

Board of Directors (in Public)

Item 6.5

Subject: Learning from Deaths: Quarter one report
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1. Executive Summary

- New guidance on learning from deaths was published by the National Quality Board in March 2017 and was presented to the Board of Directors in May 2017.
- Deaths are categorised as to the likelihood of being avoidable or not and the data collected centrally each quarter
- This quarterly report presents the mortality dashboard and an updated action plan.

2. Background

The new guidance has a strong emphasis on organisational learning from all deaths rather than from just preventable deaths. The definitions of preventable deaths have been revised. The threshold of defining preventable death is now on the basis of more likely than not encompassing the categories of definitely avoidable, strong evidence of avoidability and probably avoidable (greater than 50:50).

There continues good progress against the action plan and the trust is on target implementing the new guidelines.

3. Key Issues

This is the first report since implementation of the new learning from deaths guideline. There have been fifty six deaths in the trust since April 2017 of which forty one have been through the mortality review process.

None of the deaths have been classified as definitely avoidable, having strong evidence of avoidability or probably avoidable. Thirty nine (95.1%) were deemed definitely not avoidable deaths and there was one death in both the other categories of slight evidence of avoidability and probably avoidable but not very likely.

The action plan is progressing satisfactorily. There is further work on involvement of bereaved families and a further updated will accompany the next quarterly report. The review of mortality review group structure is still on going.

4. Conclusion

The trust has implemented the mortality dashboard and there are no avoidable deaths this quarter.

Most of the actions are complete or near completion.

5. Recommendations

The Board of Directors is asked to note the initial dashboard, the updated action plan and consider if additional quarterly information is required on the learning from deaths process.