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**SIMULATION INTEGRATION:
A MULTISPECIALTY PROGRAMME EMBEDDING
SIMULATION WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL
TEACHING PROGRAMMES IN TWO
CARDIOTHORACIC CENTRES**

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Background and aim: UK-based doctors in training have faced major disruption, loss of training opportunities and increased risk of burnout due to covid-19 [1,2]. Furthermore, the intensified post-covid strain on services continues to hamper efforts to restore training. A bottom-up review across departments at both of our sites revealed demand across specialties and grades for increased simulated training opportunities. Further highlighting the need for additional simulation programmes, simulated training has recently been demonstrated to reduce risk of burnout [3]. To restore lost learning opportunities, improve morale and promote team

cohesion, we began a project to embed simulated training at a departmental level. A key aim of this project was to give departments ownership of their simulation programmes, to promote autonomy, tutor upskilling and sustainability.

Methods: We systematically reviewed the curricula for all specialties with doctors-in-training across our two sites in order to establish how training needs could be met with simulation. Consultant ‘simulation lead’ positions were offered to consultants in each department. Following this, we met with each assigned simulation lead to perform a scoping exercise - thus establishing specific training needs and opportunities within each department. The medical education team used this information to support each department to develop its own simulated training programme and support its delivery.

Crucially, unlike many simulated training opportunities, our programme is not tied to a particular training scheme nor does it incur any fees. This allows equal access to the programme for both locally employed doctors and Health Education England trainees.

Results: We worked with 13 departments in developing simulation-based training programmes. Eight departments had a single lead identified, three shared lead positions and in two departments no consultants assumed the position of lead.

Experience and enthusiasm varied by department. In departments where a simulation lead was not identified, the education department has supported other team members such as Clinical Nurse Specialists and specialty registrars to devise and deliver sim-based training.

Anonymized Microsoft Forms based post-course questionnaire responses completed by 42 participants to date have been overwhelmingly positive (outlined in [Figure 1-A29](#)). Notably, learners have found the sessions improved both technical and non-technical skills, as well as providing learning not replicated elsewhere.

Conclusion: Our scheme has led to embedding of effective simulated training programmes across specialties at our sites, leading to sustainably improved training opportunities for post graduate doctors in the post covid era.

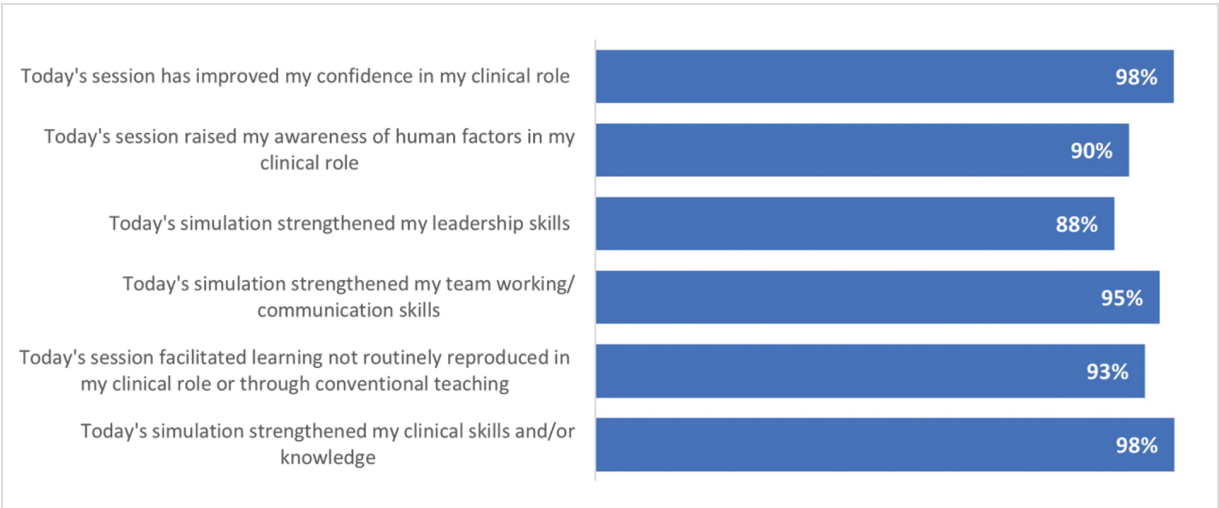


Fig 1-A29: Percentage of attendees rating the following areas as ‘agree’ or ‘strongly agree’

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QUALITY

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SAFE INTERDEPARTMENTAL LEARNING FROM CLINICAL INCIDENTS USING A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT FRAMEWORK

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Background and aim: Mistakes are an inherent learning opportunity within healthcare that can be used to prevent future loss of lives and reduce suffering. We aim to create a safe learning space within our organization that can be embedded within our quality improvement (QI) process.

Methods: We have designed a bespoke framework (Figure 1-A30) to integrate our organizational QI process [1] with a 6-month iterative simulation programme. This utilizes multidisciplinary co-creation, embedded faculty development, and reflective practice to facilitate learning from each other.

Our tertiary hospital clinical governance team in collaboration with the multi-professional education, simulation, and patient safety departments has identified 5 topics based on the root cause analysis of serious clinical incidents. This description from our recent cohort involves the recruitment of 5 different specialty teams, each consisting of 1 experienced consultant faculty and 3 other facilitating clinicians with different levels of experience in healthcare simulation.

The teams prepared and designed the most suitable clinical scenario progression to address the learning objectives based on their allocated topics. Learner and peer feedback along with reflections on the session, highlighted possible change ideas to modify the subsequent scenario running. Over a period of 6 months, different learner sets were involved in the same simulation exercise with 2 further iterative modifications.

Results: The 5 teams have generated a total of 15 hours of simulation sessions using standard pre-briefing, debriefing, and evidence-based simulation techniques. The level of independent facilitation and mentoring by more advanced debriefers has been adjusted to fit the individual pace of experiential learning. To further enhance the embedded faculty development a total of 270 minutes of online discussion, reflections, and 15 topics

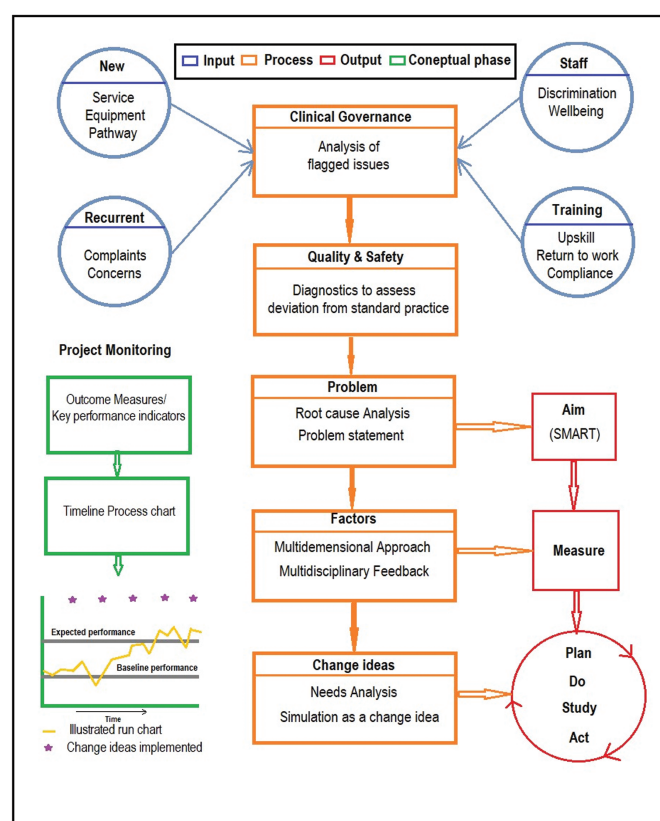


Figure 1-A30: Safe Interdepartmental Learning with a Quality Improvement Framework

were presented by the facilitators to create a multi-professional learning experience. The content was structured to reflect the national outcome's framework for faculty development and the ASPIH standards guidance for simulation-based education. The recorded simulation sessions, debriefing, and topic discussions have generated a useful asynchronous online reference for the current and future cohorts.

Conclusion: The feasibility of implementing this simulation programme integrated with a QI framework is a major step for our future prospective evaluation of the impact of translational simulation as theorized in the current literature [2] on patient outcomes and healthcare performance indicators.

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DESIGN

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SKILLS2U – USING WARD-BASED TOOLKIT TRAINING TO ADDRESS FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED TECHNICAL SKILLS PERFORMANCE ERRORS DURING *IN SITU* SIMULATION

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