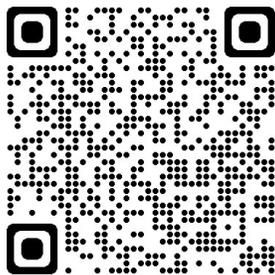
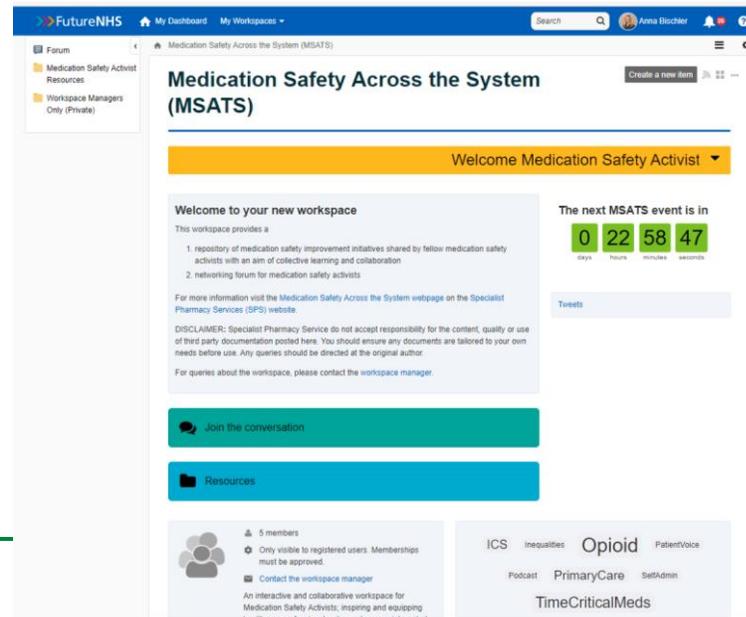
## SPS Medication Safety Update

A slide deck resource collating the latest medication safety communications and publications to inform, support and inspire medication safety improvements.

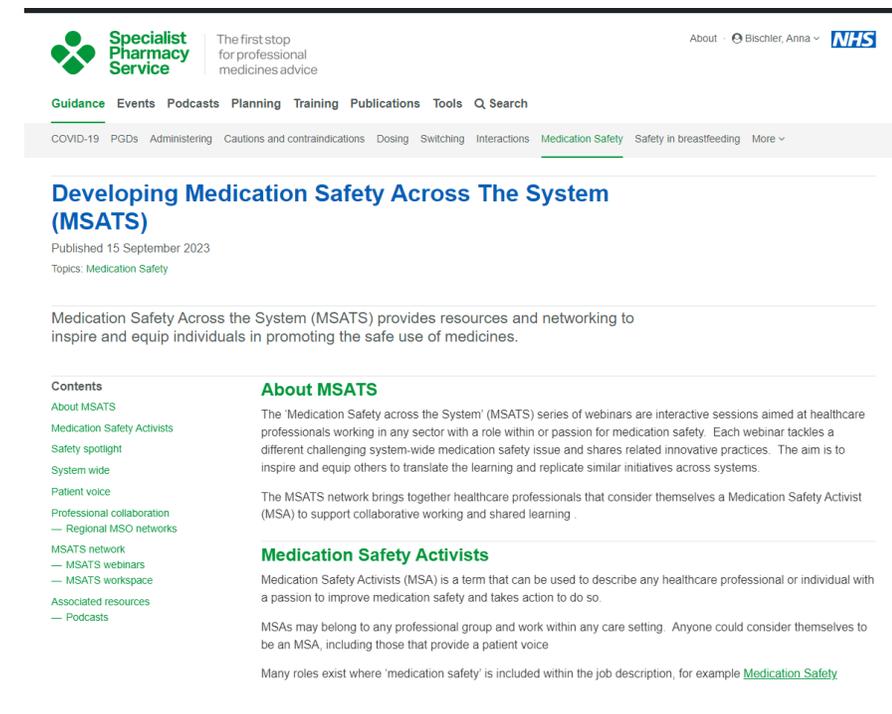
## Developing Medication Safety Across the System



[Join the Medication Safety Across the System \(MSATS\) - FutureNHS Collaboration Platform](#)

The screenshot shows the MSATS workspace on the FutureNHS platform. It includes a navigation menu on the left with options like 'Forum', 'Medication Safety Activist Resources', and 'Workspace Managers Only (Private)'. The main content area features a 'Welcome Medication Safety Activist' banner, a 'Welcome to your new workspace' section with a list of resources, and a 'The next MSATS event is in' countdown timer showing 0 days, 22 hours, 58 minutes, and 47 seconds. There are also buttons for 'Join the conversation' and 'Resources'. At the bottom, there is a '5 members' section and a 'Contact the workspace manager' link.



The screenshot shows the article page for 'Developing Medication Safety Across The System (MSATS)'. The page header includes the Specialist Pharmacy Service logo and the text 'The first stop for professional medicines advice'. The article title is 'Developing Medication Safety Across The System (MSATS)' with a publication date of 'Published 15 September 2023'. The main text states: 'Medication Safety Across the System (MSATS) provides resources and networking to inspire and equip individuals in promoting the safe use of medicines.' The page also features a 'Contents' section with links to 'About MSATS', 'Medication Safety Activists', 'Safety spotlight', 'System wide', 'Patient voice', 'Professional collaboration', 'MSATS network', and 'Associated resources'. An 'About MSATS' section describes the series of webinars aimed at healthcare professionals. A 'Medication Safety Activists' section explains the role of an MSA and provides a link to 'Medication Safety'.

## MEDICATION SAFETY INEQUALITIES RESOURCES

- Understanding, implementing and sharing reasonable adjustments [NHS England » Reasonable adjustments](#)
- NHS England [STOMP](#) and [STAMP](#) pages
- [STOMP HEE](#) modules

# STOMP and STAMP

### SPS webinar associated resources

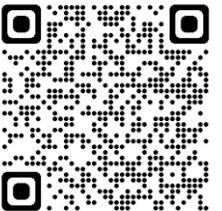
#### Language barriers and medication safety inequalities

A discussion of language barriers and the impact they have on medication safety inequalities. [NHS Specialist Pharmacy Service Podcasts](#)

#### Using reasonable adjustments to improve the safe use of medicines, by those impacted by medication safety inequalities

Emma Kirk and Barry Jubraj introduce the concept of reasonable adjustments and demonstrate how reasonable adjustments can be made in practice to support the safe use of medicines.

A number of podcasts discussing medication safety are available



## MEDICATION SAFETY INEQUALITIES RELATED PUBLICATIONS

### [Health inequalities: Improving accountability in the NHS](#)

Report examines current and past mechanisms, levers that enable and hinder accountability for health inequalities, and analyses whether these accountability processes are sufficient to reduce them. It provides proposals to improve accountability across ICSs

### [Supporting digital inclusion in health care | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](#)

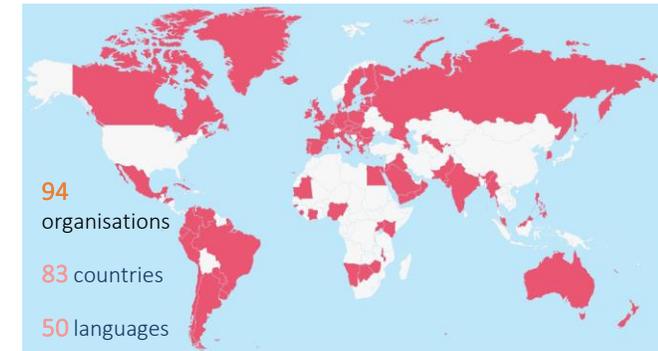
Individuals provide their experience with using digital services and what can be improved by service providers to understand the issues and actions that may support digital inclusion.

### [Action on patient safety can reduce health inequalities](#)

A BMJ article suggesting providers and health systems should use ethnic differences in risk of harm from healthcare to reimagine their role in reducing health inequalities

### [Royal Pharmaceutical Society \(RPS\) supports mandatory training on learning disability and autism for pharmacists](#)

- The RPS believes learning disabilities and autism training, required for all health care and social care staff registered with the CQC, should also be considered compulsory for all pharmacists, and has responded to a government consultation on a draft code of practice.



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# Annual #MedSafetyWeek 6-12 November 2023

## Theme is 'Who can report?'

How patients, doctors, pharmacists, and nurses help make medicines safer.

## Report suspected side effects using the MHRA Yellow Card scheme

- Follow MHRA social media channels during the week – repost/tweet/share messages
- Organise local events to raise awareness about the importance of reporting suspected problems with healthcare products to the Yellow Card scheme.
- Materials will be available around mid-October under the campaigns section of the Yellow Card website – a Drug Safety Update article will be published to highlight the campaign.
- Use materials in the resources section e.g. CPD e-learning modules



**Yellow Card**

**Making medicines and medical devices safer**