



## Safe Surgeries training: Improving access to primary care

### Peer-to-Peer Training: Overview and Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Safe Surgeries peer-to-peer trainer! Doctors of the World (DoTW) UK's Safe Surgeries project aims to improve access to healthcare for migrants in vulnerable circumstances. Through research, advocacy and the provision of training and resources to healthcare professionals, it works to address barriers to healthcare in both policy and practice. This document is intended to help you to understand what it means to be a trainer, and to provide some information about the project and its aims.

#### Who are peer-to-peer trainers?

Peer-to-peer trainers are clinical and non-clinical healthcare professionals or medical students who feel passionately about the right to healthcare and the need to address the stark health inequalities faced by migrants in the UK. Conscious of the barriers to healthcare access faced by vulnerable migrants, they want to improve practice in their workplace or within their profession. Often peer-to-peer trainers will have participated in a DoTW training session in the past, but this is not a prerequisite.

#### What is the Safe Surgeries peer-to-peer training?

DoTW UK's Safe Surgeries peer-to-peer training consists of a 1-1.5 hour module, which was developed to be delivered by healthcare professionals and students at their workplaces or universities. The module aims to improve understanding of migrant entitlement to NHS care; barriers faced by vulnerable migrants and good practice in ensuring vulnerable migrants can access the healthcare they need. With direct experience of both the challenges and opportunities at the frontline of the NHS provision, healthcare professionals are in optimal position to engage their peers and ultimately, build NHS capacity to care for vulnerable groups. The training resources are intended to empower professionals and students to advocate for improved practice, acknowledge challenges and to explore innovative, local approaches to overcoming them.

#### Resources for trainers

The peer-to-peer training pack consists of the following resources to support trainers:

- **Trainer's Guide:** offers additional background information for trainers alongside the slides
- **Peer-to-peer training slides**
  - Overview
  - Primary Care
  - Secondary Care

#### What is expected of peer-to-peer trainers?

- Use the most up-to-date resources on the DoTW website so you can be sure your training includes the latest policy developments.
- Let us know about training sessions you deliver: where, when and how many participants by completing this quick [form](#)
- Please ask participants to complete the [online evaluation form](#) after the training.
- Peer-to-peer training is limited to workplaces, universities and professional membership organisations only. DoTW runs its own programme of training targeted at junior doctors, GP practices and strategic stakeholders. If you identify an opportunity to deliver training to an external organisation or a strategic policy stakeholder, please contact us ([safesurgeries@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk](mailto:safesurgeries@doctorsoftheworld.org.uk)) so that we can liaise and decide the best course of action.
- Encourage your practice and PCN to sign up to be a Safe Surgery by completing the form on our [website](#)