

## **Mortality Report: Learning from Deaths Quarter 3: 01 October 2023 – 31 December 2023**

### **Appendix 1**

#### **Learning from Deaths Q3 23/24 Report**

The following data represents the high-level reporting of deaths which occurred within our services over the period of Quarter 3 2023/24.

A more detailed report has been ratified and approved by the Quality and Safety Committee as per the Learning from Deaths Policy.

There were 10 deaths reported to the Trust and all have been reviewed in accordance with Trust policy. On this occasion, none of the deaths were within scope of this report during this period. This is because the deaths were not associated with any care delivered or harm caused by services provided by the Trust. Duty of Candour was not applicable to any of these cases.

There were 4 child deaths reported during this quarter, which followed the appropriate investigation processes.

In this quarter, it was identified that there seems to be an increased number of child deaths that have been associated with safe sleeping arrangements. These deaths occurred in the perinatal period when care is provided by hospital-based midwifery services.

As a Trust, our services are actively involved in the promotion of Safe Sleep and are also actively engaging with our Places, to promote this to the families we support. This includes working in collaboration with Merseyside Police on a Safer Sleep Pilot alongside the Trusts Child and Young Peoples services.

We continue to promote shared learning across the health sectors and work collaboratively with our system partners to improve care within all the communities in which we provide services, focusing on addressing health inequalities on a population-based approach.

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