



The role of the MDSO (Medical Device Safety Officer)

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What is this mystical creature?



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- NHS/PSA/D/2014/006
- **9.1.3. The role of the Medical Devices Safety Officer (MDSO)**
- The establishment of a MDSO role is integral to improving medical device incident reporting and learning within organisations. One of the MDSO's key roles is to promote the safe use of medical devices across their organisation and provide expert advice. As well as improving the quality of reporting, the MDSO will be the essential link between the identification and implementation of (local and national) medical devices safety initiatives and the daily operations to improve the safety of medical devices.

Who?!?

- No defined professional background
- Currently covered by:
 - Medical/Clinical Engineers
 - Nurses
 - Risk Management Staff
 - Operating Department Practitioners
 - Podiatrists
 - Paramedics

Doing what?

- *Role responsibilities should include:*
- Membership of the National Medical Devices Safety Network;
- Improve reporting of and learning from medical devices incidents in the organisation;
- Review all medical devices incident reports to ensure data quality for local and national learning, where necessary investigate and get additional information from reporters;
- Make sure that medical device incidents are sent to the NRLS as soon as possible and at least every week;
- Receive and respond to requests for more information from the Patient Safety Domain in NHS England and the MHRA about medical device incident reports;
- Work as a member of the medical devices safety committee
- Act as an additional senior point of contact for manufacturers and support local actions on Field Safety Notices
- Improve reporting of medical devices incidents and support the dissemination of medical devices safety communications from NHS England and the MHRA throughout the organisation.

How?!?

Medical Device Safety Officer Handbook

The first step
for professional
medical device
advice



- There's a handbook!
- Check out the MHRA website www.mhra.gov.uk

No really!

- Liaison between groups to raise awareness of medical device safety
- Monitoring incidents
- Looking for trends

Any Questions?

