

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 20-116

6 March 2020

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

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, for each quarter that they have been published on :
 - the number of deaths in the Trust that were subjected to a case record review
 - the number of deaths in the Trust that were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care

2017-2018

http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/media/3155987/uhb_quality_report_2017-18_web_version.pdf

Of these 1,281 deaths, by 31 March 2018, 330 had been identified as requiring case records reviews, and 141 of these reviews had been completed. The number of deaths in each quarter for which a case record review was carried out was:

- o 53 in the first quarter
- o 42 in the second quarter
- o 46 in the third quarter
- o 8 in the fourth quarter

Three of the patient deaths during the reporting period were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in the care provided to the patient. This represents 0.23% of the 1,281 patients who died.

In relation to each quarter, this consisted of:

- o 2 in the first quarter (representing 3.8 per cent of the 53 deaths reviewed)
- o 1 in the second quarter (2.6 per cent of 38 deaths reviewed)
- o 0 in the third quarter (of 33 deaths reviewed)
- o 0 in the fourth quarter (of 3 deaths reviewed)

2018- 2019

http://www.uhbristol.nhs.uk/media/3600119/00856_uhb_quality_report_2018_19_web.pdf

By 31 March 2019, 366 case record reviews and nine investigations have been carried out in relation to 1,325 deaths. In nine cases, a death was subjected to both a case record review and a formal investigation. The number of deaths in each quarter for which a case record review or an investigation was carried out was:

- 60 in the first quarter
- 70 in the second quarter
- 107 in the third quarter
- 129 in the fourth quarter

Any deaths identified as potentially avoidable are referred for a second review by the medical director team. No patient deaths were during 2018/19 were judged as more likely than not to have been due to problems in the care provided to the patient.

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.

N/A.

3. Whether the Trust uses the Learning from Deaths Dashboard issued with the National Guidance.

No the Trust does not use the dashboard.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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