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Patient group to help set College safety agenda

To build on the hugely successful work of the RCSEd Patient Safety Board, the College has launched a Patient Safety Group. Chaired by Miss Anna Paisley, this multidisciplinary group is drawn from all faculties of the College and includes representatives from the wider surgical team and patients.

The group will support and coordinate existing patient safety initiatives, set a proactive safety agenda for the College and facilitate collaboration with external organisations on patient safety issues.

The RCSEd Patient Safety Board was established in 2008 following the development of the non-technical skills for surgeons (NOTSS) taxonomy. Under the successive stewardship of Professor George Youngson and Mr Simon Paterson-Brown, it worked to promote understanding of human factors in surgery.

Today, NOTSS programmes are an established part of surgical training in the UK, US, Australia, Denmark, Japan and beyond, with more than 40 NOTSS courses running in the UK alone each year.