

# Investigation and Learning from Deaths in NHS Trusts

## Monitoring & Improving Hospital Mortality during Covid-19

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Tuesday 22nd June 2021

Virtual Conference

### Chair & Speakers include:

**Dr Martin Farrier**

*Clinical Director for Quality  
Consultant Paediatrician*

Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS  
Foundation Trust

**Dr Emma Redfern**

*Consultant in Emergency Medicine  
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The NHS is the world's first health organisation to publish data on avoidable deaths. The National Guidance on Learning from Deaths has driven a strengthening of systems of mortality case review with emphasis on learning. By collecting the data and taking action in response to failings in care, trusts will be able to give an open and honest account of the circumstances leading to a death. This National Conference focuses on improving the investigation and learning from deaths in NHS Trusts and will reflect on learning from deaths involving Covid-19 and how mortality investigation should be managed in these cases.

The conference, chaired by Dr Martin Farrier, Clinical Directors for Quality & Consultant Paediatrician, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, will discuss the role of Medical Examiners in learning from deaths.

*"The objective is for medical examiners to independently scrutinise all non-coronial deaths across England and Wales"*  
NHS England 2020

*"Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections have shown good progress is being made by some NHS hospital trusts to implement national guidance on learning from deaths. However, failure to fully embrace an open, learning culture may be holding organisations back from making the required changes at the pace needed... the amount of progress made to date varies between trusts and CQC analysis suggests that some organisations have found it harder than others to make the changes needed."*  
Care Quality Commission

*"Through our well led inspections we have seen trusts that have made positive changes to ensure that learning from deaths is given the priority it deserves... However, the speed of progress varies, and our review indicates that problems with the culture of some organisations is preventing sufficient progress. Cultural change is not easy and will take time, but we cannot lose momentum and the current pace of change is not fast enough... We will continue to assess the progress trusts are making through our inspection and monitoring and to hold trusts to account when we find improvements are required."*  
Professor Ted Baker, CQC's Chief Inspector of Hospitals

### Attendance at this conference will support you to:

- Network with colleagues who are working to improve practice in the investigation and learning from deaths
- Learning from the National Mortality Case Review Programme
- Reflect on the lived experience of a carer
- Learning from deaths involving Covid-19
- Learn from working examples of mortality governance and develop the role of mortality audits, internal inspection and mortality reviews to answer the question "did a problem in care contribute to the death?"
- Understand national developments and national reporting requirements
- Learn from best practice in the investigation of deaths
- Identification and reporting of deaths and the role of the Medical Examiner
- Improving your processes and skills in mortality review and mortality governance
- Reflect on how you improving involvement of families and carers
- Understand the decision to investigate, and the appropriate level of investigation
- Improving your skills in serious Incident Investigation: applying the serious incident framework and using skilled analysis to move the focus of investigation from acts or omissions of staff, to identifying the underlying causes of the incident
- Implementing and integrating a Learning from Deaths dashboard
- Self assess your learning from deaths process and ensure investigations lead to change
- Gain CPD accreditation points contributing to professional development and revalidation evidence

*100% of delegates who attended the last learning from deaths virtual conference said attending the event would ultimately have a positive impact on patient experience and outcomes*

## 10.00 Chair's Welcome & Introduction

**Dr Martin Farrier** *Clinical Director for Quality & Consultant Paediatrician, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust*

## 10.10 Learning from deaths through the national mortality case record review programme

**Dr Emma Redfern**

*Consultant in Emergency Medicine & Deputy Medical Director  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust*

- learning from deaths
- ensuring learning from the mortality review process, incidents and investigations leads to sustainable improvements in quality or safety
- implications of Covid-19
- our experience

## 10.40 Evaluating the implementation of the Learning from Deaths Programme

**Dr Zoe Brummell**

*Anaesthetic and Intensive Care Trainee  
University College London NHS Foundation Trust*

- reviewing how organisations are using the LfDs programme to learn from and prevent, potentially preventable deaths
- themes and lessons from the findings

## 11.00 Working with and involving families when a death occurs

**Tony Bonser**

*Member, NHS Patient Experience Workstream  
Volunteer, Hospice UK  
Member, NHS EoLC Programme Management Board  
Vice-Chair, Trustees, St Catherine's Hospice Preston*

- learning from the lived experience
- how can we put patients and carers at the heart of the process?
- how excellent family engagement can produce better results for family and Trust during serious incident investigations
- involvement in reviews and investigations: what does excellence look like?
- implementing the new national guidance in practice

## 11.30 Comfort Break & Virtual Networking

## 11.50 EXTENDED SESSION:

### Working with the Coroner: death notifications, coronial investigation, inquest & Preventing Future Deaths

**Andrew Harris**

*Senior Coroner, London Inner South  
Professor of Coronial Law  
William Harvey Research Institute, Queen Mary's University London*

- notification of deaths to Coroner, MCDs and Working with the medical examiner
  - the coroner's investigation
  - what is an unnatural death and opening an inquest
  - Professional Witnesses, Interested Persons and the Inquest
  - learning from deaths: Preventing Future Death Reports
- This session includes breakout groups**

## 12.50 Lunch Break & Virtual Networking

## 13.20 Supporting families and developing the role of the Family Liaison Officer

**Michelle Barber**

*Patient & Family Liaison Officer  
Cambridge & Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust  
Founder, Family Liaison Officers Forum*

- supporting and working with families
- what type of cases should be referred to the FLO and when the FLO can't assist
- how we have been supporting people through Covid-19

## 13.50 EXTENDED SESSION: Mortality Governance & Monitoring during Covid-19

### Developing the role of mortality audits, internal inspection and mortality reviews to answer the question "did a problem in care contribute to the death?"

**Dr Martin Farrier**

*Clinical Director for Quality & Consultant Paediatrician  
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust*

- what does Mortality Governance mean in practice?
- mortality monitoring and Covid-19
- implementing a weekly mortality audit, and generating learning and systematic quality improvements from the problems identified
- identifying and focussing on priority areas for meaningful improvement
- using mortality review to engage clinicians in quality improvement
- a step by step guide to scoring phases of care
- making judgements on the level of care provided
- board assurance
- feeding back the results to clinicians to change practice

## 14.40 Small Breakout Groups

## 14.55 Learning from Deaths: identifying learning points for change

**Dr Michelle Webb**

*Lead Medical Examiner Renal Consultant, Freedom to Speak Up Guardian  
East Kent Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust*

- the process for review of deaths: when a mortality alert is raised
- linking with quality improvement
- how we are involving relatives and carers
- ensuring lessons learned are used to target staff training

## 15.25 Comfort Break & Virtual Networking

## 15.40 Supporting staff when a death occurs

**Prof Helen Young**

*Executive Director of Patient Care and Services  
South Central Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust*

- understanding the impact a serious incident can have on frontline staff
- supporting staff when a death occurs
- how we have improved support and wellbeing for staff during Covid-19
- supporting staff through inquests

## 16.10 EXTENDED MASTERCLASS SESSION: Serious Incident Investigation: applying the serious incident framework and using skilled analysis to move the focus of investigation from acts or omissions of staff, to identifying the underlying causes of the incident

**Mike O'Connell**

*Legal Services Practitioner*

- a step by step guide review and investigation of deaths following the CQC recommendations
- Ensuring a well structured methodology and analysis leading to identification of key causal factors, and moving the focus of investigation, from acts or omissions of staff, to identifying the underlying causes
- interviewing staff involved in serious incidents - techniques and tips
- writing the investigation report - techniques and tips

## 17.00 Question and Answers, followed by Close

*There will be time after each speaker session for Questions and Answers*

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