**FOI Ref: 6414**

**Category(ies): Clinical – Service Activity**

**Subject: Learning from Deaths Data**

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| **Your request:** | **Our response:** |
| I would like to make the following Freedom of Information request:  As described on page 6 of the National Quality Board's National Guidance on Learning from Deaths, Trusts are required to collect specified information on deaths: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/nqb-national-guidance-learning-from-deaths.pdf> | |
| Please may I receive the following data described in that guidance, on a monthly basis from the beginning of 2018 to the most recent month available:   * The total number of in-patient deaths (including emergency department deaths) * The number of deaths subject to case record review * Of these deaths subjected to review, the number that were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care   If data is not available at the beginning of 2018, please supply data from the earliest point after when data was collected. |  |
| Clarification Asked Requester for by TRFT– In regard to the 3rd point - Of these deaths subjected to review, the number that were judged more likely than not to have been due to problems in care.  The case review method (SJR) has a Problems in Health Care section, however it doesn’t ask if this problem/s more than likely caused the death. There is another section titled Avoidability of Death, where the reviewer does judge the likelihood of the death being avoidable. Are you asking for the Avoidability of Death Score data as this is something we can provide?  Clarification from Requester –  To clarify, when I ask for 'deaths due to a problem in care', I'm referring to any death which falls under the definition provided on page 4 of the national Learning from Deaths guidance: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/nqb-national-guidance-learning-from-deaths.pdf>  "A death that has been clinically assessed using a recognised methodology of case record/note review and determined more likely than not to have resulted from problems in healthcare and therefore to have been potentially avoidable."  It therefore sounds to me that yes, I'm asking for deaths that have been assessed to be avoidable. My understanding is that this is any death that has a 50% likelihood or greater of being avoidable. | |
| Requester asked for Clarification - In my original request, I asked for 'deaths subject to case record review'. Can the trust confirm whether the figures it has responded with for that are either:   * Figures that show the total number of deaths for which a case record review was actually conducted, or * Figures that show the total number of deaths which were eligible or due to have a case record review, but which may not have necessarily had a case record review conducted   Clarification from Trust  The answer to your query is the 1st option.  The figures under the field *(Structured Judgement Reviews Recorded on MediTech)*, refer to.   * Figures that show the total number of deaths for which a case record review was actually conducted | |