

Mortality Report: Learning from Deaths Quarter 4: 01 January 2024 – 31 March 2024

Appendix 1

Learning from Deaths Q4 23/24 Report

The following data represents the high-level reporting of deaths which occurred within our services over the period of Quarter 4 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 7 child deaths reported during this quarter, which followed the appropriate investigation processes.

In this quarter, it was noted there was an increased number of child deaths that appeared to be associated with safe sleeping arrangements. A thematic review of child deaths has been commissioned by our Chief Nurse, the findings of which will be actioned appropriately and reported through our governance processes in line with the national Learning from Deaths Framework.

As a Trust, our services are involved in many health promotion activities, and we continue a focus on Safe Sleep through engaging with our allied professionals 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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