

**Reference Number:** FOI202425/547  
**From:** MPs  
**Date:** 10 March 2025  
**Subject:** Compliance with NHS England Learning from Deaths

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your compliance with the Learning from Death's guidance issued by NHS England (2017) which ensures your trust complies with the National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.

This requires every NHS trust to annually report (with a quarterly breakdown) the number of patients who died during the reporting period, how many case record reviews or investigations took place, and estimate how many deaths we determined to be likely due to problems in the care provided. It also requires the reporting of a summary of lessons learnt, what actions have been taken as a result, and what the impact of these actions has been.

Included in the Quality Accounts should also be the number of case record reviews and investigations relating to deaths in the previous reporting period that were only concluded in the most recent period and an estimation of how many of those deaths reduced problems in the care provided.

Please provide answers to the following questions for the most recent reporting period (2023/24)

Q1 Does your trust currently comply with the requirements of the learning from death's guidance?

A1 Yes

Q2 If not do you have plans to comply with it and if so by when?

A2 Not applicable, as per A1

Q3 How many deaths were reported within your trust during the reporting period (2023/24)?

A3 214

Q4 How many of these deaths were reviewed, and how many were judged more likely than not to have been avoidable?

A4 Information exempt under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'. - data is already reasonably accessible in our Quality Account Reports

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Q5 Have you published quarterly reports on learning from deaths on your website, as required by the guidance? Please provide links to the most recent reports.

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Q6 Is information on learning from deaths included in your latest Quality Account?

A6 Yes

Q7 Are families and carers involved in the review process were appropriate?

A7 Yes

Q8 Please provide the number of deaths that were reviewed in this period (2023/24) where families and carers were involved and engaged in the review.

A8 Zero

Q9 Please provide a summary of all actions taken as a result of the learning from deaths process in the last reporting period.

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