

FOI417 Response

Request

1 - Please can you tell me how many Structured Judgment Reviews (SJRs) the trust has carried out since 1st January 2020 and how many of these reviews involved the death of a patient with hospital acquired covid.

If the trust does not use the SJR method, please can you give me the numbers for the equivalent method you use e.g. a Serious Incident.

For the avoidance of doubt, when I refer to hospital-acquired covid I am referring to both probable cases (a positive test 8-14 days after admission) and definite cases (testing positive 15 days or more after admission).

2 - What was the outcome of the SJRs (or SIs, if the SJR system is not used). For each SJR please give a brief summary of outcome e.g. any particular processes that were changed, any conclusion as to what went wrong).

Response

The Trust do not undertake Structured Judgment Reviews (SJRs) but rather a structured Mortality Case Note Reviews (MCNR), that is in line with the national quality board guidance for learning from deaths.

As the national guidance considers only inpatients, note that the Trust use a wider scope for deaths that are subject to a MCNR. This includes community patients as well as inpatients diagnosed with a serious mental illness or a learning disability, and who were in receipt of care within the last 6 months.

In addition to this, please be aware that MCNR are not undertaken if the death meets the criteria for a serious incident. Serious incidents follow a different pathway and are subject to a much more detailed root cause analysis.

Furthermore, the majority of the MCNR is in relation to patients who have died in the community, and currently there are no set timeframes for them to be completed as the Trust are facing difficulties in ascertaining the patient's cause of death.

The Trust can confirm that a total of 57 MCNR have been completed between 1st January 2020 to 16th April 2020 and of that, there have been Nil (0) MCNR in relation to hospital acquired Covid-19 deaths.

Please note that Trust inpatient deaths will likely have been subject to a Serious Incident investigation rather than MCNR.