Patient centred care: 
the focus of every perioperative practitioner

The vision of AfPP is ‘to improve patient care through constantly developing and promoting the leading standards for perioperative practice and practitioners’. 2012 saw AfPP at the forefront in providing education and training to both its members and non members through the delivery of regional events, congress, theatre access courses, the two day Sheffield event and bespoke training for a large trust to enhance perioperative safety.

Nursing Director. The main focus of the document is to put care at the centre of our business by focusing on the six ‘C’s’ as our core values and behaviours; Care, Compassion, Competence, Communication, Courage and Commitment. Recent reports on events in 2012 have led us to realise that we cannot take these as granted and something must be done to ensure they become core for every practitioner.

This month should see the release of the final recommendations from the Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust enquiry by Robert Frances QC. One area which is expected to be highlighted is that “the system of quality assurance must support the actions and effectiveness of those working at the front line and of those who manage and lead organisations that deliver care” (Dixon et al 2012:1). One suggested possible line of defense in guarding against serious quality failures is for professionals working on the front line to take responsibility in ensuring they maintain their own professional conduct and competence and the quality of the care they provide (Dixon et al 2012).

As stated above, as a practitioner it is your responsibility to ensure you deliver competent quality care to your patients. With the ever increasing restrictions on budgets and release time for education and professional development AfPP will support you in continuing to meet this requirement through the benefits offered to you as a member. We plan to continue to develop our online learning materials and to deliver education accessible to you through your regional events.

So will you take advantage of what AfPP can offer you to ensure you deliver patient centered care?

References