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Avoidable Deaths by Speciality February 2017 to January 2020 Inclusive

Commentary:

All specialities are encouraged to undertake a retrospective case records review for patients who die in hospital whilst under their care.

At the beginning of this FOI review period specialities were working with an avoidability of death grading as in the table below:

Death Inevitable Death	Probable Death Possible	Survival Probable	Survival Expected
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During this period only 'Survival Probable' and 'Survival Expected' have been applied as avoidability filters. These two categories are equivalent to 'Strong Evidence of Avoidability' (score 2) and 'Death Definitely Avoidable' (score 1) on the current RCP/PRISM avoidability grading.

By the end of the FOI review period the majority of cases were scored for avoidability using the aforementioned RCP/PRISM grading as below:

Score 2	Score 1	Score 3	Score 4	Score 5	Score 6
Strong Evidence	Death Definitely	Probably	Possibly Avoidable but Not	Strong Evidence that	Death Definitely
of Avoidability	Avoidable	Avoidable (More	Very Likely (Less than	Death not Avoidable	not Avoidable
		than 50:50)	50:50)		

NHSE/I currently consider grades 1-3 above as evidence the deaths were more likely than not to have been avoidable. It is that definition of avoidability that has been applied in this analysis.

Retrospective analysis of deaths during the FOI review period confirms that an average of 60% of Blackpool Teaching Hospital deaths were reviewed each quarter using the foregoing gradings for avoidability.

Avoidability gradings for those cases that were diverted down the serious incident (SI) route during the FOI review period have already been forwarded in response to this FOI request.

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		Avoi	dable I	Death	Scores b	y Special	ity Februa	ary 2017 to Ja	anuary 2	2018		
	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	Oct	Nov	Dec	January
Emergency Dept												
AMU							Grade 3					
							1 case					
Critical Care						Grade 1		Grade3				
						1 case		1 case				
Cardiology												
Cardiothoracic												Grade 3
												1 case
Respiratory												
Gastroenterology												
Haematology											Grade3	
											1case	
Trauma & Ortho					Grade3							
					1 case							
General Surgery												
Urology												
Adult & Long Term										Possible	Possible	
										Grade 2	Grade 2	
										1 case	1 case	
Care of the Elderly												
ENT												
Stroke												
Obs, Gynae & Paeds												
Diabetes & Endocrine												

	Avoidable Death Scores by Speciality February 2018 to January 2019											
	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	September	October	November	December	January
Emergency Dept						Grade 3						
						1 case						
AMU		Grade 2		Grade 3								
		1 case		1 case								
Critical Care												
Cardiology												
Cardiothoracic												
Respiratory												
Gastroenterology								Grade 3				
								1 case				
Haematology					Grade 3			Grade 3				
					1 case			1 case				
Trauma & Ortho												
General Surgery												
Urology												
Adult & Long Term												
Care of the Older						Grade 3						
Person						1 case						
ENT												
Stroke												
Obs, Gynae & Paeds												
Diabetes & Endocrine												

		Avo	oidable D	eath Scor	es by Sp	eciality Fe	bruary 20	19 to J	anuar	y 2020		
	Feb	March	1	May	June	July	August	Sept	Oct	November	Dec	January
Emergency Dept			Grade 3			Grade 3						
			1 case			1 case						
AMU			Grade 3									
			1 case									
Critical Care							Grade 3					
							1 case					
Cardiology												
Cardiothoracic						Grade 2						
						1 case						
Respiratory												
Gastroenterology												
Haematology					Grade 2							
					1 case							
Trauma & Ortho												
General Surgery												
Urology												
Adult & Long Term			Grade 3									
			1 case									
Care of the Elderly				Grade 3						Grade 1:1 case		
				1 case						Grade 2:1 case		
ENT												
Stroke				Grade 3								
				1 case								
Obs, Gynae & Paeds												
Diabetes &												
Endocrine												