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Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals
NHS Trust

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Subject:	Mortality Review System

REQUEST & RESPONSE

Do you use an electronic system to support your mortality review process?	Yes/No	Comments
	Yes	We have an electronic case management system utilising excel via Microsoft Teams. This allows multiple members of staff to update case progression at the same time and allows us to generate real-time stats on service performance.

Please select the appropriate options from the below regarding your mortality review solution	(X)	Comments
Reviews are done manually with Microsoft tools e.g. Excel, word		Medical Examiner Officers (MEOs) will prepare a file for each case,

	containing the combined ME-1 Part A&B forms in word document format. The MEOs will pre-populate all required information for ME scrutiny, and the MEs will then add their scrutiny and sign off the case when completed. These are managed within a secure G: drive to ensure that access is controlled, and the community cases adhere to their separate governance restrictions.	

Does your system support the below reviews?	**(X)**	**Comments**
		Our system supports ME reviews and Community death reviews – Neonate deaths are very low in number for our area and are automatically referred to the coroner, which bypasses ME jurisdiction. We raise SJRs via the Trust escalation route, but we are not involved in their completion, as the ME service is independent. Further clarification on QAP reviews are sought to respond to this questions.
QAP (Qualified Attending Physician) reviews		
ME (Medical Examiner) reviews		
SJR (Structured Judgement Review) reviews		
Neonatal deaths reviews		
Community deaths reviews		

Does your system effectively support the below?	(X)	Comments
		Any incidents that are raised by the ME service receive feedback when the investigation/incident is closed. As this is a Trust process, the ME has no further involvement outside of raising the initial incident. National NME returns are completed quarterly and submitted to NHSE as per National and Regional guidance.
Tracking of mortality reviews with regards to their completion status and outcomes		
Learning from death themes		
National returns e.g NME(National Medical Examiner rtns)		

Contact	Yes/No	Comments
Would a mortality review system with all or some of the above functionalities be of interest to you (if yes pls provide appropriate contact details)	Maybe	It would potentially be of interest to us, however, no one in the Trust outside of the ME Office has the legal right to view patient information for community deaths – therefore if this mortality review system was going to be Trust based, provisions would need to be put in place to ensure that access to community patient records was restricted, to ensure that we are adhering to the governance requirements.

To discuss further please email
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