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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Learning from Deaths.

You asked:

- 1. The figures published quarterly, as required by the The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2017, and directed by the National Quality Board National Guidance on Learning from Deaths, on the number of deaths in the Trust that were subjected to a case record review and were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care, for each quarter that they have been published.*
- 2. If no figures have been published please provide an explanation regarding why the Trust believes it has complied with The National Health Service (Quality Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 2017.*
- 3. Whether the Trust uses the Learning from Deaths Dashboard issued with the National Guidance.*

Trust response:

1. Can we please direct you to Page 70 of the 2018/19 quality accounts which details our breakdown together with Page 61 of the 2017/18 quality accounts. Under Section 21 of the Act we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available from the trust website using the following link/s: <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/>
2. The Trusts External auditors Grant Thornton – audit our compliance on our Quality Account's every year and ensure that all required parameters are reported on. The reporting of Mortality figures has only been a requirement in the quality accounts since 2017/18
3. The Trust has implemented the national Learning from Deaths guidance, developing our own policy and review process. The reviews then feed through into our own Mortality Reports, which are reviewed monthly at our Mortality

Surveillance Group. The Trust are not currently using the RCP Learning from Deaths dashboard.