

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

- Q1. How many staff you employ to deal with the analysing, reviewing/screening, monitoring and reporting of mortality information, over and above the patient safety team?

The Trust has one member of staff dedicated to the oversight of mortality review processes and information. This individual is within the Patient Safety Incident Management Team. However, there are a number of other operational roles within the Trust that hold responsibility for undertaking various elements of the mortality review and information processes – for example the initial screening and review of deaths is undertaken within clinical services, oversight of decisions in terms of required levels of review is undertaken by Care Unit leadership teams and elements of data are provided to the dedicated staff member by the Trust's Datix and Information Teams to facilitate the collation and reporting of mortality information.

- Q2. How many staff are available/identified for undertaking stage 2 reviews and investigations?

Rather than identifying a dedicated pool of specific staff members for the undertaking of Stage 2 reviews and investigations, the Trust has agreed that any senior clinician (medic or other clinical professional at Band 7 or above) could be commissioned to undertake a Stage 2 review or investigation. The individual would be identified on the basis of their relevant speciality knowledge and experience, yet independence from the care provided to the patient whose care is under review. There is a training session and materials available for staff undertaking these reviews / investigations to access as well as individual support and guidance offered from the dedicated staff member assigned to oversight of mortality processes.

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