

Organisation	South West London & St George's Mental Health NHS Trust
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Financial Year	2017-18
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Month	September
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Q2 - EXCEPTION REPORT/NARRATIVE
This report will be produced quarterly in arrears to allow for data validation.

There is no definition for an unavoidable death, however there are 6 categories to rate the deaths. These are: Definitely Avoidable; Strong Evidence of Avoidable; Probably Avoidable 50:50; Probably Avoidable but not likely; Slight Evidence of Avoidable; Definitely not avoidable.

Four deaths were reviewed using Structured Judgement Review Methodology in Quarter 2 2017/18. The Trust reviews all deaths using a Death Review Questionnaire completed by clinician's and reviewed by Quality Governance Team. This questionnaire specifically asks if there were any concerns relating to care or treatment provided. Where concerns are highlighted, if the concerns are significant an in-depth Root Cause Analysis investigation is conducted.

An RCA report follows a national standard and does not specifically seek to establish the level of causation or assign a level of avoidability. However it does provide clear understanding of care and service delivery problems, contributory factors and root causes. For the purposes of completing this new national data requirement on the avoidability of a death, each RCA of the period in question is reviewed by the Quality Governance Team and the level of avoidability is assessed, based on the investigation findings.

Eighteen RCAs were completed one was assessed to have been Probably Avoidable 50:50. This was following the issue of a Prevention of Future Death Report by the Coroner. Actions are being taken to address the gaps identified by the Coroner and the learning has been shared within the organisation via the Monthly Learning Bulletin. 4 remaining RCA's, were reviewed as slightly avoidable and the learning from these RCA's has been shared with the Service Lines.

Learning Disability Deaths
 There was one death of patient with a learning disability. The patient developed Aspiration Pneumonia whilst in hospital.